



Alaska Head Start Association Awards of Excellence



2025



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Head Start Father of the Year **Raul Yunsan**



Raul is a single father who came to KCI through a referral from the Anchorage School District's Child In Transition Program last school year. We invited him to one of our home visiting group connections. He attended and enrolled right away in our Home Visiting Program. He expressed a great desire to learn about child development and parenting while building social support.

“RAUL’S DEDICATION TO HIS SON WAS CLEARLY SHOWN THROUGH HIS INVOLVEMENT IN HIS SON’S NEW CENTER”

Spanish is his first language, and he was new to Alaska. We helped support him in translating all paperwork to enroll in our KCI Head Start Full Day Program. We supported him and his child's transition into the full day center but Raul's dedication to his son was clearly shown through his involvement in his son's new center.

He would attend the center and agency events and ask questions to the staff and share his concerns. He was able to enroll in our Conscious Discipline Parenting Classes attending all and earning a certificate of completion. He also volunteered to join our Parent Discussion Interview during our recent Federal Review. He is an amazing role model & father!

-Myriam Agosto & Selina Ellis

*Program Policy
Council Award*
**KCI 24-25 Program
Policy Council**



I proudly nominate the 24-25 Kids' Corps, Inc. (KCI) Policy Council for the Alaska Head Start Policy Council Award, recognizing their outstanding leadership, commitment, and contributions in shaping a strong, responsive program for children and families.

The KCI Policy Council is made up of a diverse and dedicated group of current and past parents and community representatives who serve as a vital bridge between families and program leadership.

**“THEY LEAD WITH LOVE, SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE,
AND HELP DRIVE IMPACTFUL CHANGES FOR OUR
CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR FUTURE”**

In the 2024–2025 program year, the Policy Council demonstrated resilience, dedication, and heart—especially during a time of leadership transition and restructuring.

With my Home Visiting Coordinator role expanded to include the Policy Council Liaison, consistent support allowed the Council to remain active and strong. Veteran members helped usher in new representatives, and every KCI site, including Home Visiting now has representation with eleven seated members currently.

This year, our Policy Council engaged deeply in leadership and advocacy. One of our Muldoon parent reps traveled to Juneau in February to speak directly with legislators about the value of Head Start services.

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As a military dad, he shared his powerful perspective comparing his KCI experience to services received at his previous Child Development Centers (CDCs), leaving an impression on those he met. His voice carried the real-life impact of our program to those making policy decisions at the state level.

We are especially proud to have three fathers currently seated as parent representatives, an incredible example of male engagement and father leadership within KCI. Our Policy Council also includes a foster respite caregiver, bringing critical insight into the needs of children in foster care. Their contributions reflect a wide range of family structures and lived experiences, making the Council more reflective and responsive to our community's needs.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, Policy Council members supported recruitment efforts at open houses, co-hosted a Policy Council Open House to boost membership, and honored the service of three long-time Community Reps, who were former Head Start parents, who completed their five-year terms. They also participated in the interview process for potential new hires, helping to ensure candidates aligned with both the professional and cultural needs of our families.

They played a visible and vital role in planning and volunteering at the Mayor's Charity Ball fundraiser, proudly wearing their custom "KCI Head Start is Heart Work" shirts. They supported setup, promotion, and shared the heart of our mission with the community.

This year, the Policy Council made many important, program-shaping decisions, guiding the direction of services, reviewing program data, and advocating for families. During our Federal Review in May, several Policy Council members volunteered for both the PC and Parent discussions. The lead reviewer noted how deeply informed and passionate they were, stating, "The parents mentioned how being a part of KCI has been life-changing for them."

That moment captures the spirit of our Policy Council. They lead with love, speak from experience, and help drive impactful changes for our children, our families, and our future. For their unwavering dedication, advocacy, and leadership, I wholeheartedly nominate the Kids' Corps, Inc. Policy Council, for this well-deserved recognition. -Selina Ellis

*Administrative
Support
Staff of the Year*
Arina Yang



I am nominating Arina for Program Assistant of the Year because of her exceptional dedication and commitment to Kid's Corps, Inc. Muldoon Center. When we faced staffing shortages with teacher and assistant teacher positions open, Arina stepped up without hesitation, covering and even leading classrooms while still fulfilling her regular duties. Her consistent attendance, proactive attitude, and willingness to help without being asked to have made a significant impact.

**“SHE IS EXCEEDINGLY KIND AND EASY TO HAVE A
GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH”**

Arina communicates effectively with the team and has built strong relationships with both families and children, creating a positive and supportive environment at the center. -Alexis Costello, Supervisor

I would like to nominate Arina Yang for the AHSA award. Arina's job is program support but not only does she do her job well but whenever we need her to step into the classroom she does so willingly. Arina is highly creative. She consistently helps to create artwork to decorate our center. She is exceedingly kind and easy to have a good relationship with. The staff here at our center Muldoon appreciate all her hard work. -Hlee Vang, Coworker

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Arina is a former Head Start parent and has worked for KCI now for several years. During her time at KCI she has demonstrated a desire and interest in learning and growing professionally. One of my first interactions with Arina was when she was a brand-new employee who elected to attend a two day strengthening families training to bolster her knowledge and skills. She has since obtained her CDA and her AA in Early Childhood all while working and taking care of her own family.

Arina's role is to support the Muldoon Center through various tasks such as riding the school bus and preparing all the meals. She does so with positivity and reliability. Not only does Arina perform her own tasks on time and well but whenever she has time she is in the classroom supporting the teaching staff and children. She does this daily and often without even being asked to. She is a dedicated, reliable, positive, team player and we deeply appreciate her commitment to KCI. – *Katrina Ahlfield, Executive Director*

*Assistant or Deputy
Director of the Year*
Rachel Schafer



Rachel Schafer has devoted two decades of exceptional service to Kids' Corps, Inc., rising through the ranks from Coordinator to her current role as Program Manager of Family Services, Health, and Home Visiting. Her unwavering commitment to Head Start values, reflective supervision, and hands-on leadership make her an ideal nominee for Assistant Director of the Year.

**“HER DEDICATION TO OUR MISSION IS UNMATCHED,
AND HER IMPACT REACHES EVERY CORNER OF OUR
PROGRAM”**

Rachel's leadership is both empowering and inspiring. She not only “walks the walk,” regularly stepping in to cover classrooms or staff roles when needed, but she also fosters a workplace culture where goals are met through shared strengths and clear communication. Since the pandemic, her service areas have been some of the hardest hit by staffing challenges, yet Rachel has filled critical gaps with grace covering key positions including Family Services Coordinator, Home Visiting Coordinator, and Health Coordinator. Her team knows they can count on her, not only for solutions but for solidarity.

