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JULY NEWSLETTER

As SEAAEYC wraps up this fiscal year, we are thrilled to celebrate many major milestones! From supporting the first-ever graduating class through the state's first child care apprenticeship program led by SEAAEYC, to hosting two Imagination Library fundraisers, it's been a year full of growth and impact. This momentum continues next fiscal year as we launch our big rebrand!

This year, SEAAEYC has also worked diligently to advocate for early childhood education and childcare initiatives and increased funding. Despite our collective efforts, we are disappointed to share that several important measures, such as the Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase, Infant Learning Program support, and other valuable initiatives, have been vetoed by the Governor.

While these setbacks are discouraging, we remain committed to standing alongside Alaska's families and early educators. We will continue to advocate for the programs and support systems that children across our state deserve.

Check out our program news for all the exciting details, upcoming events, new job posting, and much more!

PROGRAM NEWS

Imagination Library 2025 Fundraisers

once again brought our community together to celebrate and support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that provides free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children across Southeast Alaska.

This year's Dolly Dash had an incredible turnout, with **133 participants** lacing up their sneakers and showing up in true Dolly fashion with pink outfits, cowboy hats, pearls, and plenty of blonde wigs! We were also supported by **17 amazing volunteers** who helped make the day run smoothly from start to finish.

In addition to the fun run, our community came together in a big way by purchasing a whopping 685 raffle tickets—WOW! **Thanks to your generosity and support, we are thrilled to share that the event and raffle combined raised a total of \$11,500, all of which will go directly toward book purchases and mailing costs for the Imagination Library.**

Thanks to this outpouring of support from our community, children throughout SE Alaska region will receive the gift of books delivered right to their homes each month, setting them up for success with improved literacy and kindergarten readiness.

A BIG Dolly-sized THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, volunteers, PFC partners, and participants! You make this program possible! We are so grateful to have such a generous and community-minded group behind us. A very special shoutout to our sponsors who made this event shine:

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Thank you for believing in the power of books and imagination!





2nd Annual Dolly Dash pictures from Saturday, June 14th.

Childcare Apprenticeship Program

Congratulations to our apprentice team for graduating with an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Infant and Toddler Development from UAA! Each apprentice completed 18 credits in early childhood education and over 2,000 hours of on-the-job training. We are so proud of their hard work, dedication, and amazing growth throughout the program!

Our apprentice program is designed for success. Modeled after ECEPTS, a highly successful program in California. We provide online learning opportunities with a peer cohort, free tuition and supplies, mentoring, on the-job-training, and reflective supervision. Apprentices work a total of 30-40 hours per week at local childcare centers, with a starting wage of \$20/hr. We have opened the application period for the Childcare Apprenticeship Program! This program is open to residents of Southeast Alaska, please see the flyer for details or contact Tess Olympia for more information at tolympia@aeyc-sea.org or 907-419-1081.

Apply Today!



**AEYC CHILDCARE
APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

**Occupational
Endorsement in
Infant and Toddler
Development**

**18 credits, 2-year
degree**

**Full tuition and paid
\$20/hr up to 40
hrs/wk**

On-the-job training

full tuition up to 18 credits for the Occupational Endorsement in Infant and Toddler Development. Be part of the national movement by starting an early learning and childcare career today!

Who can Apply?

- Have High School Diploma or GED
- College ready and love young children!
- Might have some previous education and experience
- Willing to get **full tuition and paid \$20/hr** to take classes at UAA/UAS part-time while working part-time in a childcare center!
- Willing to make a 2-year commitment
- Willing and able to meet all applicable licensing and employer requirements



Southeast Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children

Become an administrator or early learning care provider

APPLY BY AUG 10, 2025!



Contact Tess Olympia for more information:

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Parents as Teachers Update & Job Announcement

This program year, SEAAEYC Parents as Teachers served... 131 Families & 189 Children! With: 1041 personal home visits & 50 small group gatherings!

Each visit includes an activity based on your baby's development, a chance to chat about child development and non-judgmental support for all your parenting questions. The program is 100% FREE for any family with a baby 0-3 years. For information on how to enroll, check out our [website](#).

Parents as Teachers is hiring!

Do you have a passion for working with adults and children alike? Would you like to learn more about the 0-3 age range while supporting new parents? Then Parents as Teachers is for you! We're looking for someone special to join our team. The position is for 32 hours a week and starting pay is \$25 an hour with paid benefits, holidays, and retirement matching. Contact Emily at ethompson@aeYC-sea.org if you're interested in learning more!



Partnerships for Families & Children

The Partnerships for Families & Children (PFC) is excited to announce that the Early Learning Fair in April was a huge success! On April 25th, we welcomed 111 families, 153 adults, and 167 children, to the Dimond Park Field House. The space was filled with turf toys and 21 resource tables hosted by organizations committed to supporting families in Juneau. This annual event offered on-site kindergarten registration, free vision and hearing screenings, as well as several fun activities such as face painting. We're already excited for next year!

We are thrilled to share that many of our amazing PFC partners helped spread the word about our

Dash. Your involvement helped make the day extra special!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Registration Day at the Park

SEAAEYC and the Juneau School District is hosting a kindergarten registration day at the Twin Lakes Park on Saturday, July 19th from 10am-12pm. This will be an exciting opportunity for families to register their upcoming kindergartener, meet other families, and talk directly to the school district about the upcoming year.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SEAAEYC's valuable services and resources are made possible through a variety of grants and contributions from generous community members like you. Please consider supporting the SEAAEYC Imagination Library or Diaper Bank by selecting one of the following buttons below or contacting SEAAEYC directly.



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