

# Employment & Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

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Governor's Council on  
Disabilities and Special  
Education Meeting



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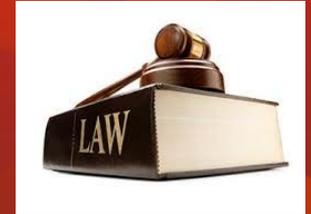
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# Work Plan Progress:

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○ 5.1.2 Increase employment of youth with disabilities in transition from school to adult life



○ 5.1.3 Work with the Center for Human Development, the Trust, and other partners to increase provider capacity for employment services and supports



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○ **5.1.7** Increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become self-employed using the microenterprise program



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- 4.1.2 Advocate for accessible taxi options in communities around the state
- 4.1.3 Provide technical assistance to help communities establish coordinated accessible transportation options

# Upcoming Activities:



- Employment First Implementation
- Enhanced Transition Service Sites
- Increased Employer Engagement
- SDS Data System – Employment Data
- 2-Tier Benefits Training & DB101
- Continued Collaboration – Trust Beneficiary Employment & Engagement
- Advocate for increased transportation options in the HCBS waiver

# **Employment and Transportation Work Plan for 2014-2015**

**Updated August 19, 2014**

## **Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education**

**5.1 Employment Long Term Goal** - Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve employment opportunities

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### 5.1.1 Oversee implementation of the Employment First Act

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Develop a list of what is currently in alignment with this act, what is not, and what best practices should be	Lucy (L), Rich (SA), AIEI Policy & Regulations subcommittee, AMHTA, DEED, DHSS, DLWD, DOA	December 2014	
2) Meet with Commissioner of Health and Social Services to discuss next steps	Same as above	January 2015	
3) Advocate for cross department meeting of Commissioners of departments effected by act and help to facilitate this meeting	Same as above	Starting in January 2015	
4) Establish baseline of data sets to be monitored and evaluated including service definitions	Same as above	May 2015	

## 5.1.2 Increase employment of youth with disabilities in transition from school to adult life

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Support continuation and expansion of the Project SEARCH sites in Alaska	Lucy (L), Patrick (SA), Kristin (SA)	Ongoing and one new program by Fall 2016	
2) Work with school districts to develop strong business partnerships for transition services	Lucy (L), Patrick (SA), Kristin (SA), APICC, SHRM, State Chamber	June 2015	
3) Support identified sites across the state to pilot an enhanced transition curriculum that builds in a greater emphasis on employment outcomes, including the utilization of discovery.	Kristin (SA), Christie (SA), Rich (SA), Roger (CHD), DEED, AMHTA	January-May 2015	
4) Partner with the Center for Human Development to expand post-secondary education options	Erin (L), Kristin (SA), CHD	Ongoing 2016	

### 5.1.3 Work with the Center for Human Development, the Trust and other partners to increase provider capacity for employment services and supports

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Develop process for benefits planning to be delivered through video conferencing and distance delivery methods	Ric (L), Rich (SA), CHD, AIEI Policy & Regulations subcommittee, AMHTA	May 2015	
2) Develop process for customized employment trainings to be delivered through video conferencing and distance delivery methods	Ric (L), Kristin (SA), CHD, AIEI	January 2015	
3) Partner with the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance project (CHD) to develop a high quality, comprehensive 2-Tier system of benefits planning for Alaska	Sean (L), Rich (SA), CHD, DVR, DBH, DPA, Virginia Commonwealth University	Training completed by Dec 2014  2-tier system by May 2015	
4) Provide Customized Employment trainings that lead to DVR certification as a Community Rehabilitation Provider	Lucy (L), Rich (SA), Kristin (SA), CHD, AMHTA, DVR, DBH, DPA, ESD	Ongoing August 2015	
5) Coordinate with partners to provide Community Work Incentives Coordinator training in Alaska	Lucy (L), Rich (SA), Kristin (SA), CHD, AMHTA, DVR, DBH, DPA, ESD	Ongoing	

### 5.1.4 Advocate for changes in the State’s I/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Medicaid around supported employment services

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Develop proposed regulations to clarify and expand definitions of employment services under the HCBS waiver system and Medicaid	AIEI Policy Group (L), Kristin (SA)	May 2015	
2) Support Council members, self-advocates and family members to comment on employment regulations impacting individuals with disabilities (PSA’s, listservs and social media to advertise opportunities for public comment)	Lucy (L), Kristin (SA), Debbie McDonald, Angela Salerno (SDS)	Ongoing	

### 5.1.5 Increase the use of the Provisional Hire Program (a trial work period for qualified persons with disabilities that can be turned into a permanent hire)

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Develop written State of Alaska operations procedures to maximize use of provisional hire	Sean (L), Rich (SA), DVR, DPLR, DBH, State ADA Office, ESD	2014	<b>Completed 2014</b>

2) Advocate for additional coverage in State of Alaska training classes and materials for Hiring Managers	Sean (L), Rich (SA), DVR, S.A.M.E.	July 2015	
3) Meet with Hiring Managers one on one and in small groups to demonstrate success stories of the program	Sean (L), Rich (SA), DVR, S.A.M.E.	July 2016	
4) Convene the State as a Model Employer Task Force to address barriers of individuals with disabilities who are employed by the State (Use results from the State as a Model Employer Survey to plan new and innovative workplace practices for people with disabilities employed by the State)	Sean (L), Rich (SA), DVR, DPLR, DBH, State ADA Office	Monthly	

### **5.1.6 Work with partners to develop and implement a plan to double the number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are employed by 2016**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Increase the number of trained customized employment (CE) providers through agreed upon standards for CE “certification”	Lucy (L), Lexie (A), Kristin (SA), Rich (SA), CHD, AMHTA, AADD	Ongoing	
2) Increase the number of Community Work Incentives Coordinators through collaborative CWIC training opportunities	Lucy (L), Lexie (A), Kristin (SA), Rich (SA), CHD, AMHTA, AADD	Ongoing	

