

Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative

In 2013, as part of the Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative, two surveys were developed and administered. Twenty youth and fifty-five parents completed the survey.

Top three most important life events for youth

Youth



1. Having good friends
2. Having health insurance
3. Having a job in a career that they like

Parents



1. Completing high school or a transition program
2. Having a job in a career that they like
3. Having health insurance

Parents' employment goals for youth



- Career discovery
- Job training/vocational rehabilitation
- Further education
- Meaningful and enjoyable employment
- Permanent job with benefits
- Access to supported employment
- Career

Individualized Education Program

The top three most frequently occurring items related to the IEP

 Teachers treat youth in a warm and friendly way at IEP meetings

 Teachers encourage youth to attend IEP meetings

 IEP meetings are scheduled at times that are convenient for family to attend.

78% of youth respondents indicated they had attended an IEP meeting

56% of parent respondents indicated they had attended an IEP meeting

Important for preparing for adult life and/or completing highschool

Youth



1. Teachers respect their culture or family background
2. Teachers encourage them to take classes they want
3. Receive encouragement or help from friends

Parents



1. Encouragement or help from family
2. Learn skills to take care of themselves as much as possible
3. Learn skills to live as independently as possible in the community

In the past year...

Youth



1. Youth felt good about themselves
2. Youth were proud of how they looked
3. Youth were taught work skills that will lead to successful careers

Parents



1. Son/daughter felt comfortable speaking up for him/herself
2. Son/daughter was proud of how he/she looked
3. Son/daughter felt good about him/herself