

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills with dark brown soil patches. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The background consists of light blue and white wavy bands representing a sky or water.

Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

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Activities Since February

- **Development of infographics**

Services for young children with disabilities (0-4 years old)
– final draft under review

- **Work plan review**

Continued to revisit statewide collaborative initiatives on the first two (out of the tree) objectives involving the use of Tele-practice and Help Me Grow activities.

- **Help Me Grow database has launched!**

- **The Southcentral Neurodevelopmental Clinic** (opened in October) has been receiving its first patients.

Activities Since February (2)

- **Universal Developmental Screening Task Force WGs:**
 - ✓ Branding campaign for rural areas
 - ✓ Ages and Stages (ASQ) addendum
 - ✓ ASQ conversation or data & establishing centralized tool
- **The Council has reviewed Alaska's annual grant application under Part C IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).** Public comments were accepted from March 1 to May 1.
- A workgroup is being formed to conduct an **ILP salary and benefits study.**
- **The committee met three times** (one regular meeting and three work plan meetings).

Upcoming activities

- **State has received the OSEP Summary letter for EI/ILP fiscal monitoring:**

The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) looks forward to advise and assist State Agency in moving forward.

- **Keep on reviewing the work plan and establishing priorities for this year**



Recent Trainings & Presentations

- ✓ **Stone Soup Group 2019 Annual Parent Conference**
(March 22-23)
- ✓ **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Institute Conference** (April 1-5)
- ✓ **Full Lives Conference** for Direct Service Professionals & Care Coordinators (April 10-12) "Supporting the Future of our Workforce"
- ✓ Staff and committee members participated in **Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC)** meeting
- ✓ **ILP Coordinators' meeting** (April)

Future Trainings and Events

- EIC meets **May 15**
- Universal Developmental Screening Task Force will take place **June 4 (12-4pm)**



Developmental Screening Task Force

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Task Force Focus Areas

1. Branding campaign for rural areas – “Look at me and where I’ll be!”
2. Ages and Stages (ASQ) addendum to Alaska Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual (CHAM)
3. Core team discussion



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Questions?