<p>3) Increase asset building opportunities for Alaskans with disabilities including free tax preparation, individual development accounts and financial literacy trainings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Build upon free tax preparation efforts statewide for individuals with disabilities</li> <li>b) Advocate for new Individual Development Account programs</li> <li>c) Provide Financial Literacy/benefits training and curricula for individuals with disabilities</li> </ul>	<p>Lucy (L), Rich (SA), Anchorage Financial Partnership Ntwk., AARP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>4) Work with the Workforce Investment Board and the Employment Security Division to ensure that every job center has a designated “Disability Resource Coordinator” with related job duties in their job descriptions (Assist the Division of Employment Security with drafting position descriptions for Disability Resource Coordinators)</p>	<p>Lucy (L), Rich (SA), DOLWD, AWIB</p>		<p><b>Completed Spring2014</b></p>
<p>5) Develop a streamlined collaborative for providers, employers and agencies interested in becoming Ticket to Work Employment Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Check regularly on the National Ticket to Work website to see new Employment Networks in Alaska</li> <li>b) Market the Ticket to Work program to other State Divisions and Employers and assist them with applying and collaborating within a statewide TTW system</li> </ul>	<p>Sean (L), Rich (SA), CHD, DOLWD, DBH, DPA, DVR</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>6) Partner to disseminate information on resources available for people with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment</p>	<p>Lucy (L), Rich (SA), Kristin (SA), DVR, DBH, DPA, ESD, AWIB, SDS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>7) Provide support to the Peer Power employment initiative</p>	<p>Lucy (L), Ric (A), Kristin (SA), DLC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>8) Increase private sector employment of people with disabilities</p>	<p>Lucy (L), Lexie (A), Erin (A), Rich (SA), Kristin (SA),</p>	<p>Begins Fall 2014</p>	

	Patrick (SA), DVR, AIEI Policy & Regulations subcommittee, AMHTA, SHRM, APICC, State Chamber, Anchorage Chamber	Ongoing	
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**5.1.7 Increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become self-employed using the microenterprise program**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Advertise the program statewide (especially to individuals with I/DD)	Kristin (SA), CHD, AADD, AMHTA	Ongoing	
2) Convene the evaluation committee to review applications	Kristin (SA), CHD, AADD, AMHTA	Three times per year	
3) Award grants to entrepreneurs	Kristin (SA), CHD, AADD, AMHTA	Three times per year	
4) Provide ongoing business coaching services to help entrepreneurs maintain and grow their business	Kristin (SA), CHD, AADD, AMHTA	Ongoing	

5) Incorporate customized self-employment processes into the existing fund's operations	Erin (L), Kristin (SA), CHD, SBDC, AMHTA, DVR	Annually	
6) Advocate for level or increased funding for the Trust Microenterprise Fund	Erin (L), Kristin (SA), CHD, SBDC, AMHTA, DVR	Annually	

**4.1 Transportation Long Term Goal** - Advocate for a minimum of 3 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that increase accessible public transportation options

**4.1.1** Monitor transportation changes in Medicaid and waiver regulations/policies

**4.1.2** Advocate for accessible taxi options in communities around the state

**4.1.3** Provide technical assistance to help communities establish coordinated accessible transportation options

**4.1.1 Monitor transportation changes in Medicaid and waiver regulations/policies**

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Monitor transportation regulation changes and provide public comment	David (L), AIEI Policy & Regulations	As needed	

	Subcommittee		
2) After implementation of new regulations or policy changes, gather feedback from providers on impact of changes	Patrick (SA), Kristin (SA), AADD	2014-2016	
3) Participate in SDS community workgroup on transportation	SDS, Patrick (SA)	Quarterly	
4) Support Council members, self-advocates and family members to comment on proposed transportation regulations (PSA's, listservs and social media to advertise opportunities for public comment)	Lucy (L), Ric (A), Patrick (SA), Debbie McDonald	Ongoing	

#### 4.1.2 Advocate for accessible taxi options in communities around the state

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Monitor new Anchorage accessible taxi ordinance and implementation of the new requirements	Patrick (SA), AMC	2015, then evaluate need to continue monitoring	

2) With Alaska Mobility Coalition and other partners, present accessible taxi models to the Governor’s Task Force on Coordinated Transportation and other local government bodies	Patrick (SA), AMC	Ongoing May 2015	
3) Advocate for increased funding for developing a public transportation infrastructure	David (L), Lucy (A), Patrick (SA), AMC	Ongoing	
4) Advocate to increase the number of accessible taxi cabs in Alaskan communities outside of Anchorage, utilizing a similar base model to the Anchorage model , as is appropriate based on the unique needs of the community in question	Ric (L), David (A), Patrick (SA), AMC, DLCA	Ongoing May 2016	
5) Introduce competition for local accessible transportation options for people with disabilities & seniors, etc. by advocating for an increase in the number of accessible taxi cab licenses	Ric (L), David (A), Patrick (SA), AMC, DLCA	Ongoing May 2016	

### 4.1.3 Provide technical assistance to help communities establish coordinated accessible transportation options

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Support the Alaska Mobility Coalition’s advocacy agenda through membership and participation in meetings	David (L), Lucy (A) Patrick (SA), AMC	Ongoing	

2) Participate in Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska proposal evaluation committees for human service transportation grant requests	Patrick (SA)	Annually – SOA in spring and MOA in summer	
3) Participate in national coalitions such NCIL and APRIL that monitor federal level support of accessible transportation options	Patrick (SA)	Monthly	
4) Participate in Anchorage Transit Advisory Board meetings	Patrick (SA)	Monthly	
<p>5) Develop and promote training on disability etiquette for TSA agents, taxi drivers and public transportation providers</p> <p>a) assist the TSA to develop an option for individuals with disabilities to practice screening at the airport in advance of a travel day</p> <p>b) Contact TSA to initiate discussions on developing a practice screening program</p> <p>c) Provide disability awareness training to TSA to include best airport procedures</p> <p>d) Provide disability awareness training to the transportation industry</p>	Lucy (L), Lexie (A), Erin (A), Kristin (SA), AMC, Alaska Airlines, Congressional Delegation, People Mover, Yellow Cab	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>a)Jan. 2015</p> <p>b)Jan.2015</p> <p>c)June2015</p> <p>d)Jan.2016</p>	
6) Provide testimony to the Alaska Mobility Coalition on rural transportation recommendations	David (L), Lucy (A), Patrick (SA), AMC	Ongoing	

