

Employment & Transportation Committee Report

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Governor's Council Meeting
Lucy Odden, Chair



Committee Members:



- **Lucy Odden (Chair)**
- DVR Seat
- Alexis Henning
- Dave Fleurant
- Amy Simpson

Public Members:

- Erin Atwood
- Casey Anderson (AMC)

Staff:

- Patrick Reinhart
- Rich Sanders
- Kristin Vandagriff
- Ric Nelson

Work Plan Progress - Employment:

- 5.1.1 Oversee implementation of the Employment First Act



- 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

Work Plan Progress - Employment:

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



Work Plan Progress - Employment:

- 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



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

Work Plan Progress - Transportation

- 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



Upcoming Activities:

- Employment First Implementation
- **OCTOBER** is National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- **Business Employment Services Team (BEST)** Employer Events
 - February Job Fair and federal contractor training
- Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative (AIEI) Advisory Meeting
- Peer Employment Conference
- Discovery teacher training – Discovery Class Pilots
- Certificate in Employment Services Training



Upcoming Activities:

- Project SEARCH Expansion
- Financial Work Incentive Navigator Training
- Disability Benefits 101 – Alaska Calculator
- Transition Handbook
- Transition Fair – Winter 2016
- Transportation community conversation/panel
- AK ABLE Act advocacy – HB 188

