

Alpine County Office of Education Early Learning Center

*"A place where love and learning
come together for your child."*

Success Story

We have been taking care of two brothers whose mother is a crack addict and she was sent to jail. While she was in jail the children were begin taken care of by a grandmother and uncle who lived in the home. After the grandmother left for work, the uncle would begin drinking early in the day and the children were left unsupervised. At one point they were found early in the morning, playing by a drainage ditch filled with water near their home. The Early Learning Center Director worked with the grandmother and Health and Human Services to arrange for the children to attend the ELC while she was at work. When the boys arrived at the center it was difficult for the staff to understand what the older brother was saying, he would not make eye contact, and would become very emotional and lash out at other children and staff. He has been at the center for two years and has made a complete turnaround. He smiles, laughs, and engages both children and adults in conversation. He has made "best friends" with other children, waves to adults who pass by the center, and will be attending Diamond Valley School this fall as a kindergartner. His grandmother, who was also withdrawn and avoided looking at or talking to staff, has participated in school wide events and now will acknowledge and talk with staff at the center. The younger brother will continue to attend the center when the preschool program begins in the fall.

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Programs & Services

The Alpine Early Learning Center (ELC) is an early care and education center for children 0-5 in Alpine County. The infant program provides care for children 0-2.5 years of age. The ELC director and teachers work with the parents of infants on an individual basis to promote positive home environments with the children. The Director is able to develop a closer relationship with the individual families and can provide prevention services, and home visits if necessary, especially for our young ones who come from families that put them at risk for abuse and neglect.