**Education Committee  
October 2014 Council  
Meeting**

**Taylor Gregg – Chair  
Margaret Kossler – Co-Chair**



# Committee Members

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# Priorities

- **Education Committee Long Term Goal**
  - ✓ **Advocate for programs, policies, or practices that improve education for students with disabilities**
- **Education Committee Duties**
  - ✓ **Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Special Education Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
  - ✓ **Govern the Special Education Service Agency (SESA)**

# Short Term Goals 2014-15

**7.1.1** Research and advocate for services, programs, or regulation changes that will improve the scope, delivery, and effectiveness of post-school transition

**7.1.2** Increase the graduation rate for students with disabilities

**7.1.3** Research suspension and expulsion rates of students with disabilities



# Short Term Goals 2014-15

**7.1.4** Research the use by parents of procedural safeguards and parental rights, in particular due process rights

**7.1.5** Research the use by parents of procedural safeguards and parental rights, in particular due process rights



# Groups, Meetings, and Trainings We Have Participated in since April

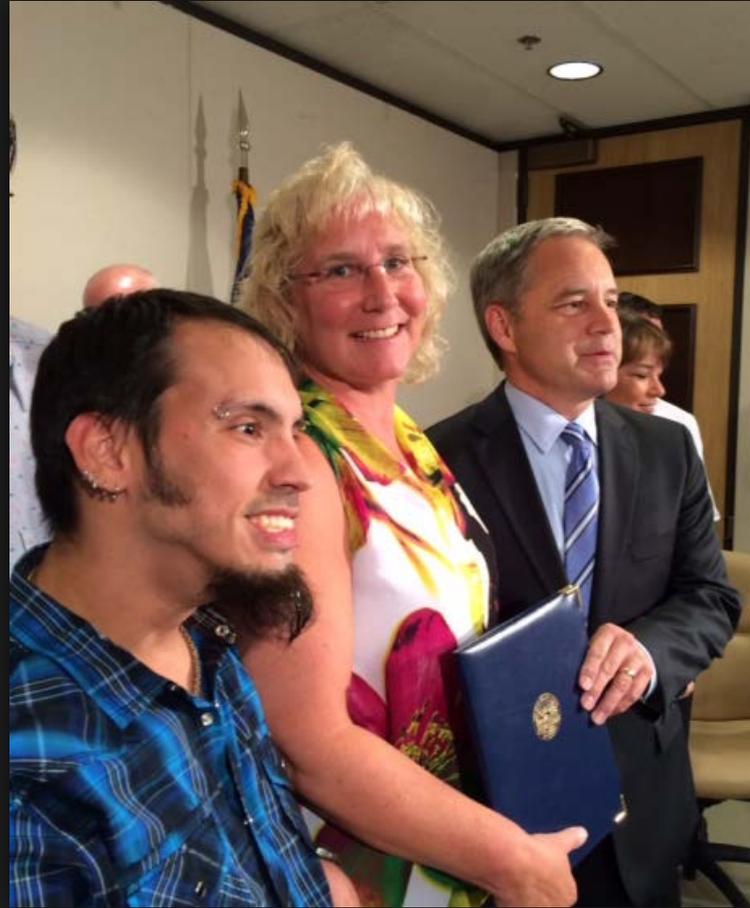


- Council Workgroup on FASD
- State FASD Partnership Steering Committee
  - LEND Family Advisory Board
  - State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Stakeholders Group
    - State Board of Education
- Teaching and Learning Support Institute
- Anchorage Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

# Activities Since April

- Working with Employment Committee on developing a Discovery-centered career exploration/transition planning curriculum to be piloted in 4 school districts (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Nome).
- Started research on suspension and expulsion rates.
- Gave comments to the Dept of Ed on *Challenging Coursework and Student Assessment*.
- Reviewed Stone Soup Group's *Special Education Parent Handbook*.
- Spread the word on the repeal of the HSGQE and how to get a diploma.

# HB 210 “Safe Student Act” signed into law



Thank you



# Education Committee Work Plan for 2014-2015

Updated August 14, 2014

## Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

**7.1 Education Committee Long Term Goal** - Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve the quality of education for students with disabilities.

- 7.1.1 Research and advocate for services, programs or regulation changes that will improve the scope, delivery and effectiveness of post-school transition
- 7.1.2 Increase the graduation rate for students with disabilities.
- 7.1.3 Research suspension & expulsion rates of students with disabilities
- 7.1.4 Research use by parents of procedural safeguards and parental rights, in particular due process rights
- 7.1.5 Research ways for tele-practice and distance delivery to improve Special Education services in Alaska.
- 7.1.6 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Special Education Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by advising the state regarding the unmet educational needs of students with disabilities as well as in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities Govern the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) to ensure SESA meets its statutorily mandated responsibilities
- 7.1.7 Govern the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) to ensure SESA meets its statutorily mandated responsibilities

**7.1.1 Research and advocate for services, programs or regulation changes that will improve the scope, delivery and effectiveness of post-secondary transition.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Explore the implications of changing the required transition age minimum in an IEP from 16 to 9 <sup>th</sup> grade or age 14. Look at models from other states.	Ed Committee	May 2015	
2) Develop a pilot program to develop a career exploration/transition planning curriculum and pilot in at least one school. This is a for credit elective class where students complete the Discovery Process and an individual Vocational Profile Strategy as well as employment soft skills instruction.	Committee, DVR, School Districts (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Nome, Fairbanks, Employment Committee	Jan 2015 launch	
3) Outreach to peer mentor groups, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, The Alaska Youth First Program	Committee, Fred Villa,	Ongoing	

