

Alaska Children's Trust COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT September 2022



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The Alaska Children's Trust's has been hard at work continuing to build a future where all Alaska children and youth are safe, healthy, and supported. Learn more about the projects we have going on in our new impact report, and thank you for supporting this critical work Together, we **can** prevent child abuse and neglect.

WATCH



Watch a video about the Alaska Diaper Coalition, a new ACT initiative convening diaper pantries across the state to raise money and share resources.

READ



Read about recent grant recipient, WISH, and the Ketchikan Youth Peer Education program that helps teens establish and recognize healthy relationships.

JOIN US



On September 14, ACT will host our annual fundraiser and celebration, the Champions for Kids Campaign, in person for the first time in 3 years.

HOPE & PREVENTION

NEW: Pathway to Hope

ACT began a new statewide program, Pathway to Hope, an Indigenous model for communities to prevent and heal from child sexual abuse.

Incorporating both evidence-based public health community data and evidence-informed Indigenous strategies, Pathway to Hope uses a train-the-trainer model to equip facilitators to lead their communities in developing culturally relevant strategies to prevent and heal from child sexual abuse.

History & Hope

151 Alaskans received information on adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed practices in 10 History & Hope trainings so far in 2022.

History & Hope reached communities across the state. In the last 6 months alone, Alaskans working in early childhood education, vocational rehabilitation, home visiting, and homelessness services, among other fields, all received trainings.

Principles into Practice

Six organizations participated in ACT's second "Principles into Practice" trauma-informed learning community.

Each organization recruited 6-8 individuals to participate in a 6-month cohort to deepen their trauma-informed knowledge through monthly webinars and implement trauma-informed organizational change through individualized coaching.

ADVOCACY



Tracked and publicly supported nearly 100 million in new investments in the State of Alaska FY23 budget for children, youth, and families.



Led a coalition of over 30 organizations across Alaska advocating for youth mental health education.

Engaged and empowered everyday Alaskans to raise their voice on issues that matter to them, with verbal public testimony and nearly 400 letters of support sent to elected officials.

Conducted ACT's annual legislative fly-in, met with 57/60 legislative offices and the Commissioners of DEED and DHSS to share critical information and priorities on behalf of Alaska's children, youth and families.



ADVOCACY & AFTERSCHOOL

Secured a \$750,000 increase to the Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund to expand enrollment in afterschool through the Positive Youth Development Afterschool Program, a program in 60 Alaskan communities that engages middle school student in positive learning opportunities during out of school time to build protective factors and prevent substance misuse.



AFTERSCHOOL

Strengthened the knowledge, skills, and abilities of 328 afterschool educators by engaging them in 66 hours of high-quality professional learning online and in-person.



Expanded access to STEM learning in afterschool by partnering with the Franklin Institute to introduce Leap into Science, a STEM and literacy curricula designed for afterschool students aged 3-10 and their families.

Trained **37** afterschool educators in 3 STEM curriculums and provided activity kits

Launched a statewide Youth Program Quality Improvement Initiative (YPQI) focused on strengthening learning environments and interactions in afterschool programs.



Trained educators led **211** Leap into Science activities, which engaged **1,978** students.