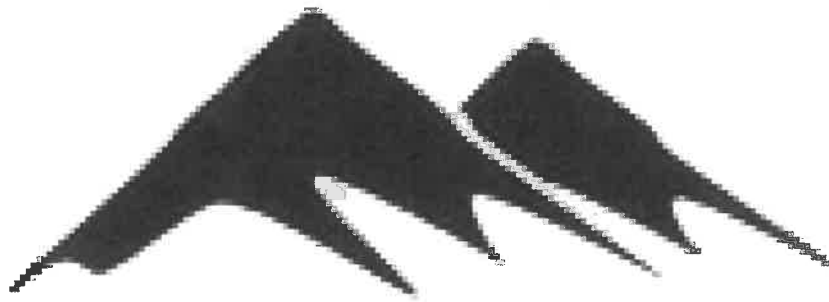


Stepping Stones Learning Center



Children Climbing the Mountain
of Learning One Step at a Time

Goal and Purpose of Stepping Stones Learning Center

Our program is aimed to provide affordable, rural childcare to our local working families, as well as our families looking to further their education. We intend to provide an enriching learning center that will engage and facilitate active learning and creativity, through play and exploration. It is our intention to be competitive to other Centers in larger cities that provide Early Childhood Education.

Who are we? We are a Non-Profit Childcare Center located in Valdez, AK.

What is our purpose? To provide childcare to our local Valdez community, as well as an enriching learning program to the children we serve.

Who do we serve? Children ages 0 – 12 yrs.

Is Stepping Stones Learning Center Incorporated and if so, when? Yes, we officially became Incorporated on October 01, 2017, Alaska Entity # 10069012.

Are we for profit? No. We are currently in the process of seeking non-profit status. Since we are at the beginning of this process, we are able to fall under the 501 (c) (3) Connecting Ties.

How many children do we have entrusted in our care?

Nursery (0 - 1 yrs): 1

Toddler (1 - 2 yrs): 6

Jr. Preschool (2 - 3 yrs): 7

Preschool (3 - 5 yrs): 13

After-School – 9

** Children still in need of care: 6

TOTAL: 42 Children

Does SSLC have an active Alaska Business License? Yes, Number 1060754.

Does SSLC have an EIN? Yes, Number 82-3070865.

When does Stepping Stones Learning Center, Inc. need to be up and running?
November 01, 2017.

Is there a Time Line in place for State of Alaska Child Care Program Licensing? Yes, if funding can be secured, it is anticipated for the CCPL department to do their “inspection” the week of October 24th, 2017. Of course, the inspection is dependent on the location being officially secured with financial backing to get operational.

Number of Staff employed by SSLC? We have 6 Full Time and 2 Part Time Staff.

Community Impact:

Without the Center, it presents a unique problem to our community of Valdez. In this, there are several major impacts by not having a functioning facility to serve the

families of our community in the service of Child Care. Below are just some of the impacts.

- Families that receive State Funded Assistance, receive such assistance due to the inability to afford private care, or do not have accessible family members to care for their children. Therefore, if a facility that accepts the State Funded Assistance is not available, these parents have no other choice than to not work, thus requiring MORE state assistance, as well as local community assistance. If this number is allowed to increase, our local community assistance programs will surely begin to feel the burden and strain.
- Families that can afford “public child care”, but not private child care, are faced with the decision of a parent possibly not working. If they were to work, it is possible that it would put an undue hardship or strain on this family. Such a hardship could potentially result in seeking assistance, locally, on a State level, or even Federal level.
- Not only would the families of the children served be affected, but also the employees of SSLC. It should not be explained that this also puts a burden on our community economically.
- In taking a valued and VERY needed service out of a community will, in essence, effect the Economic Growth of that community. Is Valdez able to withstand the economic impact of such a loss?

Financials:

Expenses:

Personnel Svcs		\$ 146,000.00
Salaries / Wages	\$ 140,000.00	
Employee Benefits	\$ 6,000.00	
Contractual Svcs		\$ 6,400.00
Other Svcs		\$ 16,500.00
Commodities		\$ 48,000.00
Other Charges/ Expenses		\$ 81, 600.00
Total Operations Cost		\$ 298, 500.00

Projected Income:

Tuition	\$ 183, 600
City and Other Grants	\$ 114,900
TOTAL	\$ 298,000.00

Asking Start Up Funds for 2017: \$25,000

Rent / Deposit		\$ 4,000.00
Utilities		\$ 1,000.00
Fees		\$ 250.00
Storage		\$ 250.00
Equipment		Unknown
Payroll		\$17,000.00
TOTAL		\$22,500.00