



March 2011 E-Newsletter



Appreciating how far we've come

At a recent Founders & Friends lunch, we had a chance to thank our longtime supporters and look back over the last four years. Seeing what has been accomplished would have been satisfying enough, but doing it in the company of friends and supporters made it truly heart-warming and inspiring. [See what people had to say >>](#)



Good news, bad news, survey finds

Parents in Alaska may have read more to their three-year-old children, and these children may have watched less television in 2009 as compared to the year before, according to data from an ongoing survey conducted by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. [Read more results illustrating areas of concern >>](#)



Coalition pushes state priorities

Once again, Best Beginnings and its allies are presenting a united front to state policy makers. Working in concert has proven to be a successful approach for gaining legislative support towards building the statewide network and system we envision. [View 2011 policy recommendations and how you can help >>](#)

New PSA features Martin Buser

Long-time Iditarod champion, Martin Buser, is hitting Alaska's TV airwaves on behalf of

Let's Get Ready!

Planning Together for Emergencies

The recent news of natural disasters and civil disorder is a good reminder that it's always the right time to prepare your family for an emergency.

Sesame Workshop, along with its project partners, has a step-by-step guide with tips, activities, and other easy tools to help the whole family prepare for emergencies – together!

[Check out their website >>](#)

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Making Life Easier

Challenging routine



Best Beginnings and early learning. He and local video company Sprocketheads donated their time to produce a public service announcement, which is airing statewide. [It all starts in the puppy pen.](#)

events don't have to be constant struggles. Check out these materials from the Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children - the project described in the article on the left.



Social development projects

Temper tantrums, biting, and fighting – an inevitable part of early childhood? Not necessarily. Three Alaska communities are being coached in the pyramid model of healthy social and emotional development to prevent and address these challenging behaviors. [Learn more about these demonstration sites >>](#)

[Bedtime](#)
[Running Errands](#)
[Diapering](#)



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