Kids’ Corps, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start

- 298 enrolled in 2020 at 8 locations in Anchorage
- Grant based with some fee for service
- 4 months to 5 years old (pre-k)
- Variety of options and hours, including full day/full year
- Comprehensive services
- 94% families meet poverty guidelines
Impact of Covid 19 on services

- All 14 classrooms closed since March 6 (4 classes scheduled to continue through the summer)

- All teachers and family services staff continuing to provide virtual services through Zoom, Facetime etc. through June 12 and are being paid full time wages

- Reopening one full day pre-k classroom (7:30-5:30) on June 16

- Reopening infant/toddler full day classroom (same hours) July 6

- Two classes unlikely to reopen this summer
Impact on families

Phone Survey

- 171 households participated
- Hmong & Spanish translators who know the families
- Conducted in April

A Few Headlines....

- In 10% of households grandparents assisted with caring for children
- 15% of households lack a thermometer
- 78 (46%) households reported at least one working parent was laid off or had hours reduced
Challenges/Resources for reopening

**Challenges**

- Meeting children’s needs while maintaining physical distancing
- Space and staff to accommodate reduced child/adult ratios etc.
- Need for continued support for families (especially food and income) as family work situations evolve
- Maintaining continuity of services if new outbreaks occur

**Resources**

- ASD food program is being very widely used by Head Start families
- Other local non-profits like thread, Alaska Children’s Trust, United Way, Foraker and many others
- Public health at all levels
- Federal resources/Office of Head Start for financial support and flexibility