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Movement in the making

Once or twice in our lives, if we're lucky, we might get a front-row seat at a movement in the making. Community coalitions – the model we're using to develop a statewide network of early childhood partnerships – can build to a powerful wave of change. [View from the stands >>](#)



Unraveling the mystery

The next decade should bring an explosion of new knowledge about how babies learn language, according to Dr. Patricia Kuhl, whose work has played a major role in demonstrating how early exposure to language alters the brain. [Learn more about her groundbreaking research >>](#)



Books in big numbers

[Imagination Library](#) set major records this month. Since Best Beginnings took the program on as a statewide initiative, more than 100,000 books have been delivered in 39 communities, and more than 10,000 children receive books every month. If you'd like to bring Imagination Library to your community, [view RFP >>](#)

Partnerships grants awarded

Alaska's network of early childhood

Research

Are early toxic stress and later problems linked?

Do young children exposed to abuse, neglect, and family dysfunction have more health and social problems as adults?

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study is one of the largest investigations ever conducted on the links between childhood maltreatment and health and well-being later in life.

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Get Involved

Join with us in this critical challenge to ensure our children have the opportunity to succeed in life. There's a role for every Alaskan.



partnerships is expanding to 11, with the recent addition of coalitions in the Northwest Arctic Borough and Wrangell. These two join nine existing partnerships working at the local level to improve early childhood services. [Find out more about the partnerships model >>](#)

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Yup'ik language gets a boost

For decades, Alaska Natives were discouraged from using their own languages. But schools can play an important role in Native language survival. Hooper Bay School is doing its part by offering Yup'ik immersion to children from kindergarten through third grade. [Read about the challenges and successes >>](#)



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