



8 Easy Steps to Participate in Learn & Grow

Step 1: Learn more about Learn & Grow

- Review Learn & Grow information at <http://www.aklearnandgrow.org>
- Email or call Learn & Grow (located and managed by **thread**) and ask to speak to someone about Learn & Grow.
 - info@aklearnandgrow.org
 - (907) 360-3100 OR Toll Free 800 278-3723

Step 2: Complete Learn & Grow Level 1 Training

- Register for the FREE Learn & Grow Level 1 Training.
 - Check the **thread** training calendar for the next available training.
 - <https://threadalaska.org/index.cfm/calendar>
- The Learn & Grow Level 1 Training is FREE.
- Ways to Complete Learn & Grow Level 1 Training:
 - Face to face at local **thread** office or community location
 - Webinar

Step 3: Complete and Submit Letter of Interest

- At the end of the Learn & Grow Level 1 Training you will be asked to complete a Letter of Interest Form asking you to check one of the following:
 - Yes, I'm interested in enrolling in Learn & Grow. By checking yes, you are choosing to enroll your program in Learn & Grow and someone from Learn & Grow will contact you within five business days.
 - No, I am not interested in enrolling in Learn & Grow at this time.
 - I would like to learn more. Please have a **thread** specialist contact me.
- The form will be collected at the end of the Learn & Grow Level 1 Training.

Step 4: Enroll in Level 1

- Someone from Learn & Grow will be in contact with you shortly after receiving the completed Letter of Interest Form.
- During this phone conversation if you choose to enroll in Level 1, Learn & Grow will send you a welcome to Learn & Grow email and arrange for a **thread** Professional Development Specialist (PDS) to contact you and arrange a time to meet.



Learn & Grow
Alaska's Commitment to Quality Early Care & Learning

Step 5: Work on Level 1 Quality Standards

- Work with **thread** Professional Development Specialist to complete the following:
 - Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
 - Work on Level 1 Quality Standards

Step 6: Level 1 Verification Process

- Work with **thread** Professional Development Specialist to learn how to submit Level 1 Verification Checklist.
- Submit Level 1 Verification Checklist.
- Within 10 business days receive Level 1 Recognition Level (or guidance on what requirements may not have been met and how to resubmit).

Step 7: Celebrate!

- Market your early care and learning program's Learn & Grow Level 1 Recognition.
- Engage staff and parents in talking about quality!

Step 8: Enroll in Level 2

- Continue your early care and learning program's continuous quality improvement efforts and enroll in Level 2.