



Hello there,

Baby Raven Reads is an award-winning program that **needs your help!** With a small amount of your time, we can work together to make a big impact. If you are in Juneau, Yakutat, Angoon or Hoonah, this message is for you.

Family literacy events occur nine times a year in your community, but they can't happen without you. These events provide Alaska Native children with unique opportunities to practice and develop imperative skills such as oral language, phonological awareness, print awareness and letter knowledge through playful and culturally relevant activities. Although centered around the development of children zero to five, the storytelling, songs and other literacy activities are for the enjoyment of the whole family.

As a community liaison, you will be trained and supported throughout the year by Sealaska Heritage Institute staff; you will work with parent helpers and a cultural specialist ensuring a fun and safe event. Some of your duties are setting up and breaking down events, keeping track of who attends and overall management of the supplies we send. We are looking for a person who is ready to play an essential role in their community; is that person you? Or do you know someone who would be a great fit?

Becoming a liaison is an important decision, for it is impactful work and your time is valuable. For more information about the position please read the full job description here [CAREERS | Sealaska Heritage](#) or contact babyravenreads@sealaska.com

To learn more about our program visit our website at [Baby Raven Reads](#)



Community Liaison Position Description

Vacancies: Angoon, Hoonah, Juneau, Yakutat

Baby Raven Reads Early Literacy Program is a one year project that will serve Alaska Native children in the communities of Angoon, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Juneau, Sitka and Yakutat.

Baby Raven Reads is designed to improve kindergarten readiness and early literacy skills in Alaska Native children age birth to 5 years old. Baby Raven Reads provides training to caregivers and early childhood educators in best practices in early literacy and cultural connections. Baby Raven Reads provides family literacy activities and age-appropriate and culturally relevant books to participating families.

The Community Liaison expectations are as follows:

- Attend 16 hours of professional development training in Juneau
- Lead, coordinate and staff local Family Literacy Events:
 - Host 9 monthly Family Literacy events through the school year,
 - Identify Parent Helpers to assist with family literary activities
 - Identify Elders to assist with family literary activities
 - Event plans will be followed as provided by SHI staff. Any changes to event plans will reflect place and community.
- Collect data (event sign-in sheets, surveys, etc)
- Provide caregiver training
- Participate in Baby Raven Reads team bimonthly meetings
- Commit to 20 hours a month, up to 9 months a year
- Submit invoices on a monthly basis 9 months a year
- Identify Covid risks and aid in mitigation by following local tribal, city, and/or school's lead in accordance with SHI's risk metrics
- Properly care for program equipment/inventory and return in a timely manner upon request
- Communicate and respond to SHI staff within 3 business days

Families participating in 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; drumming and clapping. Activities are designed to meet different skill levels.

Pay rate: \$30/hr. To apply, please email a resume to Molly Briggs: molly.briggs@sealaska.com