**7.1.2 Increase the graduation rate for students with disabilities.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Participate in DEED State Performance Plan and State Systemic Improvement Plan and	Christie, DEED	Ongoing	

State Performance Plan stakeholders group. (SPP/SSIP). The focus of this group is the improvement of Indicator 1 which is the graduation indicator for Part B.			
2) Education Committee develop recommendations for the implementation of the SPP/SSIP	Ed Committee, DEED, Christie	Ongoing	
3) Research other states alternate assessments to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Accessibility</li> <li>o Teacher preparation</li> </ul>	Ed Committee, Christie, Britteny	October 2014	

### 7.1.3 Research suspension & expulsion rates of students with disabilities

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Collect statewide data on suspension and expulsion rates of students with disabilities during the past 5 years and report back to the committee	DEED (SED data), SEAC, Christie, Britteny	Sept 2014	
2) Compare Alaska data to the national data on Part B Indicator 4.	Christie, Britteny	Sept 2014	

### 7.1.4 Research the use by parents of procedural safeguards and parental rights, in particular due process rights

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Collect data on the number and scope of state complaints, mediations and due process hearings in Alaska over the last 5 years ; Indicators 16, 17, 18 & 19	DEED, DLC, Committee, AK Mediation, Christie, Britteny	Jan 2015	
2) Present data to Education Committee make recommendations to DEED	Committee, DEED, Britteny	Feb 2015	

#### **7.1.5 Research ways for tele-practice and distance delivery to improve Special Education services in Alaska.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Research which districts are using Telepractice.	Christie, DEED	Jan 2015	
2) Research the distance delivery training of Special Education of teachers and related service professionals	University of Alaska, DEED, Committee, Christie	Jan 2015	
3) Research policy and licensing around Telepractice and licensing in Alaska(OT, SLP, PT, behavior and other psychological therapists)	Christie, Britteny	Feb 2015	
4) Research distance Ed effectiveness, use in other states and recommendations from national groups	Christie, Britteny	Feb 2015	
5) Make recommendations to the Council Subcommittee on Telepractice.	Ed Committee, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Christie, Council sub committee	Quarterly	
6) Make recommendations to EED	Ed Committee, EED, Christie, Taylor	March 2015	

**7.1.6 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Special Education Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by advising the state regarding the unmet educational needs of students with disabilities as well as in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Provide suggestions for the development of a parent handbook to EED	Ed Committee, Parent Training and Information Center	June 2014	Aug 2014
2) Review EEDs Annual Program Performance Report (PPR)	Ed Committee, DEED, Christie	Feb 2014	
3) Provide recommendations to EED	Ed Committee	Ongoing	
4) Educate Ed Committee about roles and responsibilities		Sept 2014	August 2014
5) Give written comments and suggestions for state improvement activities to EED	Ed Committee, Christie, Taylor, Ric	As Needed	
6) Attend State Board of Education meetings and share information with Ed Committee	Christie, Kathleen Yarr	Quarterly	
7) Provide public comment on education regulations in particular regulations on restraint and seclusion	Ed Committee, Chairs, Christie	As needed	
8) Organize opportunities for stakeholders to give public comment	Christie	As needed	
9) Post Schools Outcome report to the	Ed Committee, Christie, DEED contractor	March 2015	

Committee Discuss and offer suggestions/comments			
10) Participate in the Special Education Directors Meeting	DEED, Christie	October 2014	
11) Inclusive Practice Award	Ed Committee, Christie	February 2015	
12) Participate in implementation of Restraint and Seclusion act; participate in development of samples and suggested policy for the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB), Snapshot at their conference	Ed Committee, BoE, AASB, Christie	Ongoing Nov 2014	

**7.1.7 Govern the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) to ensure SESA meets its statutorily mandated responsibilities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Ensure designated Council members (5) and Executive Director continue to participate as SESA Board members	Council members, Teresa	2011-2016 annually	
2) Assist in implementation of SESA's strategic plan	Council members	Ongoing	
30 Provide annual training for SESA Board members on their roles and responsibilities	Teresa	TBD by SESA Board	

# Developmental Disabilities Committee Report

October 2014

Art Delaune, Chair

# Committee Members

## Voting Members

Art Delaune  
Tara Horton  
Alex Gimarc  
Kaleene Lamb  
Ric Nelson  
Dave Fleurant  
Sharon Miranda  
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus  
Susan Kaplan  
Christine King  
Mallory Hamilton

## Non-Voting Members

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Steve Lesko  
Kathy Fitzgerald  
Maureen Harwood  
Amanda Lofgren  
Mark Romick  
  
Staff: Patrick Reinhart  
Brittney Howell

# Activities of Importance Since May

- Reviewed the *Developmental Disabilities Registry* (monthly). As of 9/11/14: 719 individuals waiting for services
- Developed the FY14 Work Plan
- Round #2: Review of regulation package for Home and Community Based Services
- Gathering stage of review of IDDRR system in cooperation with SDS
- Participated in Trust Housing Focus meetings
- Participated in Livable Wage Work group and review of “White Paper”

# Activities of Importance Since May

- Said goodbye to Carrie and hello to Britteny as our new Research Analyst
- Staff trained in DC on data gathering and reporting to feds
- Participated in SDS Community Conversations on new CMS ruling regarding Home and Community Based Services
- Review of Medicaid Reform Advisory Group's list of "Innovations"
- Researching issues around telehealth and telepractice
- Developed 1<sup>st</sup> year plan for \$50 K housing funds for smart home and/or assistive technology

# Work Plan Priorities for FY15

See the *Developmental Disabilities  
Committee Work Plan for FY15.*

# Ongoing and Monitoring for FY15

- Review quarterly data from SDS regarding the DD Registry, HCBS waiver expenditures, individuals receiving services out of state, etc
- Monitor issues surrounding waiver payment rates and MMIS
- Coordinate advocacy efforts with Key Coalition
- Review proposed regulations and provide comment as necessary
- Support Peer Power
- Support Key Campaign and provide scholarships
- Participate in Partners in Policymaking

# Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY15

Updated September 16, 2014

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

## Objectives

**1.2.2** Continue to support and participate in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the Legislature led by the Key Coalition.

