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# Learn & Grow

*Alaska's Commitment to Quality Early Care & Learning*

**Learn & Grow** is a recognition system that advances the quality of early care and learning to foster the success of young children.

Learn & Grow provides a framework for all early care and learning programs to follow as they participate in continuous quality improvement activities.

Learn & Grow resources and supports include:

- coaching and technical assistance
- funding for professional development
- quality improvement grants.

**Phase I:** Levels 1 & 2 for licensed centers, group homes & homes

**Phase II:** Levels 1 & 2 for Head Start, Early Head Start and Licensed afterschool programs

**Phase III:** All 5 Levels available for all early care and learning program types (Child care, Head Start, Pre-Elementary, and Licensed Afterschool) *Pending available funding and resources.*



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# LEVEL 1

## LEARNING ABOUT HIGHER QUALITY



### Administration & Leadership

- Bi-ennial Licensed Child Care (State or Municipality of Anchorage)

### Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

- Learn & Grow Level 1 Training (administrator/ person(s) indicated on license)
- SEED Registry: All teaching and site administrator staff enrolled in SEED

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# LEVEL 2

## MOVING INTO HIGHER QUALITY

### Licensed Homes



### Administration, Staff Qualifications & Professional Development

- Administrator (person(s) indicated on license):
  - SEED Level 5
  - Completed Level 2: Moving into higher quality training

### Learning Environments, Adult-Child Relationships, & Child Outcomes

- Classroom Environment Assessment:
  - Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) 2.5 minimum overall score.

To receive Level 2 recognition, early care and learning programs must continue to meet Level 1 Quality Program Activities.



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## LEVELS 3, 4 & 5

# COMMITTING, GROWING & THRIVING

There are four quality standards in Learn & Grow recognition Levels 3, 4, and 5. Each level has progressive standards in the following areas.

## QUALITY STANDARDS

### Administration and Leadership

- Early Childhood Administrator Credential System

### Family & Community Engagement

- Strengthening families framework

### Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

- SEED career ladder advancement for all early care and learning professionals.

### Learning Environment, Adult -Child Interactions, & Child Outcomes

- Inclusionary Practices
- Child Observation and Assessment
- Planning and Curriculum
- Classroom Environment Assessment
- Program Assessment

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