



LIVING WELL ON THE LAST FRONTIER

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New ACL Grant:

- **5 Year Federal Grant Awarded to the**

- \$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



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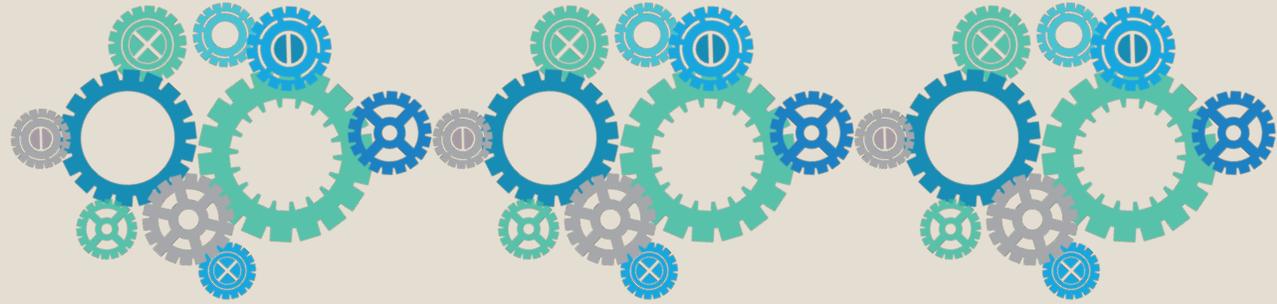
- **Targets three different interrelated groups:**
 - Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and their Families/Guardians
 - Service providers
 - Policy makers

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:**

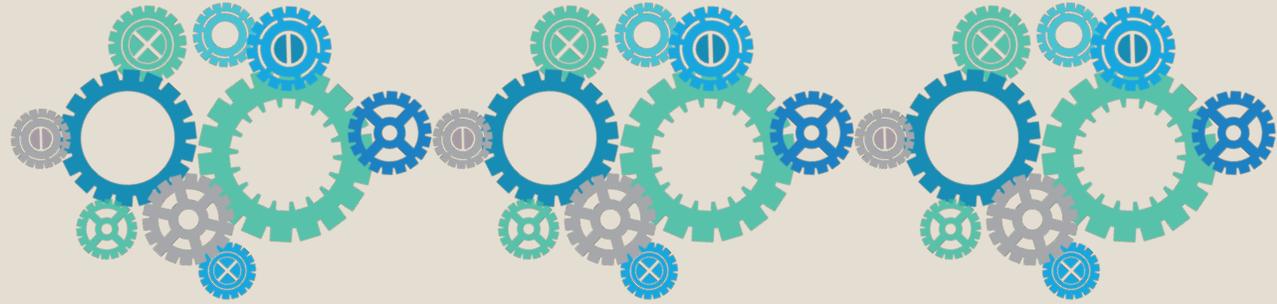


Objectives:



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.

Objectives:



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:



- Project Management Team meetings held
- Professional Services Agreements and Reimbursable Service Agreement with partners in place
- Meetings with ACL, 4 other state grant teams, Lewin, & Mission Analytics, including Annual Meeting attendance

Work-to-date:



- **Small working groups continue to meet:**

- Evaluation
- Environmental Modification (EMOD)/HomeMap Assessment
- Employment First
- Challenging Behaviors
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Integrated Settings Transition

Work-to-date:



- **Small working groups continue to meet:**

- Direct Service Professional/Provider (Person-Centered)
- Plan of Care
- Community Relationship Building (building natural supports)
- Self-Advocacy
- Supported Decision making Agreements (SDMA)

Work-to-date:



- Trainings Developed:
 - Cultural and Linguistic Competency (CHD)
 - Person-Centered (bringing DD Shared Vision Alignment - CHD)
 - Self-Direction webinars GCDSE with DLC
 - Advocacy webinars connecting to the DD Shared Vision (GCDSE with partners)
 - HomeMAP trainings (SAIL with DSDS)
 - *Coming soon* Plan of Care and the DD Shared Vision
 - Employment as well as health/safety goal examples in addition to person centered emergency plans

Most trainings are co-instructed by individuals with disabilities

Work-to-date:



- 11 SDMAs in Alaska
- SDMA Agency Guide
 - Widely disseminated across the state and nation
- SDMA Guide for IEP Teams
 - Guide development group created with guide in process
- SDMA Communication pilot
 - Arc of Anchorage and Adult Protective Services
- SDMA website additional content added

Work-to-date:



- Self-Advocacy Summit support
- DD Shared Vision Alignment survey (self-advocate focused)
- DD Shared Vision website creation (hosted by GCDSE)
- Employment Conference planning support and high level policy forum facilitation
- NCI survey question additions
- Community Relationship Builder pilot launched
- DD Shared Vision included in the revised Transition Handbook

Questions?

