

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**DAVID KOHLER, CHAIR
ANNE APPELGATE, STAFF**

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

COMMITTEE ATTENDEES AND MEMBERS

Shawn Bernard

Patrick Pillai

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich

Alex Fogarty

Molly McManamin

Don Enoch

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Rodreshia Dunbar

Karen Jenkins

Michael Pretz

Sally Stockhausen

Kathy Gustafson

Kathryn Rose

Ernie Manzie

Fred Villa

Chad Hansen

Kelly Manning

Courtney Westmann

Heidi Lieb-Williams

Clayton Holland

Elizabeth Joseph

Joshua Gill

ONGOING PROJECTS/UPDATES

- Authentic Planning for Transitions to Adulthood in Rural Alaska
- Educating Special Education Administrators and Teachers
- Inclusive Practice Award/Paraeducator of the Year Award
- Supported Decision-Making Agreements Guide
- Early Childhood Work Group: Suspension, Expulsion, Restraint & Seclusion, and Schoolwide Behavior Support

RURAL TRANSITIONS

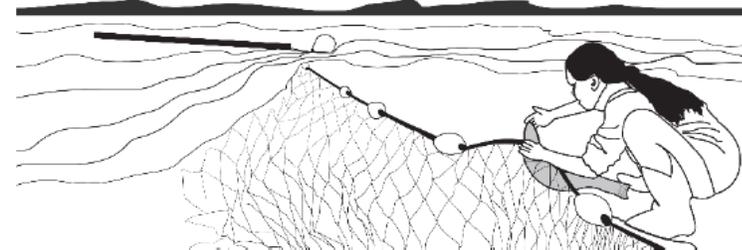
- EPICS Conference (National Native American Special Education Conference)
 - Partnered with CHD specialist Rain Van Den Berg
 - 70 attendees in the two-part session
 - provided curriculum, Transition Handbook

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UAA Center for Human Development
2019

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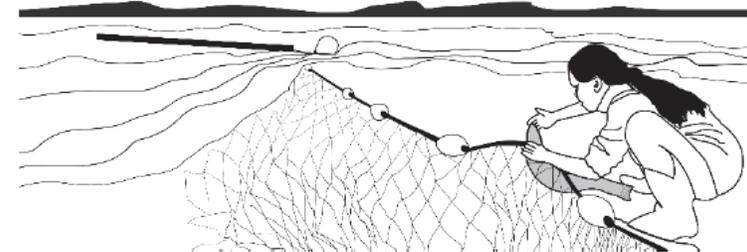
- Electronic repositories for curriculum
 - SESA
 - Dillingham City School District
- Planning for next two units:
 - Winter Survival/Outdoor Skills
 - Self-Employment/Creative Industries

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Added new Education Committee member
 - Special Education professor from UAS; SEAP membership maintenance
 - Still need two parents/people with disability, and charter school representative
- SESA Reauthorization Tabled; but we are ready!
- DD Awareness Month in Schools
- SEAP: Training members; upcoming report on draft Annual Progress Reporting
 - Not received transmittal of information required by 34 CFR Sec. 300.512-.514
 - DEED obligated to transmit findings and decisions to SEAP

RESTRAINT & SECLUSION

- Engaged DD ACT partner Disability Law Center; public records request for Anchorage School District's count of incidents for two high-number disability categories
- The numbers changed the previous trending data picture significantly
- Also: incident reporting from ASD for 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Requesting the information from DEED for the rest of the state for 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Obstacle: Education staff to enter the new data into the spreadsheets, convene task force

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

SB 6: Public preschools

SB 136: State-Tribal Compacts

HB 124: Limited Teaching Certificates

HB 181: Mental Health Education in Schools

HB 29: Insurance Coverage for Telehealth

HB 194: Consolidation of Districts

HB 196: APS Maximum Award

REPRESENTING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

- Leadership Council for Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)
- State Board of Education and Early Development (BOEED)
- Special Education Services Agency (SESA) Board
- Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DEB)



QUESTIONS?