

## Alaska's Resource List for Professional Development

- The following are financial resources available in Alaska to help administrators and caregivers in licensed child care facilities to obtain annual training hours and professional development requirements:
  - ❖ **The Child Care Grant Program** – the Child Care Grant Program promotes quality child care by supporting and encouraging professional development, the retention of early care and education professionals, and safe and healthy environments for children in care. Child Care Grant funds assist licensed providers with operational costs associated with their facilities. Monthly reimbursement amounts are based on children's attendance and the Child Care Grant Rate Schedule. Categories of expenditures allowable for reimbursement related to facility operation include the following: staff salaries and benefits; costs of providing substitute care; health and safety costs; costs of supplies, equipment, and activities for children in care; and child development education and training. For more information visit the Child Care Program Office website at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/>
  - ❖ **The CDA Application/Renewal Award** – financial assistance from the System for Early Education Development (SEED) which provides early childhood professionals who reside in Alaska with funding of up to \$500 for one Child Development Associate (CDA) application or renewal fee per person, per State fiscal year (July 1—June 30), pre-paid directly to the Council for Professional Recognition or as a reimbursement to the applicant. For more information visit the SEED Website at: <http://www.seedalaska.org/>
  - ❖ **Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR)** – financial assistance from SEED which provides early childhood and school-age professionals residing in Alaska with funding of up to \$1,500 per fiscal year (July 1—June 30) for higher education and/or training. PDF applications must be submitted within 60 days of completing education/training. For more information visit the SEED Website at: <http://www.seedalaska.org/>
  - ❖ **Travel Reimbursement (TR)** – pre-approved financial assistance from SEED, which reimburses travel costs for individuals operating or working in licensed child care programs in Alaska with up to \$1,000 per State fiscal year (July 1—June 30) for travel expenses for higher education/training directly related to early childhood and/or school-age education (birth–age 12), health and safety, facility administration or topics directly related to working with young children. For more information visit the SEED Website at: <http://www.seedalaska.org/>
  - ❖ **Pediatric CPR/First Aid Training Reimbursement** – SEED's Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR), which will reimburse up to \$65.00 for

Pediatric CPR/First Aid certification training. For more information visit the SEED Website at: <http://www.seedalaska.org/>

- ❖ **Tuition Assistance for Professional Development** – The Child Care Program Office in collaboration with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks offers a tuition assistance program to defray the cost of tuition for professionals working in licensed child care facilities. The tuition assistance is applicable to any Early Childhood course offered by the University of Alaska. Applications are due each semester to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. For more information email Veronica Plumb at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks at: [vimplumb@alaska.edu](mailto:vimplumb@alaska.edu)