

# Employment:

GOAL: *Alaskans with disabilities and their families will receive the necessary employment services and supports needed to become competitively employed in an integrated setting.*

## Objectives:

1. Oversee implementation of the Employment First Act.
2. Advocate for Alaska ABLE Act legislation (upon passage, oversee implementation).
3. Increase employment of youth with disabilities in transition from school to adult life.
4. Work with partners to develop and implement a plan to double the number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are employed by December 2021
  - a. Work with the Center for Human Development, the Trust and other partners to increase provider capacity for employment services and supports
  - b. Advocate for changes in the State's I/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Medicaid around supported employment services
  - c. 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)
  - d. Advocate for more accessible transportation options for individuals with disabilities in Alaska
5. Increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become self-employed using the microenterprise program.
6. Coordinate and advocate for Alaskans with disabilities to obtain accessible transportation across the state.
7. By the end of each fiscal year increase housing options for persons with disabilities so they can live as independently as possible in the community of their choice.