**1.2.3** Continue to support Partners in Policymaking (PIP) at the Center for Human Development (CHD).

**2.1.1** Advocate for a "living wage" for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

**2.1.2** Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.

**2.1.3** Review the process of SDS's Registration and Review (i.e. "I/DD Waitlist") through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility) and make recommendations for changes.

**2.1.5** Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS's implementation plan.

**3.1.1** Increase the use of assistive technology that allows individuals with disabilities to live in independently in the community.

**3.1.2** Conduct survey of providers, self-advocates and families on housing barriers and issues that affect person with I/DD.

**8.1.1** Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform.

**1.2.2 Continue to support and participate in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the Legislature led by the Key Coalition.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Participate in Key Coalition planning meetings.	Patrick Reinhart	Quarterly, or as needed	Ongoing
2. Provide limited funding for self-advocates and family members to participate in Key Campaign.	DD committee	February 2014	Ongoing
3. Provide Council staff support to the Key Campaign.	Patrick Reinhart	February 2014	Ongoing

**1.2.3 Continue to support Partners in Policymaking (PiP) at the Center for Human Development (CHD).**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Participate in PiP planning meetings.	Patrick Reinhart, Stephanie George, Lynne Kenney	Quarterly, or as needed	Ongoing
2. Support self-advocates to participate in PiP trainings as trainers and trainees.		For each scheduled PiP training	Ongoing

**2.1.1 Advocate for a “living wage” for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Council staff and members to participate in Livable Wage 2020-DSP work group.	Livable Wage 2020-DSP Workgroup, Kathy Craft	Monthly or as needed	Ongoing
2. Provide research support and studies to workgroup.	Brittney Howell	As needed	Ongoing
3. Research other state DSP living wage initiatives (NACDD, UCEDD, etc).	Brittney Howell	October 2014	Ongoing
4. Ask Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS) director to research other state DSP living wage initiatives.	Patrick Reinhart	October 2014	Ongoing

**2.1.2 Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Research current tele-practice in state.	Entire Council, Brittney Howell	November 2014	Ongoing
2. Identify barriers in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, etc.	Entire Council, Brittney Howell	November 2014	Ongoing
3. Lead tele-practice work group to include representatives from all Council committees.	Dave Fleurant (DD Committee Point Person)	Monthly	starting November 2014

**2.1.3 Review the process of SDS’s Registration and Review (i.e. “I/DD Waitlist”) through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility) and make recommendations for changes.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Participate in the I/DD R&R Workgroup meetings with SDS.	I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup	November 2014	Ongoing
2. Research other states work in this area.	Brittney Howell	November 2014	Ongoing
3. Develop recommendations for change.	DD committee	Monthly	starting November 2014
4. Review draft regulations on changes and provide further recommendations.	DD committee	July 2015	Ongoing

**2.1.5 Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS’s implementation plan.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Participate in any SDS sponsored workgroups and public input processes before plan is developed.	Patrick Reinhart, Brittney Howell	November 2014	Ongoing
2. Review draft plan, comment, and provide recommendations.	DD committee	January, 2015	Ongoing

**3.1.1 Increase the use of assistive technology that allows individuals with disabilities to live in independently in the community.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Research information on technology that increases independence for individuals with disabilities to live more independently in the community.	Trust Housing Workgroup	October, 2014	Ongoing
2. Make recommendations to Trust regarding the use of technology to increase independence.	Trust Housing Workgroup	October, 2014	Ongoing
3. Fund pilot projects utilizing \$50,000 in capital funding from the Trust.	Trust Housing Workgroup	January 2015	Ongoing

**3.1.2 Conduct survey of providers, self-advocates and families on housing barriers and issues that affect person with I/DD.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Define scope of survey and design including identifying the availability of supported housing for individuals with I/DD and co-occurring disorders.	DD committee	October 2014	Ongoing
2. Conduct survey.	Britteny Howell	Feb 2015	

3. Analyze data and report back to Council and share with partners.	Brittney Howell	May 2015	
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**8.1.1 Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1) Research and make recommendations to the State of Alaska on the re-use and recycling of durable medical equipment and assistive technologies purchased by state entities such as Medicaid, DVR, the Trust, AHFC and Special Education.	DD Committee	March 2015	Ongoing
2) Research reasons for increasing I/DD waiver costs and develop recommendations to present to SDS.		May 2015	
3) Research streamlining Medicare and Medicaid prior authorization processes.		December 2015	
4) Research Medicaid options for individuals using chiropractic care.		December 2015	

# *Early Intervention Committee*



Karli Lopez \* Chair  
Christie Reinhardt \* Staff



# Committee Members

Sue Armstrong – RurAL CAP

Wendy Barrett – Stone Soup Group

Breanna Brian – Disability Law Center

\*Mandy Cleveland – Parent, EHDI

Amanda Faulkner - ILP Provider

\*Angie Fraize – Parent

Melora Gaber - Headstart

\*Heidi Haas – Parent

\*Mallory Hamilton – Parent

\*Meghan Johnson – thread

Cassidy Jones – DEED 619 Coordinator

Beth Kaplan – Title V

Susan Kaplan – UAA\*

Diana Marsh – Itinerant SLP\*

David Mayo-Keily – McKinney Vento

Amy Simpson – ILP Provider\*

Laurie Thomas – State ILP

Kathleen Yaar – Board of Education

Karli Lopez – Chair\*

Christie Reinhardt – Staff





# *Early Intervention Committee*

## *Work Plan 2014-15*

- Research tele-practice as a way to increase Early Intervention services in Alaska.
- Research understanding by parents and providers of parent rights and procedural safeguards under IDEA.
- Increase partnerships, communication, and collaboration between parents, partners, and stakeholders involved in Early Intervention.
- Research inclusive childcare opportunities state-wide.

# *Other Duties*

Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.



