



thrIVALASKA

Healthy families. Thriving children.

Updates for the membership & community partners of thrivalaska



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

What's New with Thrivalaska?!

- There is a New HR Coodinator, Welcome to your new position Lisa Smart!
- Thrivalaska is HIRING! You can find any open positions listen online at <https://chipmunk-halibut-rszw.squarespace.com/careers>

For questions, call Lisa Smart at 907-452-4267
Submit applications to lsmart@thrivalaska.com



- Saturday, August 13 from 11:45am to 7:45pm, Fairbanks Day Block Party at Pioneer Park
- Sunday, August 14 from 1:45pm to 4:45pm, Back to school open house at Pioneer Park
 - backpack giveaway
 - meet with community organizations
 - free snacks and drinks
- Thursday, August 18 from 3:45 to 5:45 CTC Registration Bash
 - Waived application fees
 - help with registration

Mission Focus

By Kelly Doughty & R&R Staff



We as an organization have worked to expand our reach and services to include: Nature Connect, Nature Connect Grow, Camp Nature Connect, as well as we are in the process of using donated materials to add food pantries at different locations and form new partnerships to sustain them.

These services are brought forth by grants and partnerships that Thrivalaska has formed in the hopes of having a lasting impact on our community. We are continually taking steps to ensure our community is aware that we are present to help them overcome barriers in any way that we can.

Information Sharing

By Thrivalaska Staff

We often celebrate with our children their “first” day of early care and learning by reminding them of how capable and intelligent they are, we remind them to use their manners and be kind to others. But, is this really their “first” experience in a learning environment with other children or with a teacher who will guide, coach, and mentor them?

Actually the answer is, No, it is not. What? It doesn’t matter if you personally are a parent or caretaker or if this is your first child, **YOU ARE A CHILD’S FIRST TEACHER!** What a privilege!

Attached are a couple articles to help use our words for powerful conversations with our children while promoting a love of learning with our family at home and at “school”. Enjoy!

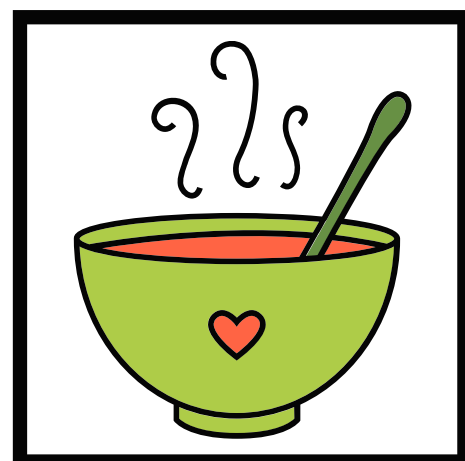
[Am I really my Child's first Teacher?](#)

[Conversations with Children: Tips for uysing works in Powerful Ways](#)

A Recipe from a friend

Here is this months Recipe shared from our Thrivalaska Chef, Conny Swisher. This Recipe is great for any occasion! You can find the link to this recipe below or you can get a printed copy at the front desk

[Garlic Butter Steak bites with Yellow Rice and Beans](#)



Congratulations!



Membership Spotlight

Pam Walker, Professional Development Specialist, Thread R & R

"My career started with being a cook at Play N Learn in 1992. It all began when I came to visit my boyfriend at the time, and that is when my life in Alaska began. He proposed, so at that point, I decided to stay. I was the Play N Learn West cook for about nine months when I left to finish wedding plans in Nebraska. After getting married in August, my new husband (Scott) and I drove back to Alaska. Upon returning to Play N Learn, I became the new preschool teacher. I loved being with kids and being able to teach them since, at that age, they are little sponges and love learning everything that you would teach them." [\(Full article here\)](#)