

Childcare Consultation; Why it is a Necessary and Effective Service

- Young children are expelled from childcare and early learning programs at a higher rate than older children are expelled from high school.
- Young children with behavioral issues are at particularly high risk for losing childcare, which places the family under enormous strain and creates risk for further behavioral problems.
- According to the American Academy of Sciences (2010) child and adolescent behavioral problems most frequently initially present in early childhood but are not adequately identified or addressed. Childcare consultation is a child and family centered model to identify and address behavioral health issues before they become severe. It is also an efficient, preventative and naturalized delivery system .

Anchorage Childcare Mental Health Consultation Team: Bringing Two Systems Together to Bridge the Gap



Brings Existing Relationships with Childcare Programs, Expertise in Training and Technical Assistance

Brings Expertise in Child Development, Working with Families with Complex Needs, Structured Observation and Intervention Planning

A Collaborative Team that can think outside the box and provide expert and multi-disciplinary assistance to parents and childcare programs through one seamless and efficient process.

On-Site Childcare Consultation

Consults provided in 36 programs in 2012

Address issues that place child at risk of losing childcare while also addressing social emotional development, 912 children impacted

Childcare Intensives (12 weeks of on-site training and consultation)

3 classrooms in 2012 (8 total since beginning of program)

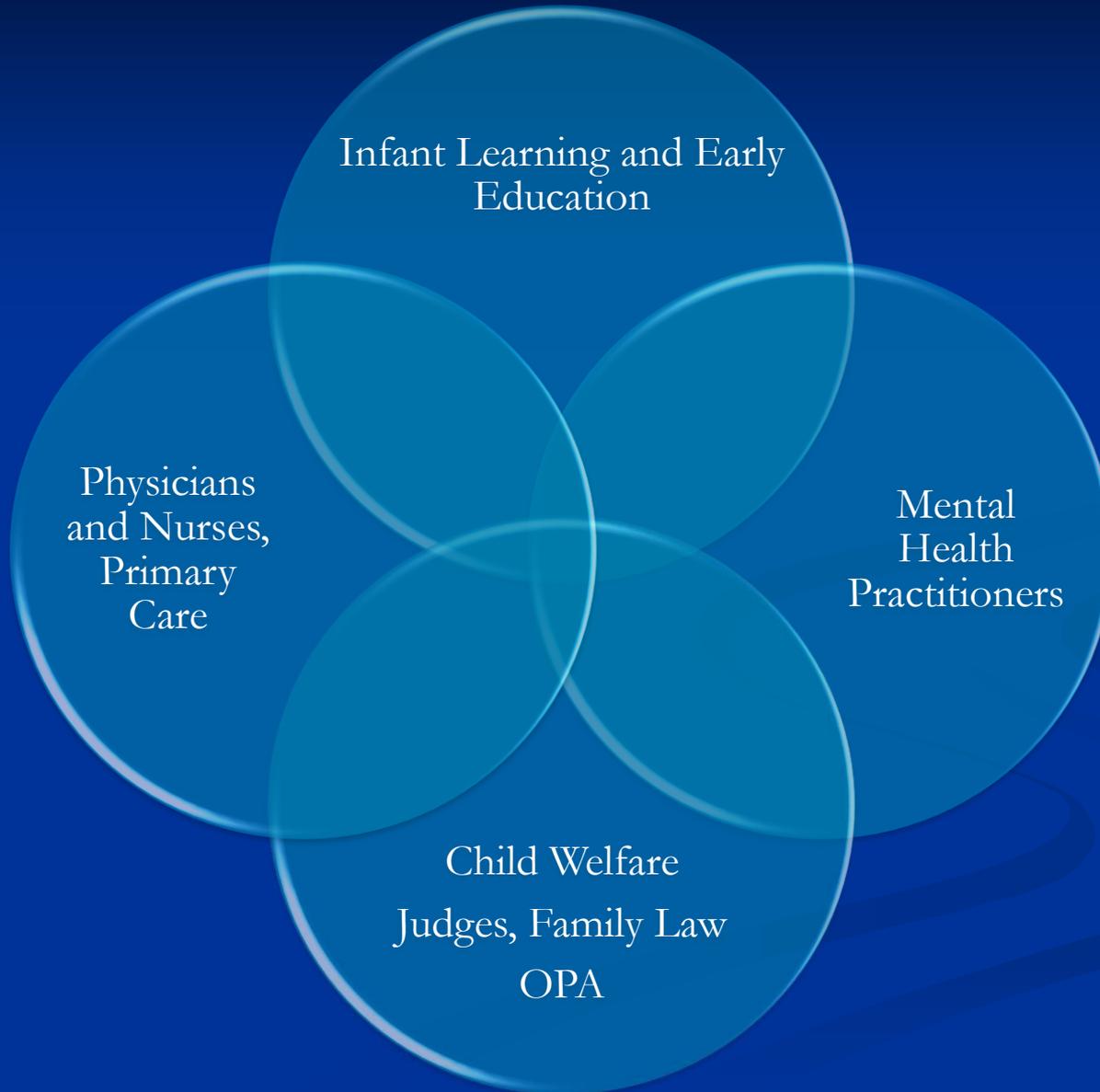
PC = 45%+
PP= 31.9% +
SS= 36.6%+
In ECRS Scores

Broadly disseminated training on social emotional development

“Whats Beneath the Behaviors” developed by ACMHS/Thread, over 200 trained in 2012 (over 600 total) childcare providers trained

Teachers trained serving over 3,000 children

Alaska Early Childhood Mental Health Learning Network



Training on
Assessment

Training on
Intervention

Peer
Learning
Network

Support for
ECMHI

