

2018/2019 Grant Recipients

Total Amount Awarded: \$317,552

Grant Awards

STATEWIDE

Alaska 2-1-1 (\$10,000)

United Way of Anchorage

Alaska 2-1-1 is an intuitive and helpful resource to assist community members in finding the resources they need, from food assistance to housing and beyond, by navigating through a database of hundreds of services available in their area.

Alaska Afterschool Network (\$25,000)

Alaska Children's Trust

Alaska Afterschool Network is a coalition of nonprofit, private, tribal and government organizations that promote high-quality afterschool programs as a critical component in the positive development of Alaska's youth. Afterschool programs play a critical role in developing the project factors youth need to be resilient in the face of trauma.

Alaska Resiliency Initiative (\$55,000)

Alaska Children's Trust

The Alaska Resiliency Initiative is a partnership of nonprofit, private, tribal and government organizations that promotes community empowerment to support and respond to the needs of individual families and children. Their goal is to advance the dialogue in our state on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), toxic stress in childhood and how communities can prevent ACEs and build resilience. To build community awareness across the state.

Help Me Grow (\$25,000)

All Alaska Pediatric Partnership

Help Me Grow is a unique, comprehensive, and integrated statewide system designed to address the need for early identification of children at risk for developmental and/or behavioral problems, and then to link these children and their families to community-based developmental and behavioral services and supports.

Healthy Babies, Stable Families: Increasing Access to Long Acting Reversible Contraception (\$4,000)

Alaska Children's Trust & State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Research has found that unintended pregnancy is an important risk-factor in predicting and addressing child maltreatment. Programs and policies that support intended pregnancies can serve as a powerful protective factor to prevent child maltreatment and help families build safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. Help convene leaders to develop a plan to increase voluntary access to LARCs.

Keys to Life (\$10,000)

Keys to Life

The aim of the Keys to Life program is to instruct prison inmates on how to become better people while incarcerated so that they can be effective and productive members of society when they are released. This particular initiative pairs an inmate (16 total, 8 men and 8 women) at the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center with a teaching artist who will help them record a lullaby for their children. This project hopes to improve inmates' sense of self-worth and expectations for themselves and strengthen their connection with their children.

Leading Emotional Access Project (\$10,000)

SERRC

This project is geared to protect impoverished children by educating teachers on the effects of childhood poverty and work to provide positive experiences for these children. The learning these educators do will trickle down to students and families, spreading the influence of this training and helping prevent these children from continuing the cycle of poverty.

Mentor, Advocate, Partner Program (\$10,000)

Stone Soup Group (Bethel, Fairbanks & Juneau)

The Mentor, Advocate, Partner (MAP) Program is designed to set up a support network for parents of children with special needs. MAP will connect these parents with a peer group of parents having similar experiences and focuses on self-care for the parents. Special needs children are particularly at risk for abuse or mistreatment, but with happy, stable parents, children are significantly safer from these risks.

Pick Click Give (\$12,500)

Alaska Community Foundation

Funding supported the statewide awareness and marketing campaign for the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Charitable Contributions Program.

Office of Youth Empowerment (\$10,000)

Facing Foster Care in Alaska (FFCA)

FFCA seeks to break the cycle of trauma and abuse by providing preventative activities and a support network for youth in foster care and alumni ages 15-24. The FFCA statewide expansion plan includes the following components: (1) form chapters in Juneau and Fairbanks to provide year-round support and connections for foster youth in the SE and Northern regions, (2) expand our laptop distribution program out of Anchorage to make sure that foster youth in all areas of the state have equal access to opportunities and resources, (3) staff visit at least three communities outside of Anchorage to recruit volunteers and members, and (4) communicate with Youth Leadership Board members, strengthen partnerships with UA Child Welfare Academy, AFN, the Tlingit-Haida Central Council, the Nome Eskimo Community and Covenant House to ensure stronger connections and communications between foster youth-serving organizations.

