



Employment & Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Report

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Employment Accomplishments



- Employment First Implementation Progress
- Project SEARCH Alaska Sites – National Praise
- Discovery Class Pilot Under Development
- CinemAbility Event Organized
- Alaska Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP) Training Under Development
- Diversity Job Fair & OFCCP Workshop for Federal Contractors – New Annual Collaboration

Transportation Accomplishments



- Continued support to increase funding to develop public transportation infrastructure
- Continued advocacy for transportation changes in Medicaid and waiver regulations/policies
- Continued collaboration with the Alaska Mobility Coalition
- Developed contacts with TSA through Wings for Autism events

5-Year Plan Review: Employment Goals & Objectives

- **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
- **5.1.1 Implement Employment First Act**
- **5.1.2 Enhance transition**

5-Year Plan Review: Employment Goals & Objectives

- **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
- **5.1.3 Increase provider employment training**
- **5.1.4 Enhance supported employment services**

5-Year Plan Review: Employment Goals & Objectives

- **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
 - **5.1.5 Increase Provisional Hires**
 - **5.1.6 Increased employment numbers by 2016**
 - **5.1.7 Increase self-employment opportunities**

5-Year Plan Review: Transportation Goals & Objectives

- **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**
 - **4.1.2 Statewide accessible taxi advocacy**
 - **4.1.3 Establish statewide accessible transportation**

E&T Committee - Employment FY 16 Priority Recommendations

● 5.1.1 Implement Employment First Act

- *Meet with Employment First Leaders designated by Department Commissioners (DEED, DHSS, & DOLWD)*

● 5.1.2 Enhance transition

- *Support Discovery Class Pilot sites in curriculum development, teacher & para professional training, class startup (Spring 2016), and post class outcome data analysis.*

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● 5.1.3 Increase employment provider employment training

- *Explore funding options for provider training such as, draw down of federal Medicaid money as well as potential WIOA and IDEA funds.*
- *Partner with the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance project (CHD) to oversee the integration of the newly developed 2-Tier system of benefits planning for Alaska into the state system.*

● 5.1.4 Enhance supported employment services

- *Provide feedback to DSDS regarding transition plan implementation with respect to supported employment services in integrated and competitive settings.*

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● 5.1.6 Increased employment numbers by 2016

- *Collaborate with DOL on the annual Diversity Job Fair as well as federal contractor workshops and state agency networking events.*

● 5.1.7 Increase microenterprise self-employment

- *Hold at least two open house events per year with specific marketing to the DD community.*
- *Hold at least one informational webinar with rural DD communities as the target attendees*

E&T Committee - Transportation FY 16 Priority Recommendations

● 4.1.1 Monitor transportation changes

- *Provide feedback to DSDS regarding transition plan implementation with respect to integrated settings, ensuring that current services that include transportation are being fully utilized*

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

- *Monitor Anchorage taxi response rate for accessible cabs*

● 4.1.3 Establish statewide accessible transportation

- *Hold a transportation community conversation with transportation panel (TSA, taxi, & public transportation)*
- *Develop, disseminate and analyze a transportation survey for individuals with disabilities to determine transportation gaps and needs with respect to employment*

Discussion and Selection of FY16 Priorities