# Activities Since April

- Development of workplan.
- Development of interviews of Infant Learning Program Coordinators on their understanding of procedural safeguards.
- Review of “Rights” results of *EI/ILP 2014 Family Outcomes Survey* for parent understanding of procedural safeguards.



# *Other Activities, Groups, and Meetings*

- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EDHI) Advisory Board
- Alaska Infant Learning Program Association (AILPA)
- Infant Learning Program Leadership Team meetings to outline Systemic State Improvement Plan (SSIP) for Part C
- Early Childhood Special Ed Programs Group at UAA
- Developmental Screening & Brief Behavioral Services Members Group
- Alaska Pyramid Project (APP) Leadership Team



*Thank you!*



# Early Intervention Committee Work Plan for 2014-2015

## Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

**Early Intervention Long Term Goal: Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve quality early intervention.**

- 6.1.1 Research ways for tele-practice as a way to increase Early Intervention services in Alaska.
- 6.1.2 Research understanding by parents and providers of parent rights and procedural safeguards under IDEA.
- 6.1.3 Increase partnerships, communication and collaboration between parents, partners and stakeholders involved in Early Intervention.
- 6.1.4 Research inclusive childcare opportunities state wide.
- 6.1.5 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

### 6.1.1 Research ways for the use of tele-practice and distance delivery to improve Infant Learning services in Alaska

Tele-practice Short Term Goal Activities	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1) Research current tele-practice in state	EIC, Sheila Soule (UAA), VA, Tribal Health, technical consultant, full Council	May 2015	
2) Research barriers in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, access in Native and non-Native health care systems	EIC, EI/ILP, Tribal Health, Headstart, Christie	May 2015	
3) Research barriers in terms of personnel; professional guidelines, training; staff preparation, licensing (SLP, OT, PT)	EIC, EI/ILP. Sheila Soule (UAA), Erin Kinavey	May 2015	
4) Make recommendations to the Council Subcommittee on Telepractice	Amy Simpson, Karli, Christie	Quarterly	

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5) Make recommendations to ILP on improving telepractice	EIC, ILP, Karli, Christie	May 2015	
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**6.1.2 Research understanding by parents and providers of parent rights and procedural safeguards under IDEA.**

<b>Parent Rights Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Collect data on number and scope of statewide administrative complaints, due process hearings, resolution agreements and mediations in the past 5 years.	Christie, Britteny, Lisa Balivet	Sept 2014	
2) Survey and collect data from providers on their experiences and obstacles with informing parents of their rights.	Christie, Britteny, Lisa, ILP	Nov 2014	
3) Review simplified and accessible procedural safeguard info or training in multiple forms; paper, YouTube, provider, parent	EIC, EI/ILP, EED, SSG	Dec 2014	
4) Make recommendations on increasing parent understanding of ILP procedural safeguards	EIC, ILP, SSG, Karli, Christie	Jan 2015	

**6.1.3 Increase partnerships, communication and collaboration between parents, partners and stakeholders involved in Early Intervention.**

<b>Collaboration Short Term Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Review the 5 year plans of Early Intervention Partners	ILP, AILPA, EIC, Maternal and Child Health, SSG, Headstart, RuralCap, Best Beginnings, private Child Care, OCS, Children's Mental Health	Jan 2015	
2) Make recommendations to ILP based on the review of the plans	EIC, Karli, Christie	Feb 2015	
3) Participate in the Infant Learning Program State Performance Plan and State Systemic Improvement Plan	Laurie Thomas, Karli, Christie	Ongoing 2014-15	

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4) Participate in the ILP Directors Conference	ILP Directors, Karli, Christie	Oct 2014	
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**6.1.6 Research inclusive childcare opportunities state wide.**

Childcare Short Term Goal Activities	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1) Research number, scope and barriers to childcare opportunities for children infants and toddlers with disabilities	thread, Christie	Nov 2014	
2) Research disability specific trainings for childcare providers statewide	thread, Christie	Dec 2014	
3) Make recommendations to thread on improvement of childcare opportunities for infants and toddlers	EIC, Karli, Christie	Feb 2015	

**6.1.7 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska's Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.**

ICC Goal Activities	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1) Work with ILP and AILPA to identify gaps and barriers in the EI/ILP financial/funding system	EIC, AILPA, ILP	Ongoing	
2) Look at development of financial guidelines, including funding for a Medicaid/insurance handbook or guide	EIC, AILPA, ILP, Mental Health Trust	Jan 2015	
3) Look at development of financial technical assistance tools; one on one, training modules, mentoring	EIC, AILPA, ILP	Feb 2015	
4) Participate in the Council FASD Workgroup to expand DD eligibility and services to infants and toddlers with an FASD	Christie, Susan	Monthly	

ICC Goal Activities	Who	Target Date	Completed?
Provide comment on ILP state/federal regulations	EIC committee, Karli, Christie	As needed	

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Provide comment on ILP state/federal policies and procedures	EIC committee, Karli, Christie	As needed	
ILP Annual Report to Governor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review, comment, sign and forward report to Governor</li> </ul>	Christie, Karli, EIC committee	March 2015	
Recruit parents to become members of the Council and the Early Intervention Committee.	Karli, EIC	Ongoing	
Participate in planning of Parent Conference and advocate for training for parents of young children and infants with disabilities.	Christie, Stone Soup Group, LFAC, ACRF	Oct 2014	
Post best practice information, trainings and articles on the Early Childhood Special Education listserv.	Christie, EIC members	Ongoing	
Participate on the leadership team for the Alaska Pyramid Project, which is Technical Assistance Center for implementing the pyramid model to address the social and emotional needs of children under the age of 5.	Laurie, Christie, Meghan	Quarterly	
Continue membership in EHDI	Christie, Mandy, Beth	Ongoing	
Continue membership in DEB	Christie, Mandy, Laurie, Dean	Ongoing	
Participate in the Infant Learning Program Coordinators conference.	Christie, Karli, Laurie, various EIC members	October 2014	

