

A stylized illustration of a bright yellow sun with a blue circle in the center, partially obscured by blue and white clouds. The background is a solid blue color with a subtle grid pattern.

# Peer Power

**October 2014**

**Presentation by Ric Nelson, President**



# Board of Directors

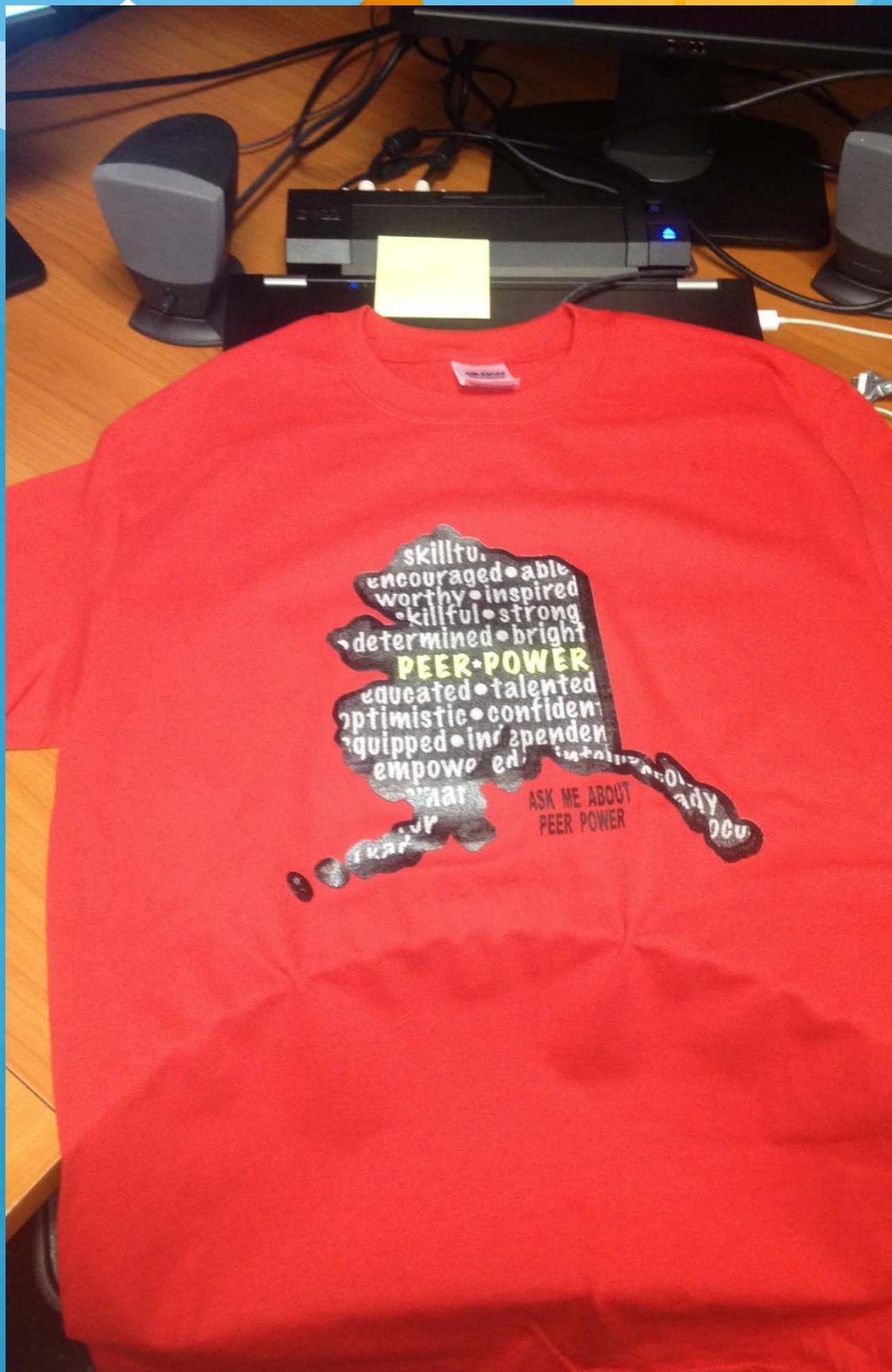
Ric Nelson - President

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**New T-shirts  
are in!**

**\$20**

**see Tracy**



## **EQUAL PARTNERS INTERSTATE CONGRESS**

# **EPIC**

**Alaska – Wyoming – Idaho – Washington – Nevada**

- Establishing a regional system for technical assistance
- Facilitating communication and information sharing
- Providing a unified voice in the self-advocacy movement



# OBJECTIVES OF EPIC

- ADDRESS SELF-IDENTIFIED NEEDS WITHIN EACH STATE
- CONNECT THE STATES OF THE REGION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY
- CREATE EQUAL SELF-ADVOCACY D.D. NETWORK PARTNERS
- CREATE SUSTAINABILITY BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE GRANT
- CREATE METHODS FOR REPLICATION BY OTHER REGIONS



# OUTCOMES OF EPIC

- MORE PARTICIPATION IN ADVOCACY AT ALL LEVELS
- ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL NETWORKS
- LEADERSHIP AMONG THE D.D. NETWORK PARTNERS ON CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES
- STRONG, SUSTAINABLE, STATE-WIDE, SELF-ADVOCACY / CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS



# PRODUCTS OF EPIC

- WEBSITE TO ACT AS A CENTRAL HUB FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION SHARING
- WEBINARS DETAILING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EPIC AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT
- TRAINING AND RESOURCES ACCESSED THROUGH THE INTERNET
- REGIONAL MEETINGS



# **PEER POWER AND JOB CLUBS**

- **PARTNERED WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS TO HAVE JOB CLUBS IN THE NEW FACILITY**
- **JOB CLUBS ORGANIZING IN THE VALLEY AND ON THE KENAI PENINSULA**



# Topics for Job Club

- Create an effective resume
- Develop good references
- Networking to find the right job
- Learning how to complete applications



# Topics for Job Clubs

- Dressing and acting professionally
- Interview skills
- Working with colleagues and supervisors
- Turning negatives to positives