Statewide Conferences and Outreach Activities (\$21,100)

Various Organizations

- Alaska Comprehensive Healthcare Blueprint
- Alaska Fundraiser Professionals
- Alaska Public Health Association
- Children's Lunch Box
- Covenant House
- Dept of Juvenile Justice - Nome Youth Facility
- First Alaskans Elders & Youth Conference
- Maternal Child Health Conference
- My Grandma House
- Perseverance Theatre
- Spirit of Youth
- State of Alaska – ACEs Convening
- United Way of Mat-Su
- University of Alaska Anchorage – Arts
- University of Alaska Anchorage – School of Nursing

Voices for Alaska's Children – Kids Count Alaska (\$25,000)

Alaska Children's Trust

KIDS COUNT Alaska is part of the Voices for Alaska's Children program at ACT. Voices is a grassroots community movement focused on continually raising awareness of the needs and challenges of children, youth and families throughout Alaska. KIDS COUNT Alaska is a project that supports the core component of fostering data. The mission of KIDS COUNT is to ensure child advocates, policymakers and the public have access to high-quality, unbiased data about child well-being.

NORTHERN

Parent to Parent (\$10,000)

Nome Community Center

The NCC has over 100 years of history as a change-making organization, and their latest program is a new curriculum for parenting classes, focused around the five protective factors. The biggest goal for this project is to reach families before an OCS worker must become involved, and to lower Nome's high rate of child abuse. With this grant, the NCC plans to bring the curriculum to two villages, White Mountain and Savoonga, where the population is 90% Alaskan Native.

Stevie's Place Family Advocacy Services (\$10,000)

Resource Center for Parents & Children

For 40 years, the Resource Center for Parents & Children (RCPC) has been providing great services, from parenting education and family support to nutrition services in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. This grant will allow for another Family Advocate to work full-time at Stevie's Place Child Advocacy Center, an upgrade from one full-time and one part-time worker. This allows the center to be fully functional and be more helpful to families and children in need.

SOUTHCENTRAL

Continuation of ASBHC Work (\$10,000)

Christian Health Associates

Christian Health Services (CHA) is the fiscal agent for Anchorage School Based Health Centers (ASBHC), which is working to provide comprehensive health care to lower-income schools such as Bartlett and East. The grant will ensure that that all funding needs are covered, so that students can rely on receiving quality care consistently.

Families Laying Down New Tracks (\$10,000)

Old Harbor Alliance

Families Laying Down New Tracks is an initiative in the Kodiak Island Borough to train and inform adults and children on healthy interactions. The goal of this program is to reduce child abuse by bringing all ages to the table to talk about issues like bullying and having a positive effect on the community.

Heart Gallery (\$10,000)

Beacon Hill

Research has shown that youth who age out of foster care have a much harder time succeeding in life than those who find a supportive family. Heart Gallery is a website dedicated to finding “forever families” for foster children whose parental rights have been completely relinquished and have no permanent solution determined. It will use photography and videography galleries to put a more personal touch on these children’s stories, and a Heart Gallery liaison will assist potential foster families in preparing for the needs their child may have or develop.

KPBSD Adverse Childhood Effect (\$10,000)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

ACEs have been recognized to have a large effect on success in school; adults who have experienced four or more ACEs are two-and-a-half times less likely to have graduated from high school. Due to this, all KPSBD staff will participate in training on ACEs and parents will also be given a presentation on how much home life stress affects students’ performance in school.

Parental Resiliency Project (\$10,000)

Covenant House

The Parental Resiliency Project (PRP) is going into its second year, and will focus more on parental skills being taught and discussed in a group setting. The goal of this project is to increase parental awareness by exploring the trauma they experienced in their own lives and discussing how ACEs affect both them and their children. There will be six workshops offered, discussing ACEs, parenting strategies, and more.

SOUTHEAST

Riverbend Elementary School Student & Family Support Liaison (\$10,000)

Riverbend Elementary School

Riverbend Elementary is far ahead of the curve for being a safe, welcoming school, but has been the lowest-performing school in their district. For the past three years they have provided support for 65 students and families through their Student and Family Support Liaison. Through continued support and hard work, they have moved up into the middle of the pack and are still rising. These funds support the Family Support Liaison.

Building Resiliency in Children Through a Supported Child Care Environment (\$9,952)

Center for Community

With a lack of options for childcare in Sitka, including three childcare centers closing in the last year, this grant helps the Betty Eliason Childcare Center (BECCC) by providing childcare training to 15 adult staff. Many of the children enrolled at BECCC have learning disabilities or other challenges that makes their situation more difficult. Through these trainings, BECCC should become a stronger and more informed childcare provider for those in need.