

Expectations and Commitments

Community Liaisons

Baby Raven Reads is a three-year project designed to improve kindergarten readiness and early literacy skills in Alaska Native children age 5 and under. Baby Raven Reads provides training to caregivers and Head Start teachers in best practices in early literacy and culturally relevant education. The program also provides family literacy activities and age-appropriate and culturally-relevant books to participating families.

Baby Raven Reads will serve 215 Alaska Native families of 300 Alaska Native children age 5 and under in the following communities: Angoon, Craig, Hoonah, Klawock, Petersburg, Saxman, Sitka, Wrangell, and Yakutat.

Community Liaisons will be the point of contact in each community for all communications regarding the project.

The expectations are as follows:

- Attend 16 hours of orientation training in Juneau
- Annually, attend 16 hours of professional development in Juneau
- Lead, coordinate and staff local family literary activities nine months a year
 - Identify parent helpers to assist with family literary activities
 - Work with Head Start staff, cultural specialists and parent leaders to plan family activity events
- Collect data (event sign-in sheets, surveys, etc.)
- Provide caregiver training
- Participate in Baby Raven Reads team meetings
- Commit to 30 hours a month, 10 months a year

Families participating in Baby Raven Reads will attend monthly activities that follow a classroom model and incorporate culturally-infused strategies proven to increase phonemic awareness, such as: pictures and puppets; rhymes, songs, and dance; and drums and clapping. Activities are designed to meet different skill levels. Families are encouraged to form groups based on children's ages.

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