She is instrumental in training, mentoring, and supporting staff through reflective supervision that uplifts and motivates. Her ability to revamp systems has significantly improved workflow and the quality of services to children and families.

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Her dedication to our mission is unmatched, and her impact reaches every corner of our program.

Her long-standing contributions deserve the highest recognition, and I wholeheartedly nominate her for this prestigious honor. *Selina Ellis, supervisee*

Rachel has been a consistent and reliable presence and support for me. She has been instrumental in my own success. She leads with patience, wisdom, and practicality. I often reach out to her as part of my think tank when dealing with challenging issues. She leads with quiet strength, remains calm under pressure, and always makes decisions that align with the core values and philosophy of Head Start. I can count on her as a trusted confidant because of her unwavering commitment, integrity, and track record. For that I am so grateful!

-Katrina Ahlfield, supervisor

Home Visitor of the Year Hayley Bell



I nominate Hayley Bell for her outstanding leadership role as a Home Visitor for my child. Hayley is always providing great activities and fun ways to help me and my child connect effectively. She is an especially important part of our mornings once a week. My child looks forward to her visits. It feels wonderful to have a trusted teacher. -Faaleleiga Tapu, parent

“HER KNOWLEDGE, EMPATHY, AND ABILITY TO BUILD TRUST SET HER APART”

I nominate Ms. Hayley Bell because she has been so amazing with my family. From helping me to get car seats for my baby and getting it installed correctly in my vehicle to getting my kids helmets. She has always helped me to connect with other families by giving me different event dates when group connections are taking place. She spends quality time and patience listening to me and getting the necessary resources to help my family. She deserves this award because she is reliable, patient, resourceful, and just all-around a loving home visitor. I appreciate her a whole lot. -Xavia Bennett-Salmon, parent

I am honored to nominate Hayley Bell for Outstanding Home Visitor. Hayley's commitment to empowering families through her work as a home visitor with Kids' Corp Inc is exceptional.

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Not many home visitors bring the level of heart and professionalism that Hayley does. She connects easily with the parents and children. These parents feel seen and heard and most importantly, supported.

Hayley has made it her mission to go beyond to ensure her families understand child development. She deals very gently with tough issues around nutrition and child safety. Her regular screenings help parents understand the needs of their children.

Hayley can turn a family's home into a learning rich environment. She always shares the importance of reading to children and brings toys to encourage play time vs 'screen time.' She connects families to so many wonderful resources and encourages them to take part in the activities Kids' Corps puts on regularly.

-Sara Peebles, Catholic Social Services Refugee Assistance

I nominate Hayley Bell for the Home Visitor of the Year award. I have worked with Hayley for 2+ years now and we have previously shared a client/family. Hayley is knowledgeable and skilled at meeting her clients' needs as well as anticipating additional needs. She is well versed at using all the Alaska safety net services, including Medicaid, WIC, housing, childcare and education, charity care and services, etc. and assisting her clients to apply and update their applications. She schedules and attends medical visits and other appointments with her clients. She always goes above and beyond. Hayley Bell is the epitome of the Home Visitor of the Year! *-Cindy Lyell, Providence Nurse Family Partnership*

Hayley is the embodiment of dedication, compassion, and professionalism in the home visiting field. Her passion for supporting families is unmatched, and her genuine concern for their emotional, physical, and developmental well-being is evident in every interaction. Hayley's home visit attendance is above 90% consistently and her male engagement in the weekly visits and group socials is praiseworthy. Hayley's work consistently goes beyond the weekly home visit.

Hayley masterfully navigates the delicate balance between building meaningful connections and maintaining professional boundaries.



Her families trust her deeply, often reaching out during evenings and weekends but Hayley thoughtfully sets and communicates boundaries to prevent burning out, regularly seeking supervision and reflection to process challenging situations in a healthy and sustainable way.

Many of the families Hayley serves are English Language Learners. Hayley is one of our most skilled staff in using translation tools for child and family assessments. Her patience, adaptability, and cultural responsiveness led us to transfer a family to her caseload due to their need for frequent visits and language support. Thanks to her, that family is flourishing.

Hayley recently helped a family connect their 3-year-old to Early Intervention for suspected autism spectrum disorder. Thanks to her persistence and guidance, the child is now being evaluated for an IEP, an outcome that might not have been possible without her advocacy.

This year Hayley has connected families to critical community resources, advocated for families navigating the complex Division of Public Assistance system, acted swiftly when families experienced food stamp fraud, coordinated support through KCI and local resources, and promoted high attendance and engagement through flexible scheduling and consistent follow-up.

Hayley is well respected by our community partners, who frequently commend her dedication and the positive, lasting impact she has on families' lives. Her knowledge, empathy, and ability to build trust set her apart. She truly embodies the spirit of Home Visitor of the Year. - *Selina Ellis, supervisor*

Community Advocate of the Year Selina Ellis



I would like to nominate Selina Ellis for the community advocate award. Selina never hesitates to share her experiences as a parent & working for Head Start with anyone she meets. She is always front & center getting the word out on the importance of the work that we do. She recently went to Juneau this past February to advocate on our behalf for a much-needed funding increase, but also to share how amazing Kids' Corps, Inc. is & really paint a picture of all of the things that we do for the families that we serve.

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She made great connections that will help in the future. She is at all the recruitment events making friends everywhere, letting everyone know about local head start programs, and how they can benefit from being a part of them. Selina is the prime example of a person who shows up every day because she is dedicated and loves what she does. She makes it her purpose to advocate for all Head Starts. She is dedicated, passionate, and a great member to have on the team. -Hayley Bell

Selina Ellis is a notable example of what a Community Advocate is. She works hard in creating and maintaining collaborative relationships throughout the community. Within the last year she has partnered with PBS Kids and has helped create and continue on-going groups for our families.

