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**The Importance of Teamwork:
a State Example and a New Opportunity**
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THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems
State of Alaska
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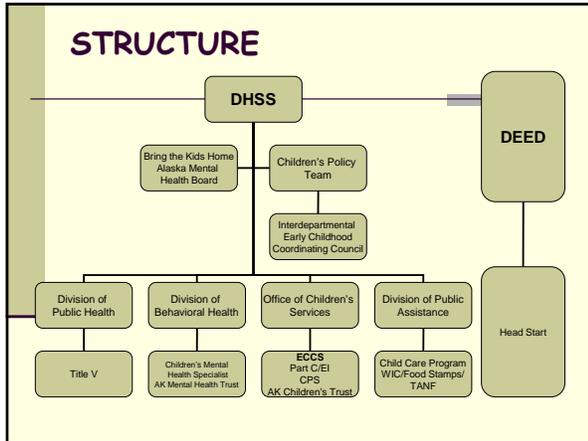
OVERVIEW

- Context
- Early Childhood Mental Health
- Family Support/Strengthening Families

ALASKA

- Big State/Few People
- Split State Offices –Anchorage/Juneau
- New Governor 2006
- Tribal System
- Bring the Kid's Home Initiative
- Strengthening Families Pilot State
- ABCD State

STRUCTURE



MENTAL HEALTH

Young children will receive appropriate early mental health services through Medicaid and other funding sources.

- Reimbursement mechanisms
- Standards of Care
- Financial resources

The State of Alaska will have a qualified, well-trained workforce providing for the social and emotional well-being of young children.

- Statewide ECMH professional development
- Mental health consultation

ECMH Partners

- BTKH Manager
- Division of Behavioral Health Deputy Director
- Office of Children's Services Deputy Director- CPS
- Part C/Early Intervention Program Manager
- Child Care Program Manager
- Staff-Alaska Mental Health Board
- Title V Program Manager
- Staff Member-Disabilities
- Head Start Collaboration Director
- ECCS Coordinator

Working Relationships

- Alaska Mental Health Board
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- University of Alaska Behavioral Health Alliance

Mental Health Accomplishments

SERVICES:

- Standards of Care
- Service Codes
- Eligibility
- DC 0-3R
- Expand Providers
- Medicaid Research
- Regulation Changes

WORKFORCE

- DEVELOPMENT:
- Part C/Early Intervention
- Training Institute
- Learning Network
- ECMH Credential

FAMILY SUPPORT & PARENT EDUCATION

Families of young children will have access to community-based parenting & family support programs

- Clearinghouse
- Integrated service system
- Easily accessible info
- Family support, employer policies

Strengthening Families Leadership Team

- Office of Children's Services Division Director
- Child Care Program Manager
- Title V Program Manager
- Head Start Collaboration Director
- University/SEED Director
- CC R & R Network
- Prevent Child Abuse- Alaska Chapter
- Alaska Children's Trust
- AAEC
- Parents

Working Relationships

- Best Beginnings (ECE private/public partnership)
- United Way of Anchorage

Implementation

- EC Pilots Sites (mini-grants)
- Learning Networks
- Presentations at Conferences (AAEYC)
- Early Childhood Partnership Conference
- University Coursework & Practicum
- QRIS
- CAPTA
- Parent Café Training
- Cross-Systems Stronger Together Training
- Strengthening Families United

Cross Systems at the Local Level:



Coming Up

- Public Health Approach:
 - * Office of Children's Services-continuum of services, CBCAP
 - * Interdepartmental Early Childhood Coordinating Council analysis of early childhood programs and funding
- ECMH Conference
- Alaska Children's Trust Strategic Prevention Plan and Summit
- PREVENT Institute-
 - Alaska Children's Trust
 - Child Protection Services
 - ECCS/Strengthening Families

Using Partnerships to Reach the Tipping Point

- Work the Plan
- If you set the table, they will come to dinner
- Meeting everyone's needs – finding the connections
- Credit where credit is due
- Going where there is movement
- REPETITION!!
- Patience

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Questions and Answers

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