

Alaska Children's Trust COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2023

OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO YOU!

Inside this Impact Report are exciting examples of what supporters like you have made possible. We at Alaska Children's Trust are humbled by the generosity of our Alaskan community and marvel at the possibilities that lay ahead for upstream prevention. Together we are preventing child abuse and neglect.



Together, we provide:

RESOURCES

We're providing resources to ensure families and partners across the state have what they need to build a bright future for children and youth.

SUPPORTS

We're advocating for every family to have access to concrete help and a supportive community behind them each step of the way.

SKILLS

From Positive Indian Parenting to Youth Mental Health First Aid, ACT works to give those in direct service work the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

TOOLS

ACT gives parents, families, and communities tools for learning about child development, online safety, and more.



Trevor Storrs
President & CEO

“ At Alaska Children's Trust, we achieve our impact by focusing on primary prevention. Primary prevention stops child abuse and neglect before it ever occurs. To keep Alaska's kids safe, we need to think upstream. ”



All because of you, in 2023

395

Alaskans participated in

42

trainings

Trainings Included

- History & Hope
- HOPE (Health Outcomes from Positive Childhood Experiences)
- Everything Everyone Needs to Know to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse
- Pathway to Hope Training
- Positive Indian Parenting
- Principles into Practice
- Trauma-Informed Trainings
- Youth Mental Health First Aid

The Alaska Afterschool Network

*provided services
statewide*

16 coaching sessions to assess program goals and progress

32 program sites were involved in program improvement

118 hours of training were provided to afterschool professionals across the state

HIGHLIGHT ON: Positive Indigenous Parenting

Developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, Positive Indian Parenting focuses on childrearing practices for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The training provides a structured exploration of traditional Native parenting values and helps participants apply those values in a modern setting. The training prepares tribal

child welfare personnel to implement the Positive Indigenous Parenting curriculum in their communities. ACT

continues to support the reintroduction of Indigenous parenting practices by offering grants to aid in the creating culturally-specific and relevant adaptations to the curriculum.



HIGHLIGHT ON: Afterschool's New STEM Coach Program

This year, the Alaska Afterschool Network launched a brand new initiative to place AmeriCorps members at out-of-school time programs across the state as STEM Coaches helping to spark kids' curiosity and enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math. By serving as positive role models for children and youth, our AmeriCorps members inspire students, especially those underrepresented in these fields, to envision futures they might otherwise not have considered. STEM Coaches in Alaska's afterschool programs cultivate the next generation of innovators and professionals, fostering a brighter future for Alaska's kids and providing a safe place to learn, grow, and play.



Thanks to donors like you,
this past legislative session:



ACT met with
57 of the 60
state legislators

Tracked
45 bills related to
children, youth, and families

Supported
\$185 million in new
investments in the State
budget for children, youth,
and families

Led a coalition of
30 Alaskan organizations
advocating for youth
mental health education

Over 70 communities
received key ACT
supplies, including

12k card decks
to help parents start
conversations about online
safety with their kids

10k growth charts
to track child development
and immunizations

5k P.C.E.s games
to help families learn about
positive childhood
experiences (PCEs)

Thousands more
prevention and support
tools for Child Abuse
Prevention Month

HIGHLIGHT ON: Early Education and Child Care Access through Proposition 14



Child care and early education access helps ensure that kids start school ready to learn and succeed all the way through graduation day. In Alaska, less than 1 in 3 children is prepared with the foundational skills needed for kindergarten. In Anchorage, that number is even lower. This lack of child care also contributes to the shortage of workers we're facing as a state as parents scramble to join waitlists or make sacrifices at work in order to care for their children.

To address this shortage in Anchorage, ACT led efforts to get Proposition 14 passed. The Proposition dedicates local marijuana tax revenue towards child care and early education and is expected to raise approximately \$5 million annually. The fund will be used for sector-strengthening efforts, including incentives for child care centers, development opportunities for professionals, vouchers for struggling families, and more. Thanks to supporters like you we're thrilled to celebrate this huge accomplishment that prioritizes children and families, and look forward to helping other Alaskan communities work towards ending the child care crisis.

EVEN MORE IMPACT STORIES



The most recent data on children, youth, and families in the newly-released KIDS COUNT 2022.



