



Employment & Transportation

Update February 2019

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Recent Activities:



- Supporting Project SEARCH sites in Alaska
 - Juneau started its Project SEARCH site with 8 students this past Fall
 - The students have begun their 2nd rotation
 - Anchorage had their meet and greet to introduce the interns to employers

- ▶ Employment First Reporting complete for all departments
 - ▶ Department of Health & Social Services
 - ▶ Department of Labor & Workforce Development
 - ▶ Department of Education & Early Development

Recent Activities:



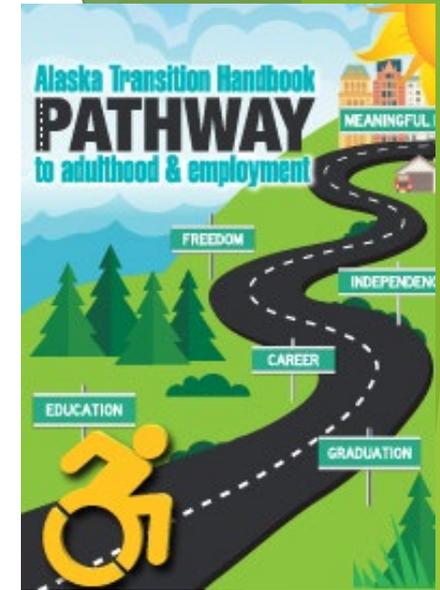
- ▶ Met with a team from the NGA and CSG
- ▶ Working with State Exchange on Employment & Disability
- ▶ Recommended employment goals for Alaska

Recent Activities

- ▶ Resulted in four employment recommendations to the Governor:
 - ▶ Enhance State as a Model Employer efforts in state government
 - ▶ Enhance apprenticeship opportunities for Alaskans with disabilities
 - ▶ Initiate an Employment First Taskforce or Commission
 - Called “Alaska Work Matters”
 - ▶ Enhance Alaska’s re-entry process and system to make employment/work experience an area of stronger focus

Upcoming Activities:

- ❖ Transition Handbook Outreach 2018-2019
 - Postcards and flyers
 - electronic toolkit – coming soon!
- ❖ AK ABLE outreach
- ❖ AK Disability Benefits 101 outreach
- ❖ Site visit TAAK Project SEARCH Sites
 - February 11-15, 2019 with National Project SEARCH Co-Director
- ❖ Explore Employment Summit with the Trust
- ❖ Employment First Job Fair – March 29, 2019



Questions?



What can
YOU do?