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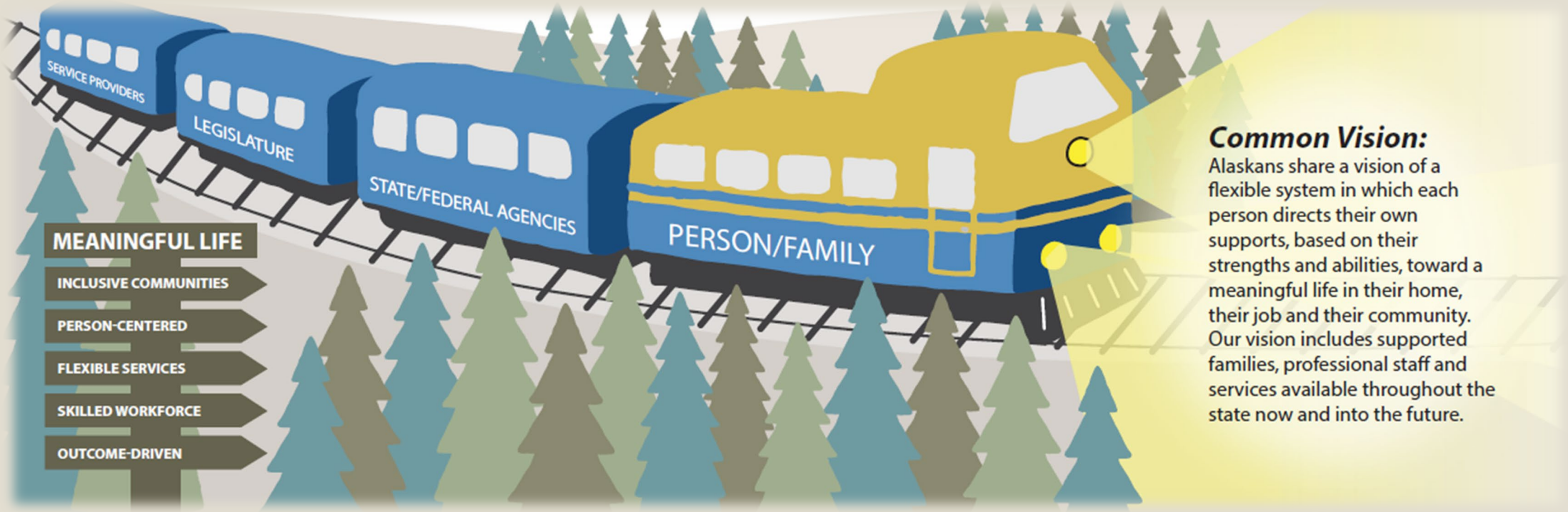
New ACL Grant:

- **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:***



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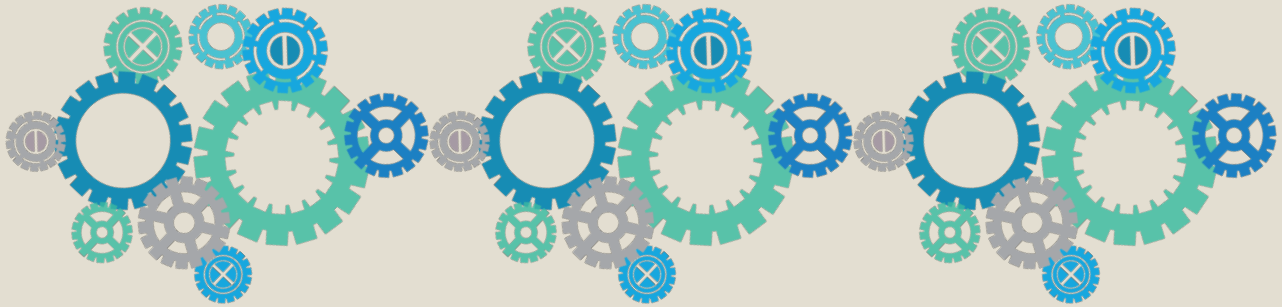

1. Enhance the **health and safety** of individuals who experience developmental disabilities by increasing their **independence, self-determination, community integration, employment**, and **participation**.
2. Strengthen the knowledge and skills of direct support professionals to use evidenced-based and/or promising practices related to **culturally and linguistically person-centered thinking** and **supported decision-making** which may improve workforce stability, retention, and advancement.

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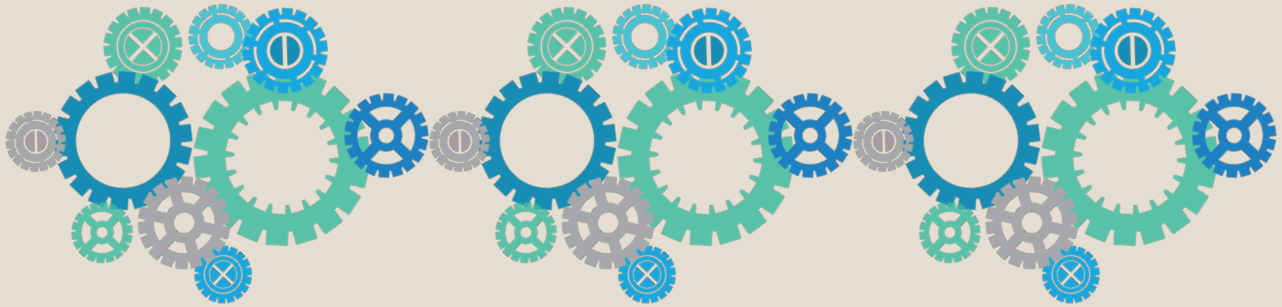

3. Strengthen and **elevate the leadership roles that self-advocacy organizations**, Centers for Independent Living and other peer support networks, working together with families and others, play in improving and assuring the quality of home and community based services.
4. Enhance the effectiveness 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 with renewals
- Meetings with ACL, 4 other state grant teams, Lewin, & Mission Analytics, including Annual Meeting attendance
- Annual meeting June 2020 (virtual attendance)

Work-to-date:

- **<u>Small working groups continue to meet:</u>**
  - Evaluation
  - Environmental Modification (EMOD)/HomeMap Assessment
  - Employment First
  - Challenging Behaviors
  - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Integrated Settings Transition

Work-to-date:

- **<u>Small working groups continue to meet:</u>**
  - Direct Service Professional/Provider (Person-Centered)
  - Plan of Care
  - Community Relationship Building (building natural supports)
  - Self-Advocacy
  - Supported Decision making Agreements (SDMA)

Recent Activities:

- COVID19 AK resource toolkit webinars
- Self-advocacy leadership resource guide
- Plan of Care webinars
- EMOD surveys conducted
- DD Vision Survey launching soon for Year 2 results
- Person-Centered Trainings
- Employment Taskforce Efforts
- Virtual Self-Advocacy Summit
- Self-advocacy webinars
- DD Vision Town Halls and Self Advocacy Empower Hour
- Retooling some areas due to the pandemic

Questions?