

LEVEL 5
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LEARNING ABOUT HIGHER QUALITY



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

LEVEL 2

MOVING INTO HIGHER QUALITY

Licensed Centers and Licensed Group Homes



Administration & Leadership

- Administrator (person(s) indicated on license):
 - Center Administrator -SEED Level 7; Group Home Administrator - SEED Level 6
 - Alaska Early Childhood Administrator Credential (AK-ECAC)

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

- Lead Teachers
 - 80% of Lead Teachers have completed Level 2: Moving into Higher Quality Training

Learning Environments, Adult-Child Relationships, & Child Outcomes

- Classroom Environment Assessment:
 - Centers - Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-3 &/or ITERS)
 - Group Homes- Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS)
 - 2.5 minimum overall score for each assessment

(Center:s: minimum of 1 classroom in each age group or 1/3 of total classrooms)



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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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