

E-Newsletter

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Coaching Boosts Child Care Quality

With one-on-one coaching and modest funds, the quality of early care and early learning programs outside the home can improve rather quickly. This has been the experience in the state of Washington and might provide encouragement for Alaska to follow suit. See what the evaluators have to say >>

November is Parental Involvement Month

marked with a proclamation by Gov. Parnell

Full Proclamation >>



Yup'ik/English Activity Cards

Parents and caregivers who speak Yup'ik or want their children to know the language have a new tool – Activity Cards from Best Beginnings with Yup'ik on one side and English on the other. The activity cards contain fun, culturally relevant activities that foster healthy development. Learn more and find out how to order a set >>

New Imagination Libraries

More Imagination
Libraries are poised
to launch with
funding from Best
Beginnings and the
Alaska Dept. of
Education & Early
Development:

Dillingham Emmonak Homer Kenny Lake/ Chitina Mountain Village

Existing Libraries will expand into Sitka and Petersburg; the whole of the Mat-Su Borough; Hope; and Dot Lake and Border



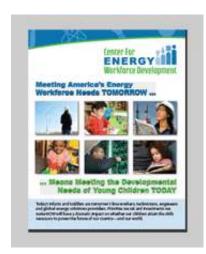
How Imagination Libraries Sprout

New Imagination Libraries are being set up all over Alaska, but it's not a case of spontaneous germination. Just as every community is different, every Imagination Library begins in its own way. But it always comes down to a few people who make it happen. Check out the muscle behind Alaska's Imagination Libraries >>

Future Work Force at Stake

Two recent reports advocate for

Holiday Bazaar



investment in early childhood to meet
America's future work force needs:

<u>Starting Smart & Finishing Strong:</u>

Fixing the Cracks in America's

Workforce Pipeline Through Investments
in Early Childhood Development and

<u>Meeting America's Energy Workforce</u>

<u>Needs TOMORROW</u> Means Meeting the

Developmental Needs of Young Children

TODAY.

with a Twist

Give the gift of Imagination Library to Alaska's children. Best Beginnings will have a booth at the Mitzvah Mall, Anchorage's alternative gift fair, Sunday, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom - 7525 E Northern Lights Blvd.

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