



# EMPLOYMENT & TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

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# There's a wave coming...

...and it's called, DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT!



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# Activities of Importance Since October:

- Employment First Legislation has been prefiled by Representative Millett's Office for the upcoming Legislative Session
- Customized Employment training was held in Juneau in November
- Finalizing details on the Trust's Beneficiary Employment Focus Area
- Taxi Ordinance passed with approx. 80% of our priorities

# Next Steps

- Advocate for passage of the Employment First Bill and support individuals in participating in public comment
- Start Alaska Chapter of the **A**ssociation of **P**eople **S**upporting **E**mployment First (APSE)
- Continue work on the Trust's Beneficiary Focus Area, including an Employment Summit the end of May 2014
- Partner on Job Fairs with Peer Power
- Partner on Disability Mentor Day 2014
- Continue advocating for improvements to the IDD HCBS waiver and Medicaid State Plan Services
- Continue advocating for improvements to State of Alaska recruitment, hiring and retention of workers with disabilities
- Customized Employment training will be held in Kenai in February

# Continue Asset Building & Employment Practices

- Anchorage Financial Partnership Network
- Free self-assisted tax preparation through Alaska's Job Centers
- State as a Model Employer Task Force
- Project SEARCH continuation & expansion
- AMHTA Microenterprise Grant program



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# Continue Capacity Building for Employment

- Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative
- Disability Employment Initiative
- Trust focus area on employment
- Social Security Ticket to Work program
- Work Incentives Counseling
- Employment Services Integration Committee
- Peer Power Employment Initiative
- UAA Tapestry program
- Customized Employment & Customized Self-Employment
- Trust Microenterprise Grant Program



# Continue Capacity Building for Transportation

- Collaboration / coordination with and support of the Alaska Mobility Coalition
- Provide Disability Awareness training to TSA, taxi companies and public transportation providers

