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Updates for the membership & community partners of thrivalaska



OUR UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- GO BLUE DAY, Wear blue in support of child abuse prevention on April 1, 2022
 - <https://www.alaskachildrestrust.org/child-abuse-prevention-month>
- Mush for Kids @ Pioneer Park, April 2, 2022
- Keep posted for Thrivalaska Scheduled events during the Week of the Young Child: April 2-8, 2022
- National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 17-23, 2022
 - the theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 is Better Together. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognize the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.
- Women's Affair @ The Carlson Center: April 22-24, 2022
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6, 2022

Remembering a Friend



We want to take a moment to acknowledge and grieve the loss of our dear friend and former colleague, Dotty Harris. We honor her memory and her excellent service to thrivalaska, its families, and the community. Dotty was a gentle and kind soul passionate about children and families. She was very resourceful and advocated for children and services that the entire family would benefit from. Her passion was the Homeless Coalition and partnering with many other community agencies

What's New with Thrivalaska?!

- Thrivalaska is HIRING! You can find any open positions listen online at <https://thrivalaskaprograms.org/careers/>

For questions about positions email hresources@thrivalaska.com

Mission Focus

By Tiara Davis, Executive Director



I want you to think on this feeling for a moment.

You're sitting in class and none of the content makes sense. You hear it. You see it. But it might as well be a foreign language because you are unable to comprehend.

Some teachers will ignore the look of uncertainty, and continue teaching the lesson.

And then there are the magic makers. They stop the lesson because they've read the room. Because they understand the true value. Of People. Of Relationships. We don't leave our people behind.

When I think about how Thrivalaska works with families, I think about how our actions, our investment, illustrate the same sentiment:

We got you (yes, got!)
We plan to listen to you, because you're the expert
We will learn from you, because you have knowledge to impart
We will be patient with you, because real work takes time
And we will support you through any and all transitions.

Our families our are people
No matter the circumstance, you won't have to endure the situation alone

The Thrivalaska professional community embody this mindset.

A Recipe from a friend

This months Recipe shared from our Thrivalaska Chef, Conny Swisher is Baked Garlic Parmesan Chicken Finger with Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce. A great [Recipe](#) any occasion!



Information Sharing

By Thrivalaska Staff

This quarter we'd like to take a focus on the importance on father involvement. Attached below are two articles about this topic.

[Calling all Dads](#)

[Building Relationships: The Key to Engaging Fathers](#)

Membership Spotlight

Davina Sunkel, Early Childhood Coach



"I am the Early Childhood Coach and have been in this role for almost 5 years (with the program 18 years). I enjoy being in this position because I get the best of both worlds. I get to work with teachers and I really enjoy seeing how they light up when they have accomplished a goal we are working on or even when they have that aha moment. I appreciate how they are so willing and open to learn and grow. I also get to be in the classroom outside of observations and get some time with the children in our program and see some of their accomplishments and milestones. My favorite part about working at Thrivalaska is that we work with our families as a whole and not just the children. That is why I applied to work here so many years ago. The program especially Ms. Holly and Ms. Gari helped my girls AND I through some tough times and I am forever grateful."