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## ICY conference

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Hello,

I am writing public comment in support of the Mental Health Trust funding the 2025 Infant Child and Youth (ICY) conference. I have been a practicing social worker in Alaska for 10 years and in human services for 13 years. I presently work at Denali Family Services as the assistant clinical director and am a licensed clinical social worker. I have had the opportunity to attend this conference several times in its many iterations and over the last 2 years have been able to serve on the volunteer committee organizing the conference. This conference aims to cover much ground in the arena of infant, family and youth services, and I believe that it accomplishes its goal year after year. Through my attendance over the years, I have been exposed me to many concepts, speakers, modalities, and insights in the field which have elevated my practice and allowed me to grow professionally. It is also an amazing opportunity to network and meet other people in the field. With Alaska being as small and large as it is, this event is one of the few multidisciplinary Statewide conferences that allows attendees to gather and learn together. In my role as an administrator and supervisor, this conference is one that a frequently encourage my staff to attend due to its affordability and scope. Losing funding for this conference would negatively impact our field and community of providers serving this population across the state. The ICY conference is an invaluable resource, and I encourage the Trust to continue funding it to support Alaskans across the life span.

Thank you,

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