

Purpose: To keep the Board up to date on efforts and events in Funding, Special Projects, Local Childcare Planning Council and at the Alpine Early Learning Center.

Funding and Special Projects

- We have been very busy closing out multiple 18-19 contracts and grants and preparing for reporting and invoicing requirements for the 19-20 fiscal year.
- ACUSD has reapplied for Vail EpicPromise funding to support the annual DVES HAWK Skiers program. Notification of grant awards is typically released in November.
- ACOE is developing a proposal for a grant opportunity through CDE for Inclusive Early Education and Expansion. We will propose improvements to the infant yard at the rear of the AELC to make it accessible to children with physical disabilities, including installing new surfaces that allow for the use of mobility equipment.

Alpine County Child Care Planning Council (LPC)

- The LPC met on Friday, August 23 at 1:30 pm the Learning Center office. Topics discussed included potential statewide changes to the LPC structure and the much anticipated revised template for LPC Needs Assessments. Alpine's needs assessment is due for a 5-year update.

Alpine Early Learning Center (AELC)

- Enrollment is at 15 toddlers & preschoolers and 7 infants (including a new part time baby). AELC is expanding, an exciting start to the new year.
- Jan Barnett has started as the new preschool aide. She comes with a special education background, classroom experience, and is a former employee (circa 2010). She will float between classrooms to ensure appropriate staff to student ratios at all times.
- AELC will be closed on September 27 for staff development/teaching training.