# ASPEN

Alaska Safety Planning  
Empowerment Network



# Statewide Committee

Lanny Mommsen, Project Director

## GCDSE

## CHD

Christine King  
Karen Heath  
Roxy Lamar



## ANDVSA

Ariel Herman

## AMHB/ABADA

Teri Tibbett

## SILC

Heidi Frost

# Focus Community Committee

- DD Agency
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Shelter
- Independent Living Center
- Tribal Organization
- Mental/Behavioral Health Agency

# Activities Since April – FY14 Community

- Strategic Plan was implemented
- ASPEN Satisfaction survey completed
- All contracts closed out

# Activities Since April – FY15 Community

- Trip to FY15 community and ASPEN presentation
- Obtained commitment from 4 agencies
- Contracts have been sent out
- Scheduling focus groups in October

# Upcoming Activities

- ASPEN retreat for partners
- Interviews of staff members
- Policy and procedure review
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Office of Violence Against Women grant

# Work Plan

- Goal:2.1, Objective: 2.1.6
- Implemented ASPEN in FY15 focus community
- Selected FY15 focus community



# Health and Disability Program Committee

## **Steering Committee:**

Lanny Mommsen

Amanda Cooper

Rain Van Den Berg

Kris Green

Marcy Rein



# Current Partners

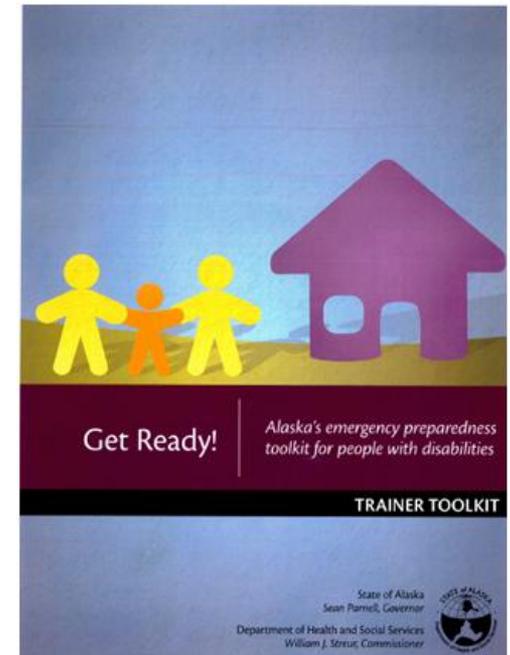
- Hope Discover Health
- Northwest ADA Center
- SILC
- Chronic Disease Collaborative
- EP Workgroup
- Access AK
- Red Cross
- Special Olympics
- Peer Power
- GCDSE
- Tobacco Advisory Group- ANTHC

# Committee Members

- Kathy Allely, CDHP
- Rick Benjamin, HOPE
- Lori Campbell, HS
- Merry Carlson, EP
- Heidi Frost, SILC
- Christine King, CHD
- Margaret Kossler, Family Advocate
- Ric Nelson, Self-Advocate
- Tim Slade, ARC
- Julia Thorsness, WCFH
- Stephanie Wrightsman-Birch, WCFH

# Activities Since April

- Strategic Plan Summit
- SKIP Kits
- Get Ready! Toolkit



# Activities Since April

- CDC site visit to Barrow
- Presentations/trainings
- Conferences/fairs

# Work Plan

- Objective 8.1.3
  - Trainings- Preventive health care
- Objective 8.1.4
  - Trainings- Emergency Preparedness

# Health Committee Work Plan for 2014-2015

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## Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

**8.1 Health Committee Long Term Goal** - Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve health and wellbeing for people with disabilities.

8.1.1 Increase by 2% the number of individuals with disabilities who receive preventative health care

8.1.2 Provide training for individuals with disabilities and their direct care professionals about receiving preventative health care

8.1.3 Provide training to individuals experiencing disabilities, their direct care professionals and emergency responders regarding emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities

**8.1.1 Increase by 2% the number of individuals with disabilities who receive preventative health care**

Activity	Who	Target Date	Completed
1) Monthly meetings of statewide advisory Health and Disability Committee	Alaska Health and Disability Program(AHDP)	Monthly	
2) Develop standardized, cross-State indicators to measure health and wellness among individuals experiencing disability	Center for Human Development (CHD); AHDP	November 2014	yes

**8.1.2 Provide training for individuals with disabilities and their direct care professionals about receiving preventative health care**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Increase number of mammograms and pap smears for women with disabilities through coalition effort	State of Alaska: Women, Children and Family Health (WCFH); Breast and Cervical Health Check; AHDP	June 2015	
2) Participate in Tobacco Cessation efforts through augmentation of Quit Line training to include training on working with individuals with disabilities and amend Quit Line materials to be more inclusive and accessible.	WCFH; State of Alaska: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, AHDP	June 2015	
3) Increase physical activity and decrease obesity in people with disabilities through adaptive PE workshops in schools and expand Discover Health programs to more locations statewide	HOPE, Pam Skogstad, AHDP	June 2015	

**8.1.3 Provide training to individuals experiencing disabilities, their direct care professionals and emergency responders regarding emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1) Disseminate 15,000 copies of the "Get Ready! Tool Kit"	WCFH; State of Alaska: Emergency Programs, AHDP	June 2015	
2) Develop topical presentations and present at	WCFH, CHD, AHDP	June 2015	

conferences, health fairs, expos, etc.			
3) Provide Emergency Preparedness training to social service agencies and Trust beneficiaries	WCFH, CHD, AHDP	June 2015	

