

February 2017 Early Childhood Board Report

CHILD: Cultural Heritage Improving Learning and Development(CHILD)Grant implementation...

- Preschool Grant Cultural Coordinator positions have been filled with two excellent people, Beth Hill from Naknek & Sara Wolman from King Salmon.
 - Responsibilities for these positions are to work with Project Directors to develop culturally relevant thematic units and dramatic play centers. Community input/ideas are welcome.
 - Both presented the first round of culture relevant units at the CHILD Training in Anchorage on Jan. 24. Participants were excited and are looking forward to receiving the kits, which will be ordered, assembled and distributed in February.
- Professional development for preschool teachers and grant leadership continues.
 - Eight of our preschool teachers, the district coordinator and the cultural coordinators traveled to Anchorage the week of Jan. 22-27 to attend the Cohort's CHILD Grant Training day, along with the Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children(AEYC)Conference.

Alison Fowler-PTA	Ada Trefon-NON
Sarah Armstrong-NEW	April Apokedak-LEV
Kari Welch-PTH	Nina Garner-LAK
Elaina McCormick-LAG	Rosanna McArthur-BAY
Glenda Egli-DO	
Beth Hill & Sara Wolman-Cultural Coordinator	
 - My Teachstone, an online professional development option has been launched. Pathway topics include, *Positive Climate, Teacher Sensitivity, Regard for Student Perspectives, Behavior Management & Productivity*. Each of the five participants will have 2 weeks to complete each topic with a group discussion to follow.

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- Alutiiq Apps language development app and book apps were made available to all the early childhood iPads for download.
- Ongoing purchase of 18 Alaska book titles for each year of the grant. Book recommendations are welcome.
- Project Directors & District Early Learning Coordinators completed the revision/alignment of the standards and the standards based report card to Teaching Strategies Gold(TSG), which is a formative assessment program supported by the State. Preschool teachers have been tasked to meet and score the report card with parents/guardians the end of January, first part of February.

Candace Berner Book Program (Birth-3yr)...

- Village Literacy Representatives(VLR) at all LPSD communities
- All VLRs have submitted updated birth-3 lists
- Ongoing purchase of high quality books to keep a good selection of book for each age group (Birth, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd birthdays). We're always looking for new book titles. If you have any recommendations, please send to Glenda Egli, gegli@lpsd.com
- 3rd(Mar, Apr, May) book bag distribution will be sent out at the end of February