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She has built a strong relationship with both the Community Diaper Pantry, and PIC's diaper pantry as well. That has helped our families combat any diaper insecurities they may face. She works with Clare Swan and other head starts to complete CDA observations and offers supportive advice and mentorship. She makes it a point to attend community and recruiting events on behalf of Kids' Corps, and our families. She never hesitates to give shout outs, praises, and award nominations to staff and community members. She does a wonderful job making everyone feel supported, special, and seen. -*Myriam Agosto*

*Assistant Teacher
of the Year*
**Jennifer
Hernández Miranda**



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From the moment Jennifer steps into the classroom, her energy and enthusiasm set the tone for a safe, joyful, and engaging environment. Interacting with infants requires not just patience and knowledge, but an innate sense of empathy and attentiveness—qualities that Jennifer possesses in abundance. She understands that every coo, giggle, and cry is a form of communication, responding with care that reassures and strengthens the bonds of trust essential for development.

“HER PROFESSIONALISM, TEAM SPIRIT, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT MAKES HER NOT ONLY A VALUABLE EMPLOYEE BUT ALSO A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS”

Her gentle voice, comforting touch, and infectious positivity foster a space where infants feel secure enough to explore, grow, and thrive. Her advocacy for infant well-being extends beyond her daily responsibilities, participating in professional development to improve FNA Head Start’s programs and impact. Alaska’s early childhood education landscape is enriched by educators like Jennifer, who approach their work with heart and dedication. - *Steven Guidry*

She is one of the most hardworking women that I know. She is always doing what she has too and sometimes ever more. She’s never late to work or she never gets tired of doing her work. - *Jam Dariel Rivera Hernandez*

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I proudly nominate Jenniffer Hernández-Miranda for Associate Teacher of the Year. Since joining Head Start in July, she has shown outstanding dedication in the infant classroom, providing a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment for our youngest children. Jenniffer's calm, caring approach helps each baby feel secure and loved, fostering strong early attachments and supporting healthy growth. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and genuine care make her an invaluable part of our team and a true example of excellence in early childhood education. - *Alondra Baez-Hernandez*

She never missed work and never was late to work. - *Eliel Jamal Colon Aponte*

She's an amazing person and I think she deserves it. - *Kevin Casillas*

Jennifer truly deserves this award for her outstanding dedication and exceptional character at work. She is consistently hardworking, always going above and beyond in every task she takes on. Her reliability is unmatched and she has never been late, always showing up on time and ready to give 100%. Beyond her strong work ethic, Jennifer is an incredibly kind and respectful person, creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone around her. Her professionalism, team spirit, and unwavering commitment makes her not only a valuable employee but also a role model for others. This recognition is a well-earned reflection of her continuous effort and genuine care for both her work and colleagues. - *Jaiya Kapec*

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Jennifer Hernandez-Miranda for Teacher Assistant of the Year. Jennifer exemplifies dedication, compassion, and positivity in her role every day. Her warm and engaging presence is felt throughout the center, whether she's guiding stroller rides through the hallways or singing, dancing, and interacting meaningfully with the children in her care. Jennifer consistently goes above and beyond to support both her students and her colleagues, creating a nurturing and joyful environment where children thrive. Her commitment to the mission and values of FNA Head Start 0–5 makes her an invaluable member of our team and a true asset to our program.

- *Merlina Isabel De La Cruz*



Jennifer is very punctual and is never late for work. She also is very active and helpful in her classrooms. - *Derek Eriel Perez*

Always joyful and attentive. Always willing to help and assist. Great with the children. - *Isabel De La Cruz*

I am nominating Jennifer because I see everyday how dedicated she is to her job and all the love she gives to all “her” babies in the Willow classroom.
- *Efrain Caban*

I am honored to nominate Jennifer Hernandez-Miranda for the 2025 Alaska Head Start Association Teacher Associate of the Year Award. Since joining FNA Head Start 0-5 in August 2024, Jennifer has brought warmth, joy, and dedication to our infant classroom. I’ve seen her singing songs while pushing the stroller through the hallways, always engaging lovingly with the children. She brings intention to her work, incorporating developmentally appropriate activities and creating a nurturing environment. Jennifer is committed to her professional growth, diligently completing required trainings and often sharing how much she enjoys caring for the children. Her compassion, enthusiasm, and commitment to early childhood education make her a truly deserving nominee.
- *Francisca Charriez-Miranda*

*Early Childhood
Coach of the Year*
**Mercedes
Gomez**



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I am honored to nominate Mercedes Gomez for the 2025 Alaska Head Start Association Coach of the Year Award. Mercedes has dedicated over 15 years to FNA Head Start, serving in multiple roles and consistently demonstrating exceptional commitment to our program.

**“HER THOUGHTFUL GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT
HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON EDUCATORS AND
CHILDREN ALIKE”**

She actively pursues professional development, continuously seeking training opportunities to enhance her skills and knowledge. Mercedes approaches her coaching role with great intentionality, using best practices and data-driven strategies to support staff growth and improve classroom outcomes. Her thoughtful guidance and encouragement have a lasting impact on educators and children alike. Mercedes’s dedication, expertise, and passion for quality early childhood education make her a valuable asset and a deserving candidate for this award. - *Francisca Charriez-Miranda*

Humanitarian Award Melissa Charlie



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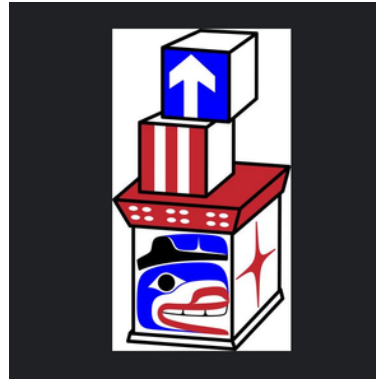


Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) historically is grassroots. Over the years, FNA's holistic service approach has increased awareness for education, social services like mental health, youth and elder support, end of life planning (burial and funerals), food sovereignty and justice for the community members residing in and around Fairbanks, Alaska.

“HER VOICE CAPTIVATES A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP...”

Prioritizing respect for human life has elevated FNA at the national level. Melissa Charlie raised the bar for service as an Executive Director of FNA. Her voice captivates a new generation of leadership who are courageous enough to meet the Department of Interior Committee and U.S. Senators to petition on-behalf of Alaskan Native/American Indian and a culturally mixed community deserving of long-overdue "People-oriented" services. Our strength and continuity as an early education learning center relies on strategic planning and partnership. Melissa Charlie is an exemplary champion for this award, which underlies her love for community. - *Francine Cachucha*

Teacher of the Year Derek Chinuhuk



Mr. Derek has worked for our Head Start Program for the last 17 years. He was a pillar of the community and the cornerstone of our staff. He was great at being a mentor and passing his years of knowledge down to the next line of teachers. We are fortunate to have a couple of his former students now working for us and hopefully a couple more joining our team. He has taught many students from 2007 until 2025.

