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Kindergarten is around the corner

For parents with children of a certain age, summer means one thing: kindergarten looms. I identify all too well, since two of my grandsons will start kindergarten this fall. Where does the parent with a kindergarten-bound child start? What does it even mean to be “ready” for kindergarten?

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5 Factors for Strong Families

Factors that make families strong

Alaska's 5 Factors Campaign continues through June with radio ads statewide. [Hear the ads and learn about the 5 protective factors](#) that make for strong families and strong communities. It's not rocket science, either. You can see the 5 Factors in all sorts of places if you know where to look.

Now Available

Babies on Track, the DVD for parents and companion books for baby, is now available for purchase.

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Imagination Library expands again

There's nothing like exposure to books and reading to help children be ready for school when the time comes. And more children than ever are enrolled in the program in Alaska. [Read about the latest Imagination Libraries to get off the ground](#) with help from Best Beginnings.



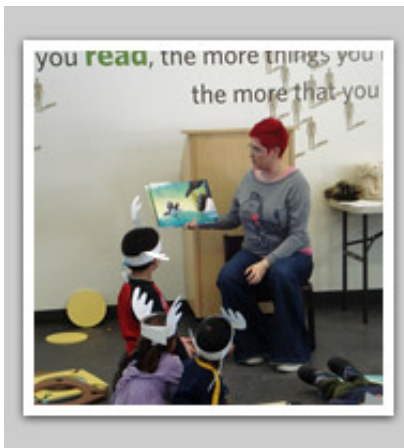
Significant social changes occur partly because of shifts in how people think. When Best



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and become a valuable ally in the movement to invest more in Alaska's young children.



Report finds school readiness translates to big savings

Investments in effective early education translate into real and measurable savings for school districts, social services, and the criminal justice system. This, according to [a recent report](#), which details the savings when at-risk children are prepared to succeed in school.

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