



City and Borough of Juneau Assembly

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Beth Weldon, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Weldon,

On November 5, 2018, you formed the Assembly Child Care Committee, to answer two charges:

- Should child care be part of the core municipal funded activities? And,
- To what extent, if any, should education be part of child care?

The committee held 11 public meetings and, after deliberation, answers both of these charges in the affirmative. The committee makes the following recommendations to the Assembly:

1. That the CBJ identify what, if any, public and school facilities may be used to provide child care.
2. That the CBJ establish a revolving loan fund for use in business start-up and on-going programs.
3. That in FY20, the CBJ fund existing child care and early education programs.
4. That the Best Starts model be funded with some structural changes to clearly delineate how the program would prioritize increasing capacity until child care demands are fulfilled (FY21).
5. That with the FY21 budget proposal to the Assembly, the CBJ Administration present an implementation plan for Recommendation #4.

Further detail on each of these recommendations follows in the full report, adopted by the Assembly Child Care Committee unanimously on April 19th, 2019.

I also wanted to express my thanks to my fellow committee members for their work and contributions towards this effort: Bridget Weiss, Vice Chair, Wade Bryson, Rob Edwardson, Eric Eriksen, Michelle Hale, Blue Shibler, and CBJ staff to the committee, Robert Barr.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Loren Jones
Chair of the Assembly Child Care Committee