"HIS SMILE WAS CONTAGIOUS AS WELL AS HIS LAUGHTER"

Mr. Derek was an inspiration to all. He was always making us laugh with his dad jokes and optimism. He was larger than life with the warmest hugs, brightest smiles, and his biggest heart which would make room for anyone who came his way.

Sadly, we lost Mr. Derek on April 29, 2025. Our community shines a little less brighter but when we look at the sky we see his bright light upon us still looking after the children of our community.

Derek had the biggest smile. He would light up the room with his smile and his laugh. - Ame

Derek had an inviting personality. He made sure everyone knew they were welcome in the area. His smile was contagious as well as his laughter.

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Derek was an important mentor too. Any questions one might have in the educational field, he provided what advice he could. Derek is greatly missed. - *Mystique*

When I first started here with the program, Mr. Derek welcomed me with open arms and was so supportive. He reminded me often that I was appreciated and to keep on doing what I was doing. We were able to talk to each other and give each other advice on what we thought would help the other. Derek worked at both Head Start and Early Head Start and the children enjoyed having him as their teacher. He played with them, sang with them, ate with them with no hesitation. He made them feel welcome and gave them the calm guidance they needed. Derek was our go to guy. If there was a child that was having a rough morning he would meet them up front and calmly talk to them while the parent went on there way. Soon enough, Mr. Derek and the child would be walking in the classroom with a smile. Derek is greatly missed. - *Diana*

Derek always loved all of the children. He always had a huge hug for my Sonny, my daughters and I. He valued family and friends and loved Metlakatla. He was always happy and kids always wanted to be by him. At community concerts his students would ask if they could go sit by him. We all miss our cousin Derek. - *Patty*

Derek was always kind and funny. He could make anyone laugh. The kids loved him so much and always gravitated to him. He taught me so much and I'm so grateful to have worked in the classroom with him. - *Anna*

Cook of the Year Cheryl Konahok



KAWERAK, INC.



To Whom It May Concern,
I would like to nominate Cheryl Konahok for Head Start's Cook of the year. She is hard working, knowledgeable, and goes above and beyond to help those around her. She is a joy to work with as well as reliable. She is not afraid to ask questions about procedures that she does not understand.

"SHE IS HARD WORKING, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP THOSE AROUND HER"

She takes the initiative to implement changes if she sees the need for improvement. She is someone I can rely on to answer my questions and will help me solve problems when needed. She has been a dedicated employee at Kawerak for many years. I am so grateful that I can always count on Cheryl. She is a huge contributor to the success of the Gambell Head Start.

- Stephanie Eggart, Nome Head Cook

Family Advocate of the Year

Kathy Johnson



Kathy embodies the dedication and passion required in Head Start programs. She not only ensures quality service but also nurturing a deep commitment to the well-being of success of children and families. Her “heart work” is shown in her genuine effort to make a difference in the lives of those served. For 8 school years Kathy was the Home Visitor for the Kodiak Head Start home based program. She did bi-weekly group social and assisted families setting goals & accessing community resources.

**“SHE GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE EVERYONE
FEEL VALUED AND WORKS HARD TO CREATE
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES FOR HER TEAM”**

She then moved over to the role of Family Advocate for the center base program. In 2019, she stepped up to take leadership position to ensure regulations were followed, maintained safety of children & assisted newly hired staff learn their positions. Ensured documentation was completed in a timely manner for both job positions. She was the acting On Site Coordinator/Family Advocate. In 2019, she took on her current position as a Lead Program Specialist/Family Advocate and her site a duration program. This year, Kathy hosted the most parent engagements events and Parent Committee meetings out of all 20 RurAL CAP sites. Kodiak was also the only Head Start in which parents had attended every monthly online Parent Academy. Kathy encouraged more participation with having parent utilize our parenting curriculum by sponsoring drawings for those who watched the ReadyRosie videos.

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Kathy was also one of the only few sites to create their own regular newsletters for families. She ensured that all the kids get their 45-day screenings done before they attend class by having it as part of each child's parent orientation. Kathy is also always willing to share her tips and resources with her peers and the Central Office.

Kathy has a creative and intentional approach with staff team building. She goes above and beyond to make everyone feel valued and works hard to create memorable experiences for her team. One example is that during Inservice in Anchorage she rented a car so that all the Kodiak Head Start staff could get around and have a special time together as a team. One of the things they were able to squeeze in during that was soaking in the Alyeska Nordic Spa. When I was on a site visit to Kodiak, Kathy helped to organize an after-school hike for me with all the Kodiak staff. We went to Mill Bay and picked salmon berries. The next day we got to eat a salmonberry coffee cake that Kathy made with them. As an amazing team member, she has worked in all the positions except Bus Driver to provide coverage while getting all her own tasks completed in a timely manner. As part of the RurAL CAP peer mentoring program, Kathy traveled to another Head Start site and helped them close out their program year. Kathy is always going above and beyond is well deserving of this award.

Ms. Kathy Johnson has done a lot of great things for Head Start families. She's been doing not only supervisor's job, but as cook and family advocate, too. She helps families in any resources they need in the community. She is a very good in communicating, too, to different agency in our community.

Kathy has been a standout Family Advocate in every way! She has been consistent with parent engagement events, has had a strong representation of parents participating in Parent Academy opportunities, and consistently maintains strong enrollment. Kathy's strong performance lead her to be chosen for a site to site visit in order to help another site have the support needed to finish the year strong. She additionally has taken on other roles at her own site such as cooking in the kitchen throughout the year in order to keep her site open. Kathy believes in Head Start and goes above and beyond to wrap around every family in her community and program while also caring deeply for her staff. She is highly deserving of this award.

- Rizielle Acierto, Becca Harris and Carrie Beeman

School Distrtict
Collaboration Award
Kake City School
District



James Gallanos is a LCSW at Kake Schools and initially got connected to RurAL CAP after accepting an invitation to our first ever Mental Health Services Advisory Committee. After learning more about our program, James took his own initiative to reach out with the desire to schedule a full day to be present at our Kake Head Start. He then initiated following up from his observation with a meeting with the staff where he provided highly meaningful feedback and insight.

“JAMES' LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT COMBINED WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE HAVE RESULTED IN AN OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP...”

Staff were super eager to express how positive the experience was to have him in the classroom, and plans have been made for him to continue connecting with our Kake team on a regular basis. James' local knowledge and support combined with his professional expertise have resulted in an outstanding partnership as we strive to support the social-emotional needs and an overall positive transition into Kindergarten for all of our children.

