**STEPS Early Childhood Work Group**

In-person meeting, April 30, 2019, Juneau

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Notes on Kinder Transition and Training Needs

Yakutat

* Tlingit & Haida operates Headstart from 9 to 1, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe operates the language immersion preschool for two to seven year-olds from 2 to 5.
* Headstart does kinder transition paperwork for parents

Sitka

* Wooch.een preschool operated cooperatively by school district, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and Tlingit & Haida Headstart. Kinder-transition focus several weeks before start of school.

Angoon

* Everyone goes to Tlingit & Haida Headstart, transitioning to kindergarten a community event.

Hydaburg

* Language nest (3-5 year olds), next year will break into 3 – 4 year-olds and K-1 class.
* Language piece is going well, but need to work on first grade preparation.
* Grant through school district has been funding childcare for 0-2 year-olds, but it’s been tricky.

Juneau

* Created community kinder transitions calendar for partnership for families and children to use annually
* Looking at streamlining processes.

Training opportunities:

* DEED – ADP webinars
* AEYC/tread – Child Development Associates, 8 training areas, Lisa Earhart puts together the calendar
* Additional training needed for new immersion teachers and childcare providers:
* Week-long training or build on times when teachers are already coming to town (Headstart meeting in August, AEYC conference in February)?
* Culturally responsive and SEL focuses
* Explore 2nd step and mind-up curriculum