

# Child Care Resource & Referral Network

The Child Care Program Office provides funding to Alaska's statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network, **thread**, which offers referral services to parents. **thread** also provides consumer education and training to families, child care providers, and the public regarding quality early care and education. For more information visit **thread's** website at [www.threadalaska.org](http://www.threadalaska.org).

Contact information for regional **thread** offices:

## South Central Alaska

Phone: (907) 265-3100  
Toll free: 1-800-278-3723  
Email: [info@threadalaska.org](mailto:info@threadalaska.org)

## Southeast Alaska

Phone: (907) 789-1235  
Toll free: 1-888-785-1235  
Email: [info@aeyc-sea.org](mailto:info@aeyc-sea.org)

## Interior/ Northern Alaska

Resource phone: (907) 479-2214  
Referral phone: (907) 479-2204  
Toll free: 1-866-878-2273  
Email: [thread@thrivalaska.com](mailto:thread@thrivalaska.com)

# Alaska IN!

The Alaska Inclusive Child Care Program (Alaska IN!) focuses on increasing the quality and availability of inclusive child care programs and additional funding for children with special needs who are participating in the Child Care Assistance Program. Alaska's Statewide Child Care Resource & Referral Network, **thread**, offers enhanced referrals, education and outreach to families of children seeking child care. To apply for Alaska IN!, contact the Child Care Program Office.

For more information regarding Alaska IN! visit:  
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/parents.aspx>

To participate in the Child Care Assistance Program contact the regional office nearest you:

## Alaska Family Services: Municipality of Anchorage

(Anchorage, Bird Creek, Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson)  
Phone: 644-5000

## Alaska Family Services: Central

(Cordova, Glennallen, Mat-Su Valley, Palmer, Valdez, Wasilla)  
Phone: (907) 373-4450  
Toll free: 1-866-746-4080

## The LeeShore Center: Coastal

(Aleutian Chain, Bristol Bay, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome)  
Phone: (907) 283-4707  
Toll free: 1-877-855-2227

## thread: Northern

(Barrow, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Salcha, Tok, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta)  
Phone: (907) 479-2212  
Toll free: 1-855-479-2212

## Catholic Community Service: Southeast

(Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Petersburg, Prince of Wales, Skagway, Sitka, Wrangell)  
Phone: (907) 463-6184  
Toll free: 1-800-505-6124

## Child Care Program Office:

**Statewide:** Eligibility for Child Care Assistance PASS I and Approved Providers

**Municipality of Anchorage:** Eligibility for ALL Providers (Approved, Approved Relative, In-home, Licensed)

Phone: (907) 269-4500  
Toll free: 1-888-268-4632



# Child Care Program Office



Bill Walker, Governor  
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## Child Care Program Office

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Toll free: 1-888-268-4632  
Fax: (907) 269-1064

Toll free fax: 1-888-224-4536

Email: [CCPO@alaska.gov](mailto:CCPO@alaska.gov)

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare>

## Child Care Program Office

The Child Care Program Office (CCPO) is the lead agency for the federal Child Care and Development Fund functions in the State of Alaska and includes the following programs: Child Care Assistance; Child Care Licensing; Child Care Grant; Alaska Inclusive Child Care; and Child Care Resource and Referral.

The CCPO monitors, regulates, and licenses child care facilities and promotes quality child care through a grant to Alaska's Statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network, **thread**.

The CCPO promotes access to child care with a priority for children of families with low to moderate income and children with special needs.

**Mission: We support Families in Accessing Quality Child Care.**

**Vision: Safe, healthy child care is available and affordable for all families in Alaska.**

## Child Care Grant

The Child Care Grant Program promotes quality child care by supporting and encouraging professional development, the retention of early care and education professionals, and safe and healthy environments for children in care.

Child Care Grant funds assist licensed providers with operational costs associated with their facilities.

## Child Care Assistance

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides assistance with child care expenses based on a sliding fee scale for eligible families. CCAP also approves providers to participate in the program.

CCAP in Alaska is known as "Parents Achieving Self Sufficiency" (PASS). The Division of Public Assistance (DPA), CCPO, manages the PASS Program. PASS categories are:

**PASS I** – provides child care assistance to families receiving benefits under the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (TA).

**PASS II** – provides child care assistance for up to a twelve-month period to families leaving TA who continue to need child care while working, seeking work, in training or attending school.

**PASS III** – provides child care assistance to families who are not eligible for PASS I or PASS II and are working, seeking work, in training or attending school.

PASS I Child Care Assistance (CCA) is administered by the CCPO in collaboration with DPA Field Services and Work Service Providers (WSP) statewide. If you are receiving TA, please see your WSP.

PASS II and PASS III CCA is administered by grantees statewide. For regional contact information see reverse side of brochure.



## Child Care Licensing

CCPO Child Care Licensing (CCL) recruits providers and licenses, monitors and regulates Child Care Homes, Group Homes and Centers statewide, except for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA). The CCPO delegates authority for licensing services to the MOA.

CCL collaborates statewide with providers and early childhood partners/stakeholders to improve licensing regulations, health and safety standards and to make on-going improvements in the consistent application of licensing standards.

Visit the CCPO website for CCL Regulations: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/regs.aspx>

For more CCL information contact the office nearest you:

**CCPO toll free:** 1-888-268-4632

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3601 C Street, Suite 140  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**Northern:** (907) 451-3198  
542 4th Avenue, Suite 212  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

**Southeast:** (907) 465-4756  
Goldstein Building, Room 512  
130 Seward Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

**Municipality of Anchorage:** (907) 343-4758  
825 L Street, 3rd Floor  
Anchorage, AK, 99501