Kake City School District, led by Dr. Anji Gallanos, is a wonderful partner for RurAL CAP Head Start in Kake. For many years, KCSD has provided space for our classroom and has supported our CACFP food service.

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This year, KCSD installed a new fenced play space adjacent to the Head Start classroom, so teachers no longer need to cross a parking lot and driveway to access the K-12 playground. The partnership evolved further when Dr. Gallanos recognized the Head Start classroom as a wonderful, developmentally appropriate environment for young children and requested to hold the KCSD afternoon Pre-K program in the Head Start classroom. For children who attend both Head Start and Pre-K, this collaboration provides a consistent environment and more cohesive experience during the important year before kindergarten entry. It is my pleasure to recognize Kake City School District as an exemplary partner for Head Start.

- Terri Mach and Becca Harris

Cultural Awareness Award Meghan Adair



Meghan is a passionate advocate for bringing culture, wellness, and community connection into our classrooms. As the lead for the More Outside Your Door (MOYD) project, she's helped connect our 12 Yupik communities with partners like ANTHC, University of Washington, and Alaska Ninja Warrior Nick Hansen to promote physical activity, outdoor play, and cultural pride. She's also built strong local partnerships—like working with a Bethel hunting company to bring moose meat

**“MEGHAN’S CREATIVITY AND COMMITMENT ARE
HELPING CHILDREN GROW UP STRONG IN
BOTH CULTURE AND COMMUNITY”**

into our programs in addition to wild caught salmon so children can experience traditional foods firsthand.

Meghan has really gone above and beyond with taking her passion for food beyond the kitchen and into the classroom by leading our efforts to bring Culturally Relevant Play Materials into Head Start classrooms. In partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, she helped design and even hand-make dramatic play items like mock salmon strips with drying racks, play akutaq, and soft, child-friendly ulu knives so children can safely practice subsistence skills through play. Thanks to her leadership, we received funding from the Office of Head Start to provide each classroom with a Yupik drum for staff to assemble and use with children—bringing music, culture, and family engagement into everyday learning.

Meghan's creativity and commitment are helping children grow up strong in both culture and community. We are proud to nominate her!

- Becca Harris

Beating the Odds Award

Michaela Murphy



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Michaela has worked hard to overcome life challenges with the help of Headstart and other local facilities. She was able to find work although that fell through she persevered through taking care of her kids as well as her father all while completing her other programs. She is always present, caring and loving towards her children. She was able to secure another job and advocate for herself and children to help get the resources she needs to succeed.

"SHE HAS DONE HER ABSOLUTE BEST TO STAY POSITIVE THROUGH HER HARDSHIPS AND HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB DOING SO"

I am so very proud of the work she has done with all the obstacles thrown her way. - *Shelby Daniels*

Over the last year and a half that Michaela has been a part of the CCS family, I have witnessed her overcome many obstacles, such as losing several different jobs and still having to provide for her children and her father. She has done her absolute best to stay positive through her hardships and has done an outstanding job doing so. She is a wonderful mother to her two children and I have enjoyed watching Michaela grow and persevere over the last year and a half.

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She has received several big blessings recently that will help her tremendously and she deserves it all more than anyone I know! I am so grateful that she has opened up with me and is comfortable enough to voice her hardships with me. I am so extremely proud of her and all of the hard work that she has done, as well as her accomplishments. She strives to be better and do better for not only her children, but for herself. - *Kelsey Loyd*

Head Start Mother of the Year Mary Parrish



Mary is the epitome of HSMOY! I'm sure others could add more to this nomination since it is just my first year with her, but I truly cannot think of someone more deserving this year. Mary and Robert fostered a child in my class the last few years providing him a safe environment and all of the love he could ever want.

**"I TRULY CANNOT THINK OF SOMEONE MORE
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In November, just weeks from the adoption being finalized, Robert had a massive heart attack and died. In the midst of her grief, Mary juggled her new reality along with a whole new round of vetting, permissions, and calls regarding the adoption. All of this while loving this little boy and championing him through his own trauma and grief. I'm happy to say that I got to attend his adoption earlier in April, and we are so excited to now refer to Mary as Mom. The smile he has tells me all I need to know about the love between these two. There is no one more deserving than Mary Parrish for Head Start Mother of the Year! - *Lisa Benson-Nuyen*

Bus Driver of the Year **Bryanna Goodman-Toal**



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B is always putting the children first , she always considers them in every decision she makes down to the decorations on the bus or how the temperature will affect their mood, it's always about the kiddos. She's on time, has great attendance and makes the bus rides enjoyable for the children while always putting their safety first.
- Kristen Mayo

"SHE PERSONALIZES THE BUS TO SHOW EACH CHILD HAS A SPOT ON THE BUS AND BELIEVES IN THE CCS MISSION"

Bryanna or "B" as we call her is an outstanding bus driver. She is kind hearted and always happy to go above and beyond to give our children the best bus rides possible. She helps out with escorting children into the school and into their classrooms. She personalizes the bus to show each child has a spot on the bus and believes in the CCS Mission. B has been our bus driver on field trips and maintains excellent communication with the center. Thank you B!

- Victoria Grey

Content Area Specialist of the Year

Kayleen Hetrick



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Kayleen is our Social Emotional Specialist and she has gone above and WAY beyond for our kids, families, and staff this year. I don't know if she has set foot in her office at all since she is in classrooms, staff meetings, and centers for support every single day. I have never asked her for more support than I have this year, and even though she is going through her own personal struggles, she always shows up. I know I can count on her for words, support, and guidance.

"HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF HAS MADE A PROFOUND AND LASTING IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY"

Our center has been through it this year, and we would not have survived without her. Kayleen deserves all of the recognition!

It is with great pride and admiration that I nominate Kayleen Hetrick for this AHSA award in recognition of her outstanding contributions as a Social Emotional Specialist. Her unwavering dedication to the well-being of children, families, and staff has made a profound and lasting impact on our community. Kayleen brings compassion, resilience, and deep expertise to every interaction. She works closely with children and their families, providing support that goes above and beyond its calling.