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# Peer Power

**October 2014**

**Presentation by Ric Nelson, President**



# Board of Directors

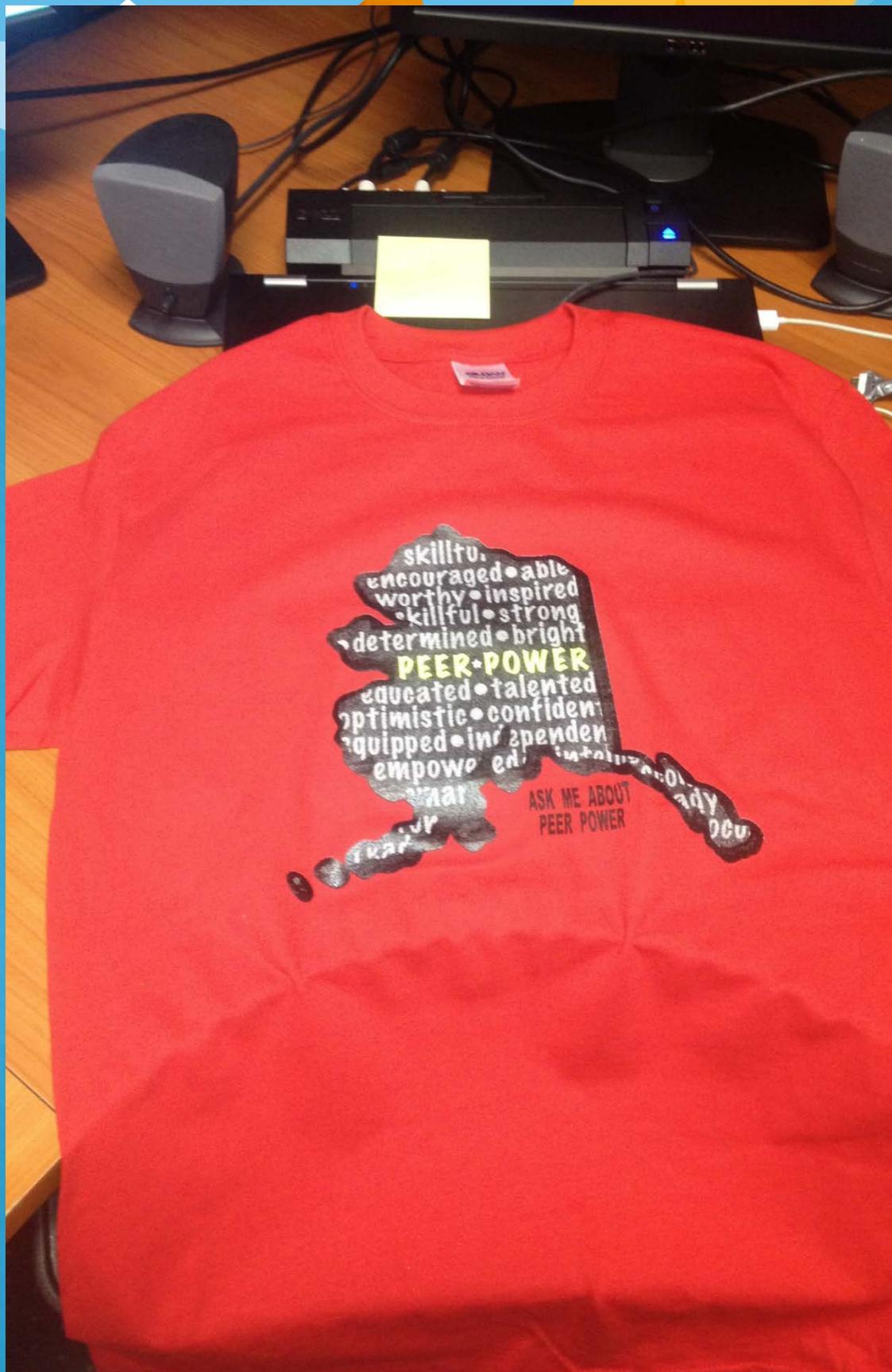
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Kaleene Lamb – Interior Rep



**New T-shirts  
are in!**

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## **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

# Peer Power Work Plan for FY15

## Updated September 17, 2014

### Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

#### Objective

1.1.1 Provide ongoing support to Peer Power, a statewide self-advocacy organization

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Support self-advocates to begin re-establishing a self-advocacy organization	Peer Power		Completed
2. Assist the self-advocacy organization to meet regularly, gather new members, and locate ongoing funding	Peer Power		Ongoing
3. Assist the self-advocacy organization to create and implement a strategic plan and website	Peer Power		Ongoing
4. Assist the self-advocacy organization to implement work plan and locate funding for a statewide conference	Peer Power	Spring 2015	Ongoing
5. Assist the self-advocacy organization to hold a statewide conference	Peer Power		Ongoing
6. Identify at least one opportunity annually for self-advocates who are leaders to provide leadership training to other self-advocates who may become leaders	Peer Power		Ongoing

7. Support at least one self-advocate to participate in a cross disability or culturally diverse leadership coalition	Peer Power		Ongoing
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**Objective**

**5.1.2** Increase employment of youth with disabilities in transition from school to adult life

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Conduct 3 presentations for youth on employment topics	Peer Power	June 2015	Completed

October 1, 2014

# Legislative Committee Report

# Members

- Dean Gates, Chair
  - Ric Nelson
  - Terese Kashi
  - Banarsi Lal
  - Rep. Charisse Millett
  - Art Delaune
  - Heidi Haas
  - Christine King
  - Alex Gimarc
  - Steve Lesko
  - Anthony Cravalho
- Staff*
- Patrick Reinhart

# Important Activities Since May

On a state level.....



- Employment First Bill (HB 211) signed into law
- Restraint and Seclusion Bill (HB 210) signed into law
- Education Bill, HB 278, signed into law
  - End of the HSGQE!!
  - Retroactive diplomas for all those students who did not pass HSGQE, but finished their high school grad requirements

# Important Activities Since May

On a federal level...



- Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act signed (WIOA) into law
- Autism CARES act signed into law
- Budget restored to pre-sequestration levels
- ABLE Act on the move
- Disability Treaty (CRPD) almost there

# Next Steps

- Follow legislation important to Council
- Conduct “Midwest Academy” on *Housing*
- Key Campaign planning and participation
- Collaboration with Alaska Mobility Coalition
- Collaboration with Trust Advocacy Coordinator
- Keep council/citizens/legislators informed and engaged