

# Alaska

## NO PROGRAM

Alaska did not have a state-funded preschool education initiative during the 2008-2009 school year, but since the 1980s, the state has provided a supplement to federal Head Start programs. Supplemental funding is available to any federally recognized Head Start program operating in the state. State funds for the Head Start program are aimed at improving the program's quality through school readiness activities and professional development. Funds are also used to provide access for additional children and families whenever possible.

State funding through Alaska's Head Start supplement totaled \$6,680,200 during the 2008-2009 school year, and 64 additional children and families were served in Head Start and Early Head Start settings.

For the first time in the 2009-2010 school year, there will be a pilot preschool program, the Alaska Pilot Pre-Kindergarten Project (AP3). This school-year program will serve approximately 330 children. The state approved \$2 million to be distributed via grants to six school districts. The grant recipients are expected to operate half-day preschool programs and provide outreach to families choosing to provide in-home care to preschoolers. The pilot program provides for comprehensive services with high-quality standards for teacher education, class sizes, and staff-child ratios.

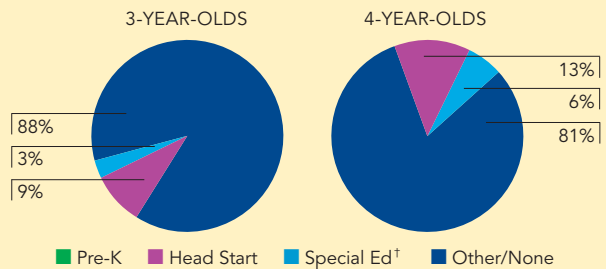
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	0
School districts that offer state program.....	NA
Income requirement .....	NA
Hours of operation .....	NA
Operating schedule .....	NA
Special education enrollment .....	1,134
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	2,122
State-funded Head Start enrollment .....	60 <sup>1</sup>

STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



<sup>†</sup> This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

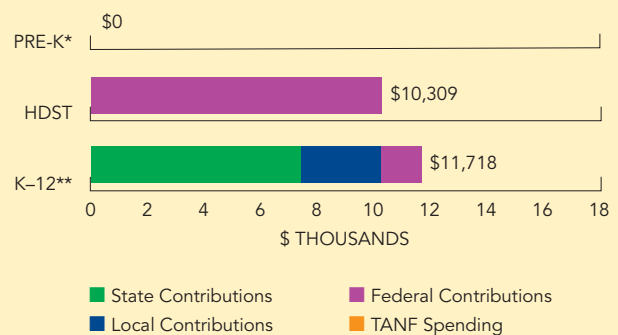
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$0
Local match required? .....	NA
State Head Start spending .....	\$6,680,200
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$0
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$0

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



\* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

\*\*K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '08-'09 school year, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> Funded enrollment was not available by single year of age. This figure is based on the percentage of 3- and 4-year-olds as reported in the 2008-2009 Head Start PIR.