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Whether helping a child through emotional regulation, guiding a caregiver through a crisis, or equipping staff with trauma-informed tools, Kayleen meets every challenge with empathy, patience, and integrity. Her path, especially this year has not been without challenges and she has faced her own personal obstacles that would discourage many. Yet, instead of retreating, she has persevered and modeled self compassion and unwavering support. Her ability to connect with others is one of her most powerful qualities. In times of uncertainty and stress, especially through organizational and community challenges, Kayleen has been a stabilizing presence. She has mentored staff, helped navigate complex behavioral and emotional needs, and created safe spaces for both children and adults to grow. Her leadership is quiet yet profound, and her impact is far-reaching. Kayleen exemplifies the core values of Head Start and the CCS mission! She is not only a social emotional specialist, she is a rock for so many! Please accept this nomination as a testament to her exceptional service and the positive change she continues to inspire. -Tabatha Peterson

Early Head Start Teacher of the Year Shelby Daniels



Shelby has worked closely with her team to integrate Conscience Discipline in her classroom. She is aware of each child and their needs. She shows kindness and understanding to everyone. Shelby works closely with her families on child individualization and family goals. Her communication with families is always professional but she adds in a bit of fun. She has an inner joy that shows in her day to day communications. Her families are comfortable talking to her about any concern or achievement they have.

- Kristine Campbell

"SHELBY GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO PROVIDE THE CHILDREN WITH A SAFE, LOVING, AND FUN ENVIRONMENT"

I would like to nominate Shelby Daniels for early Head Start teacher of the year. She has only been with CCS for a short time. Shelby has made strong connections with the families in her classroom, works well with her team, and shares knowledge from training when she attends them. I have seen so much growth from her. She brings in and makes items the classroom children are interested in. Recently she made a puppet theatre to add to the dramatic play area. An example of connections with families is that when a child gets hurt she makes sure to call the family and explain what happened and let them know what she will do to prevent it from happening again.

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Shelby is always professional and often thinks of others before she thinks of herself. I'm so glad to have Shelby on my team! Please consider her for this award. - *Darilyn Byram*

Shelby is the best thing that has ever happened to me. LOL. In all honesty though, before her I was given the runaround with co teachers. I am so extremely grateful to have Shelby as my co teacher. She is a hard worker and brings so much joy to our classroom. She is flexible and strives to be the best that she can be for not only the children and families we serve, but our team as well. Shelby goes out of her way to provide the children with a safe, loving, and fun environment. She takes time to build relationships with our families. She goes above and beyond for our children and their families. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful co teacher and she deserves all of the recognition for her hard work in helping teach our kids and becoming one of the first model classrooms at CCS! Shelby makes sure to provide the children with a safe, fun, and loving learning environment. She takes the time to build relationships with our families and all of our families love her. Shelby goes above and beyond for our children and their families.

- *Kelsey Loyd*

Maintenance Staff of the Year Dave Bergstrom



Mr. Dave Bergstrom is our all-around fix-it handyman. He's always ready with a smile and a friendly greeting, to help with any request we might have. He's fixed every cabinet, hung every shelf, installed every corkboard, and been ready to help with every need in any building or classroom large or small. All of our kiddo's love greeting Mr. Dave when he comes into the classroom, and watching him work with his tools to help their classroom and school family! We love Mr. Dave!

- KristiAnne Watson

"MR. DAVE ALWAYS HAS A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND A KIND WORD FOR ALL"

Mr. Dave is a very kind man who fixes just about everything that needs fixing at our center. - Charity M Hoff

Dave is a wonderful member of CCS who is fully committed to keeping our building up and running. We would not function without his willingness to fix all problems, big and small! - Serena Heck

What can I say about Dave that no one already knows. Dave is so kind and thoughtful and always comes to fix things when we need it the most. He doesn't complain or get annoyed with all of the tasks that we send his way. He stops and chats with us and asks how we are doing. He is just overall a great guy. I have known him for 3 years while working with CCS. He is very deserving of this award and I hope he gets it. - Casandra Jill Gulsvig

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I have had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Dave through the work he completes at each center. Mr. Dave always makes time for each request. Whether putting up our many bulletin boards, building and hanging shelves, or creating the many beautiful pieces of wooden furniture, Mr. Dave always has a smile on his face and a kind word for all. One of the best memories I have is when I was teaching at Meadow Lakes and he was in my classroom fixing my air filter. Two of my students were fascinated with his tools. Mr. Dave took the time to talk to the students and explain what each tool was used for. The students' faces lit up as he was talking! They both said they wanted to be a "Fixer like Mr. Dave" when they grew up. My students even ask if I could bring in tools like Mr. Dave's! It has been a pleasure seeing Dave each time he comes to the Fairview center. He is truly an amazing person! - *Angie m Malafronti*

Dave has been a part of CCS for over six years. He has put in so many hours of fixing, building, and moving things for many people. When he walks through a CCS door he is greeted with the most sincere smiles. This is not because we always have a list a mile long for him but because he is a really nice guy. Not only does he fix, move and put things up and down but he loves to tell a good joke or story. Dave helps all of the Centers and he is very deserving of the Maintenance Staff of the year award. - *Tammy Berdeaux*

Dave is always ready to help with anything our center staff members throw at him. Whether it is building something from scratch, repairing or replacing fixtures or appliances or getting creative to help our ideas come to life, Dave shows up with a smile on his face, tools in hand. His wide range of expertise makes him a very "handy" man to have around. - *Eryn Martin*

Where to start with Dave... Dave keeps our centers safe and is quick to resolve needed repairs. He shares his ideas on what we come up with, on how it will work or maybe a different solution. Dave has even dedicated time at family fun nights sharing his handwork making bird houses alongside many of our families. Dave has a Head Start heart and it shows in the work he does. Thank you Dave for your hard work and lots of laughs. - *Samantha Glick-MacCracken*



Dave Bergstrom is the Head Start version of "Fix it Felix" and "Bob the Builder". From hanging bulletin boards to fishing a car out of the toilet drain, to making bird house kits. Dave is the man for the job. Dave shows up to the centers with a smile and is ready to help. We are so thankful for Dave! - *Victoria Grey*

Dave has been working on our building for as long as I have been here. He does quality work and is very timely. This year he donated time and materials to our center so we could have sturdy outside water tables. He made these for both of our early Head Start and headstart classrooms. He comes often to repair signs and water faucets. He is always kind to the staff and thoughtful of not disturbing the children at rest time. Last year Dave added shelves to all of our sheds so that the teachers could get to their materials easily. This made a huge time saving difference. Before we had shelves the teachers would have to unstack all of the boxes to get to what they needed and then they would have to restack the boxes to put things back. Another project that made a big difference was turning the gate around to make snow removal easier. Before Dave turned the gate around the snow removal crew had to use a chainsaw to remove the drifts that were caused by the wind. - *Darilyn Byram*

