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We are thrilled to officially introduce our new brand! **Southeast Childhood Collective (SCC)**, formerly known as SEAAEYC, marks a new chapter of growth and community. As we continue to provide ongoing support to children, families, and educators, our hope is to grow our community impact and further collaborate with our community and lawmakers. Our new name and look reflect the heart of our work and our vision for the future! To learn more and explore our rebrand, please visit our new website at www.childhoodcollective.org.

PROGRAM NEWS

Partnership for Families and Children

The PFC is excited to share that we recently held our Strategic Planning meeting, bringing together **18 organizations** to collaborate on our shared vision. Together, we identified four new coalition goals: developing programming for the Family Center, increasing availability and access to training for direct service providers, expanding support for elders and kinship caregivers, and promoting early literacy. Each of these goals will launch through dedicated subcommittees beginning in October.

This summer, in partnership with the Juneau School District (JSD), we coordinated a Kindergarten Registration Day at the Park. This family-oriented event helped parents register their children and connect directly with JSD staff for any questions about the upcoming year. We also launched a monthly LGBTQIA+ Families Playground, inspired from multiple requests at our Family Voices session last spring. Along with these events, the PFC had a presence at several community events throughout the summer, which let us speak directly to families about our services and upcoming family center. These included SEAGLA's Bloom Fest, Bartlett & SEARHC's Breastfeeding Resource Fair & Baby Shower, and the Alaska State Libraries, Archives, & Museums Family Fun Fair.

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partners host resource tables and share information with parents. It's a wonderful opportunity for families to connect, kids to get energy out, and partners to share information about their programs.



SCC's register for Kindergarten event and booth.

Childcare Apprentice Cohort 2 Has Begun!

SCC Childcare Apprentices have been selected for our second cohort. We are excited to begin this adventure with our new crew of apprentices – Jacqueline Nakkazi, Maya John-Beavers, Alison DiCarlo, and Ava Urias. What does an apprentice do? They earn a minimum of 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning at a childcare center, take 18 credits in Early Childhood courses (for free!) and complete competencies over 18-24 months. And we have made some changes. Any childcare center in Southeast Alaska is now eligible to join our program as an employer. SCC remains the apprenticeship sponsor. By becoming an employer, childcare employees may become eligible to be an apprentice. This new model has allowed us to expand outside of Juneau to serving a total of 3 Southeast communities! Studies of similar programs around the country show that people who have been apprentices are more likely to stay in the field, creating a long-term benefit to the childcare industry. If you would like to know more about this program, please email Tess Olympia at tolympia@childhoodcollective.org.

Parents as Teachers Update & Job Announcement

Did you know SCC is home to the largest Parents as Teachers program in the state? While we typically have a waitlist for families to get a permanent home visiting spot, we also host a variety of “Enhanced Waitlist Services” that allow ALL families to participate in the program. These include:

- 4th Trimester Program- immediate, weekly home visits for any family with a baby under the age of 4 months
- A weekly playgroup open for infants and toddlers
- Once a month evening dinners with family activities
- Sleep consultations
- And “warm line” support!

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1,200 personalized home visits and at least 5 group offerings a month. This program is 100% grant funded, open to anyone in Juneau and the surrounding areas with a child from 0-3 years and nationally recognized for excellence. For more information or to sign up, please fill out our [online form](#).



PAT Wednesday play group in the SCC playground.

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@childhoodcollective.org if you are interested in learning more!



CBJ 2025 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Key Information for Voters

If you are a registered voter, you should have received a mail-in ballot at your residence. Ballots must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 7th**. We encourage you to participate in this important election and to review the following information before casting your vote.

To learn more about the 2025 ballot propositions, please visit [Voter Information 2025](#). Below is an overview of how the propositions relate to and affect one another.

- A vote of **YES, YES, NO** (Ballot #1 and 2 passes, Ballot #3 fails) - the city will lose significant revenue and has already given notice that social service programs like PAT, childcare support,

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current funding and providing the opportunity for increase in services.

- A vote of **NO, YES, YES** would result in everything staying status quo with the city budget and in small tax savings for most families provided from the seasonal sales tax increase.
- A vote of **NO, NO, NO** would result in no changes.

Please consider the value of our city's services and programming when you cast your ballot, as they shape the community we call home!

SAVE THE DATE

SCC's Annual Early Childhood Conference

Join us for an inspiring and educational conference designed for all child care professionals. The conference will be held on March 13th-14th, 2026 at Centennial Hall in Juneau, Alaska.

The 2026 Early Childhood Conference will be centered around **Nurture: Grounded in Relationships, Growing Connection**. Nurturing relationships establish a foundation for lifelong learning and well-being. When educators, families, and communities create meaningful connections, children thrive. Our 2026 conference will highlight how connection, collaboration, and care support social-emotional learning and success across the lifespan.

Opportunities to Get Involved:

- **Present a Session** – Share your expertise, experience, and wisdom with this inspiring community! Complete a Presenter Proposal - [CLICK HERE!](#)
- **Offer Resources & Information** – Contribute tools, materials, or services that support early childhood development and education. Sign up to host a Resource / Vendor Table - [CLICK HERE!](#)
- **Sponsor Our Event** – Further the reach of this event to promote the positive impact on our educators and the families they serve. Contact our [Conference Coordinator](#) to learn how you can contribute to and sponsor this event.

**Presenter Proposals and Vendor Requests are due by December 31, 2025.*

Register for the Conference: Registration opens November 1! Follow us on [social media](#) and our [new website](#) for updates and announcements!

Please reach out to our Conference Coordinator, Joanna Forst, at aeeyconferencecoordinator@gmail.com with any and all questions about the event!

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