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New ACL Grant:



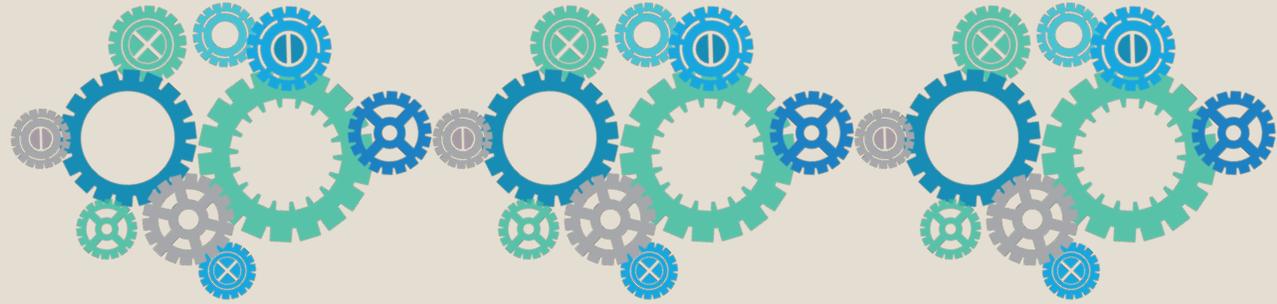
- **5 Year Federal Grant Awarded to the Council**
 - \$392,000 per year
- **Develop and coordinate model approaches:**
 - Community monitoring
 - Community capacity building,
 - To enhance the independence, integration, safety, health, and well-being of individuals living in the community
- **Targets three different interrelated groups:**
 - Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and their Families/Guardians
 - Service providers
 - Policy makers

Overarching Goal:

The overarching **goal** of this project is to **increase the community integration, health, safety, independence, and well-being of individuals with developmental disabilities through realization of our DD vision:**



Objectives:



1. Enhance the **health and safety** of individuals who experience developmental disabilities by increasing their **independence, self-determination, community integration, employment, and participation**.
2. Strengthen the knowledge and skills of direct support professionals to use evidenced-based and/or promising practices related to **culturally and linguistically person-centered thinking** and **supported decision-making** which may improve workforce stability, retention, and advancement.
3. Strengthen and **elevate the leadership roles that self-advocacy organizations**, Centers for Independent Living and other peer support networks, working together with families and others, play in improving and assuring the quality of home and community based services.
4. Enhance the effectiveness and coordination of efforts by the state, the DD Act network and others to **implement the HCBS settings rule** and **address rights violations** in the HCBS service delivery system for people with DDs.

Grant Partners:



Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education (lead)

and:

Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD)

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust)

Disability Law Center of Alaska (DLC)

Peer Power, Inc.

Key Coalition of Alaska

State of Alaska Senior & Disability Services (SDS)

Southeast Alaska Independent Living Center (SAIL)

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Human Development,

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As well as the **Alaska DD Systems Collaborative**

Work-to-date:



- 3 Project Management Team Meetings Held
- SDS Health Program Manager II (paid for by grant)
 - Position description approved
 - Beginning hiring process soon
- Professional Services Agreements and Reimbursable Service Agreement with partners in place
- 1 meeting with the feds and 4 other state grant teams

Work-to-date:

- **Small working groups have formed around:**

- Evaluation
- Environmental Modification (EMOD)/HomeMap Assessment
- Employment First
- Challenging Behaviors
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Integrated Settings Transition
- Direct Service Professional/Provider (Person-Centered)
- Plan of Care
- Community Relationship Building (building natural supports)
- Self-Advocacy
- Supported Decision making Agreements (SDMA)



Expected Outcomes:

- HomeMAP technology/home assessment process
- Improved strategies for plan of care goals around health, safety (including abuse and neglect), and employment
- Person-centered emergency plans
- Direct Service Professional (DSP) code of ethics with accompany trainings on person-centeredness and cultural and linguistic competencies
- Supported decision making options



Expected Outcomes:



- Process for effective HCBS settings final rule implementation
- Strategic Alaska Developmental Disabilities Vision Plan
- Enhanced Adult Protective Services critical incident reports referral process
- Collaborative complex behavior committee
- New direct support professional provider type called “Community Engagement Facilitators”
 - To name a few...

Questions?