Dave has been a huge asset to CCS Early Learning. I personally have enjoyed working with him as he is always willing to stop what he is doing to have a conversation with me as well as others. I have also stopped him to ask him to fix this or hang that and he has it completed within a few hours. I even asked him to fix a toy, upon the toy being returned to me-I did not even think he fixed it because it looked the same as before, I had to try it out and it was perfect. He always has a smile and no problem seems to be too difficult for him. Thank you Dave for all you do behind the scenes for us. - *Stefanie Ostlind*

Substitute of the Year Loretta Bradford



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Loretta is Amazing!!! She has been a sub for CCS for a while and is always ready to come in when called!. She is such a big help and I personally love when she can work till closing because she gets things done right and fast and is willing to help other staff with closing procedures. She knows all the kids by name and is so loving and kind and the staff just loves her and they request her when a sub is needed in the classroom. We really love Loretta. She is the BEST!!!!

- Wendy King

"SHE IS VERY KIND AND COMPASSIONATE, ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OUT WHOEVER NEEDS IT"

Miss Loretta has shown love and adaptability to every class she has been put in. No matter how last minute it is, she makes do. She is a superhero with fast thinking! - Eltzy Gil

Loretta Bradford best substitute of the Year!!! We have some great substitutes but Loretta goes above and beyond. Not only does Loretta sub for Wasilla Early Head Start but she also welcomes and talks to all of the new staff and subs. She trains and explains whenever she finds herself in a room with someone who is new. She has a great relationship with all of the children and staff. Loretta has such a wonderful outlook on life and it shows when she walks through the door and she brings her love for the children and her job. Loretta makes such a difference in so many lives and families and we are so blessed to have her as a sub. - Tammy Berdeaux

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Loretta is #1 when it comes to being a substitute. Loretta can adapt to any classroom she is supporting and recognizes each classroom is run differently and does her best to support the staff and children she is working with that day. Loretta is dedicated to the CCS Mission and working with young children in the valley. She brings calm and compassion into the classroom and prioritizes building connection with the young children enrolled in CCS Early Learning. Loretta is loved by all and her work within the center is so appreciated. Loretta is so deserving of the title substitute of the year! - *Victoria Grey*

Loretta always has kind words to say and greets everyone with a smile. If she sees a need she goes out of the way to make sure the children or families are taken care of and yes, she is a substitute. :) She seems to always be available and flexible. She cares for each child she is caring for that day, giving them individualized attention. She goes out of her way to work on any goals she feels needs to be met. She listens to the needs of the children. She follows the classroom routines. She listens to the families and their needs too. She is compassionate, dependable, and loved. - *Stefanie Ostlind*

Loretta seamlessly fits into every classroom that she substitutes in. In every classroom that she enters, she brings a positive attitude that makes the children comfortable. She always evokes a positive response from both children and staff, and is a very reliable person. She is very kind and compassionate, always willing to help out whoever needs it. Loretta always goes above and beyond. She is a substitute that the children appreciate and remember. - *Lana Arsenault*

Loretta is, by far, the glue that keeps CCS Wasilla Early HeadStart together. Nearly everyday I see her walking the halls, with that same cheery smile on her face and a disney T-Shirt, waving at all the children and greeting them each by name. Loretta exudes excellence, commitment and love to each person she meets. She forms close bonds with both staff and children alike, taking very precious time to get to know everything about you. When you see Loretta in the hallways or in the classroom, you know the day is going to be great. Loretta puts her heart and soul into everything she does, and without her I do not believe we could function as a center. She is here for every call-out, potty break, snack break (she even carries candy, gum and snacks in her purse for staff) and every life event.



Loretta jumps immediately into a situation with any child, possessing such wonderful conscious discipline skills and that motherly love that instantly calms children. - *Serena Heck*

Loretta works at CCS Early Learning as a substitute. She primarily works at Early Head Start Wasilla. She is one of the best substitutes we have. She always works when she can and we need her. She always comes into work happy with a smile on her face. She loves the children and they love her back. I can hear children get excited to see her and yell "Loretta!" She brings in a lot of fun toys and books for the children to play with. She is very deserving of this award. - *Elisabeth Meek*

Loretta is always willing to help out when needed. The children love her. She always has a smile on her face. She is a great substitute and asset to our team. - *Charity Lawrence*

Corporate Award Ptarmigan Pediatrics



Ptarmigan has been a leader in the Mat-Su and in the State for many years in providing high quality early childhood health/mental health and speech therapy services. In addition, they have consistently shown leadership and advocacy in our field. A few examples of this are: Dr. Bruce Hess has served on the Board of Directors for All Alaska Pediatric Partnership

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(A2P2) and for our local Child Advocacy Center (The Children's Place) for many years. Dr. Laura Peterson has served several stints as the Medical Director of Pediatrics and Maternal Child Health at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center. Dr. Therese Tomasoski has served on the Board of Directors of CCS Early Learning (and has volunteered as our primary Health Advisor) since 2013. Ptarmigan Pediatrics was a leader in our community in adopting the principles of Trauma Informed Care - infusing the things that we have learned from the ACE's study directly into their visits with patients. In 2017 they opened Ptarmigan Connections - providing developmental and behavioral health services and in 2023 they opened the Ptarmigan Therapy Clinic - providing speech therapy services. Ptarmigan regularly provides financial support to CCS Early Learning and they serve as one of CCS Early Learning's (as well as Head Start in general!) most consistent champions. Thank you Ptarmigan for your commitment to the children and families in the Mat-Su and across Alaska. - *Mark Lackey*

Leadership Award Abby Miller



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Abby Miller is our Finance Director and she has been a delight to work with during her time with CCS. Abby has hit the ground running to learn all things Head Start and has merged her financial experience with the Head Start Mission. Abby and the finance team have made helpful and meaningful changes in our financial policies and procedures. Abby is cheerful and personable and makes asking questions and solving problems so easy. Abby has been taking the lead on training CCS staff on our new UKG Timesheet system.