A video of "Howling with Huskies", a book we helped fund, with author Linda Chamberlain



An event near you for National Day of Remembrance of US Indian Boarding Schools (Orange Shirt Day)

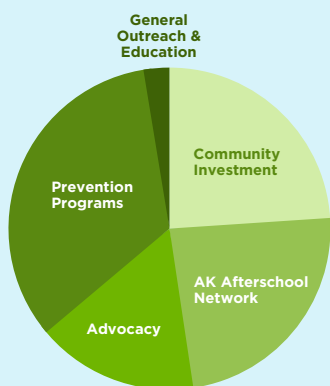
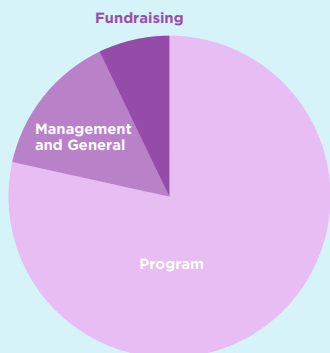
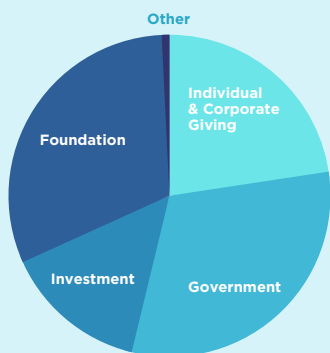


FINANCIAL IMPACT

Alaska Children's Trust receives support from individual donors, private foundations, corporations, businesses, and the government, allowing us to work towards achieving our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect. The graphs outline our activities for the most recently completed and audited fiscal year, 2022.

Endowment

Alaska Children's Trust has partnered with the Alaska Community Foundation since 2010 to manage our endowment. As of August 30, 2023, our endowment was valued at approximately \$13.6 million.



REVENUE & SUPPORT

Individual & Corporate Giving

\$625,471

Government

\$862,429

Investment

\$400,000

Foundation

\$857,462

Other

\$21,445

ACTIVITIES

Program

\$2,324,446

Management & General

\$427,082

Fundraising

\$211,363

PROGRAMS

Community Investment

\$556,563

AK Afterschool Network

\$550,499

Advocacy

\$377,336

Prevention Programs

\$779,781

General Outreach & Education

\$60,267



Alaska Children's Trust has been awarded a silver seal of transparency from GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information.

A Message from Leadership Society Members

Dave and Debbie Karp

"One of the things about giving to ACT that is most compelling to us personally is the fact that ACT focuses on looking way upstream and alleviating some of the problems that children experience early in their lives.

For us, not only is it the right thing to do for our kids, but it seems to be very proactive, very astute to solve small problems before they become big problems."



Dave and Debbie Karp, longtime supporters of ACT

Celebrating the Power OF PARTNERSHIPS



ACT knows that no single organization can prevent child abuse and neglect. To be effective at changing the narrative for children, youth, and families, we must join together. Partners in local communities are integral to building a brighter future for Alaska's children, which is why grantmaking is a part of our prevention efforts. Over the past 30 years, ACT has used a competitive grant process to select projects, programs, and events that center on prevention with an emphasis on primary prevention.

This year, Alaska Children's Trust reached a pivotal milestone in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. As of June 2023, ACT has now distributed over

\$10 million

to Alaskan organizations, individuals, and communities through our grant program.



Read about some of the examples of grantee projects from 2022 on the back of this insert, or explore grants dating back to 2016 in our interactive map, located at the webpage on the left.

You can also hear from some of our past grantees about the impact of their grant and the ripple effects of primary prevention in their community in our video on the webpage!

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS: Prevention in Action!



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Utqiagvik, AK

Arctic Slope Native Association hosted a Family Night for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event included fun “Go Blue” themed activities for families and shared information about protective factors, resources for upstream prevention, and provided referrals for supportive services.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY, DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF US INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

Saint Paul Island, AK

The Aleut Community of St Paul Island used our grant to show “We Were Children”. The documentary is a depiction of boarding school life for Indigenous children and was followed by a community meal and open discussion. A local dance group opened the event and orange shirt decoration followed.

“CULTURE HEALS” DAY CAMP

Native Village of Kwinhagak, AK

The “Culture Heals” camp is a 4-day camp for children and parents which seeks to help children heal from the impacts of trauma with traditional knowledge. The camp strengthens community social connections by bringing youth and Elders together and teaching traditional parenting skills.

TIER 2: HELLO B.A.B.Y.

Juneau, AK

A Plan of Safe Care is a tool that can be used by a mother with her family and care providers. Juneau’s Bartlett Hospital is helping provide information about the mother, infant, and their family/support systems to assist with care coordination and increase the ability of parents to advocate for their needs and the needs of their child.

SUMMER LEARNING WEEK

Anchorage, AK

The Hmoob Cultural Center of Alaska highlighted the importance of summer learning and the Hmong New Year. They used funds to teach children and youth the Hmong language, culture, and learning activities.