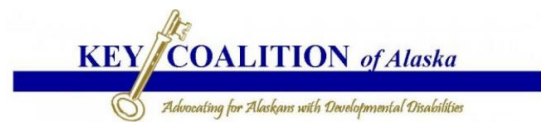


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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHARED VISION

Introduction:

- Over the past few years, Alaskans have come together to develop a Developmental Disabilities (DD) Shared Vision for Alaska. This has included individuals with disabilities, family members, service providers, state agency staff, and community members.

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- SB174, sponsored by Senator Peter Micciche, placed this Shared DD Vision's aspirational language within state statute.¹
- It provides the lens for how services are provided throughout the state, ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities will receive services that lead to meaningful person-directed lives.



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Making the Shared DD Vision a Reality:

An Alaska Developmental Disability Collaborative has been created to implement the DD Shared Vision and includes the following working groups:

- Person-Directed Culture Change
 - Call to Action Pledge developed ⁱⁱ
 - Self-Advocacy Toolkit
- Direct Support Professional Workforce Development
 - Creating a statewide direct support professional organization
- Community Awareness
 - 2nd Annual Disability Pride Awareness Day (July 20 across the state)
- Resource Development
 - Welcome video on DD Vision impact
- Measuring Success
- Advocate Advisors



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The Council was successful in being awarded an Administration on Community Living **\$1.96 million dollar 5-year federal grant** to make the Shared DD Vision a reality.

New Shared DD Vision Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DDSharedVisionAlaska>

Shared DD Vision Webpage (Hosted by the Council) * Coming Soon*****

RECOMMENDATION:

We encourage you to support the Shared DD Vision in your home district by increasing awareness of Shared DD Vision events and resources with your constituents.

ⁱ SB 174: PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/30?Hsid=SB0174Z>

ⁱⁱ Call to Action Pledge: <https://files.constantcontact.com/7df514f5701/e1467575-026c-412d-98c9-1efcdfa981ec.pdf>