- Victoria Grey

"ABBY IS CHEERFUL AND PERSONABLE AND MAKES ASKING QUESTIONS AND SOLVING PROBLEMS SO EASY"

Abby is Awesome! Abby was offered the position of Finance Director for CCS Early Learning after being interviewed via a zoom - while she was currently living on the east coast of Canada. Her "Head Start Heart" showed through the thousands of miles and the computer screens and we were incredibly confident that she would be a great fit to our CCS Early Learning team. After working alongside her... we now know that we received even more than we suspected when she joined our team - we got a true leader and someone who is 100% committed to the work that we do to support children and families. Her day to day work is often in Quick Books or Excel or in grant reporting or working with auditors (or getting us all paid!) which is incredibly important work and she excels at it. However, she is willing (maybe even excited...) to volunteer to work in a classroom

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when we are short staffed or to show up for Santa's visit dressed as Mrs Claus. Abby truly exhibits the very best qualities of leadership - service and caring and hard work for others. I am so fortunate to work with her and CCS has benefitted tremendously by having her join our senior leadership team. I hope that AHSA can recognize Abby with the Leadership Award! - *Mark Lackey*

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Abby Miller, the Finance Director at CCS Early Learning, for the AHSA Leadership Award. Abby exemplifies the highest standards of leadership through her unwavering commitment to excellence, her supportive and approachable nature, and her remarkable ability to make complex financial regulations clear and accessible to all.

Abby's leadership is rooted in her deep understanding of fiscal compliances but even more so in her approach to connecting with the people she does this important work alongside. She communicates with clarity and patience. She consistently translates intricate requirements into straightforward guidance, empowering staff and programs to remain compliant and confident in their practices. Her proactive approach not only ensures fiscal responsibility but also strengthens the organization as a whole.

What truly sets Abby apart is her positivity and willingness to help even when she herself probably needs support. No question is ever too small, and her open-door attitude encourages collaboration and trust across departments. She leads with kindness, listens actively, and offers solutions that are thoughtful and practical. Whether navigating audits, budgets, or other fiscal responsibilities, Abby brings a calm, reassuring presence and a can-do spirit that uplifts everyone around her.

Abby's leadership is a cornerstone of CCS Early Learning's continued success. Her integrity, communication skills, and dedication to serving both staff and families make her an ideal candidate for the Leadership award. She leads not only with expertise but with heart. - *Tabatha Peterson*

Head Start Director of the Year Tabatha Peterson



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Tabatha is beyond deserving of this award. She has held most every center position within Head Start over the last several years and it shows. She has lived experience working in classrooms and advocating with families. When working through tough situations she has a way of looking at all perspectives and has everyone's best interest in mind. Providing a safe space to seek guidance and acknowledging we in fact do hard(heart)work.

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Tabatha is a mentor to many and she is dedicated to our mission- Making a difference in the lives of families of young children within our community. She walks the walk and talks the talk daily. Thank you for your strong leadership.

- Samantha Glick-MacCracken

At CCS Early Learning the role of "Head Start Director" is technically held by myself in my role as Executive Director. However, the work of Head Start Director is largely accomplished by Tabatha Peterson, Program Director. Tabatha currently supervises each of our four Center Coordinators - overseeing all of the Head Start and Early Head Start programming and operations. She also supervises our Social Emotional Specialist, both our HS and EHS Coaches, and our Data and Compliance Manager.

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Together with each of these Center Coordinators she also is the “lead” person on our team of people who serve in the roles of Education, Disability, and Health Coordinators. She serves as the primary point of contact and staff liaison to the CCS Policy Council. And... in all of this work - she simply excels! Tabatha began as a classroom teacher in our program and has steadily progressed through multiple roles. She has been in the position of Family Partnership Coordinator, Coach, Center Coordinator - and now Program Director. She is passionate about making sure children and families receive individualized services and that our employees approach their work with professionalism and a full understanding of trauma informed care. The support and guidance that she provides to each of the people she supervises - and the constant communication and partnership that she brings with her as she participates in our Senior Leadership Team is so very appreciated. We are fortunate to have her doing the work - and her commitment to quality is one of the biggest reasons for CCS’ continued success. And... the fact that Tabatha is so good at what she does - allows me to be more engaged with our community partners and in the very important work of advocacy and policy improvements. Thank you Tabatha for being a crucial part of our CCS team!

- *Mark Lackey*

All 2025 AHSA Award Nominees

Adam Reida	Janet Vincent	Nou Saevang
Alaska Public Media Stephanie & Mason	Jasmine Lea	Patrick Cockrell
Alexa Meade	Jason Johnson	PIC Diaper Pantry
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Alia Heck	Jennifer Lang	Rayna Jackson
Alondra Baez	Jennifer Russell	Reagan Chadwell
Amanda Lee	Jessica Clark	Relleijhn Newman
Angela Niggl	Jessica Fox	Reyna Fernandez
Angeliz Pagan	Jocelyn Primas	Robin Robertson
Angeliz Rodriguez	Juliet Ratajczak	Rosalie Egrass
Ariel Timo	Katrina Nunemann	Rylly Tony
Becca Harris	Kayla Reed	Samantha MacCracken
Bianca Montes De Oca	Kelsey Loyd	Samuel Amos
Brandi Heppe	Kristen Mayo	Samuel Nyx
Brandie Humphrey	Lana Aresenalt	Sara Long
Brandon Neal	Lee Xiong	Satina Edwin
Caroline Wolkoff	Liliana Vilorio-Guzman	Serena Heck
Carrie McClure	Lillie Sharma	Serena Murdock
Cassandra Bailey	Lily Naef	Shaira Dungca
Center for Safe Alaskans	Linda Duke	Shane Reisher
Chantel Pacheco	Lisa Benaen-Nunyan	Sienna Larson
Cody Keyes	Lisa Smart	Sierra Hawthorn
Corrine Lekanof	Logan Perala	Stefanie Ostlind
Dina Contreras	Lori Markkanan	Summer Keelan
Dominque Sanez	Maiyia Yang	Susan Arroyo
Dustin VanBuskirk	MariaJose St. John	Tammy Berdeaux
Eli Ellis	Marianne Fanger	Tammy Rice
Elisabeth (Lisa) Smart	Marilyn Cook	Teresa Xiong
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Elizabeth Perez	Megan Brouillet	Tonya Omta
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Fran Cachucha	Michelle Greenamyre	Victoria Sternhagen
Franciany Tavares	Ms Tracy in lynx class	Victorya Dorman
Francis Charriez-Miranda	Ms. Arina	Violeta Guerrero
Hannah Austin	Ms.Hlee	Wendy King
Jacob Bradley	Ms.Joua	Whitney Gobbi
	Nadia Chandler	Xavia Bennett-Salmon
		Yesenia Cruz