

2016 RurAL CAP Early Childhood Development Programs



The Child Development Division provides services to prenatal women, children and families in 28 communities across Alaska. The programs offered by the Division include Head Start, Early Head Start, Parents as Teachers, and an early child care facility in Anchorage. Children who attend high quality, culturally respectful and meaningful early education programs are more likely to graduate from high school on time, attend a four-year college, own a home and raise healthy families.

The Division operates under strict federal and state regulations, which require a well-trained staff and close monitoring of its programs. The Division programs are designed to facilitate parent involvement and community collaboration. Programs promote the basic belief that parents are the child's first and best teacher. Children receive services that promote positive socio-emotional development, healthy practices, cultural richness and school readiness.



Olivia Young and Tiana Albert play at the Tok Head Start.
Photo by Andrea Sitton

2015 Early Childhood Education Highlights

- Provided early childhood services to 1,455 children in 28 communities
- 176 Parents as Teachers families reported improved parenting skills related to positive discipline and development
- 102,750 nutritious meals were served to children in 24 communities helping children learn and maintain good health
- 1,226 children received age appropriate developmental screenings
- 263 out of 380 Head Start four year olds demonstrated kindergarten readiness in math
- 467 volunteers donated 3,892 hours in support of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- 26 Parents as Teachers staff received 812 hours of training



A family from Toksook Bay participates in the Parents as Teachers program. Photo by Lisa Danielson



2016 Early Childhood Development Sites

Akiak	Hooper Bay	Village	Sterling
Alakanuk	Kake	Napaskiak	Tanacross
Anchorage	Ketchikan	Nunapitchuk	Tok
Chevak	Kluti Kaah	Pilot Station	Toksook Bay
Copper Center	Kodiak	Savoonga	
Emmonak	Kwethluk	Seward	
Haines	Marshall	St. Mary's	
Homer	Mountain	Stebbins	