



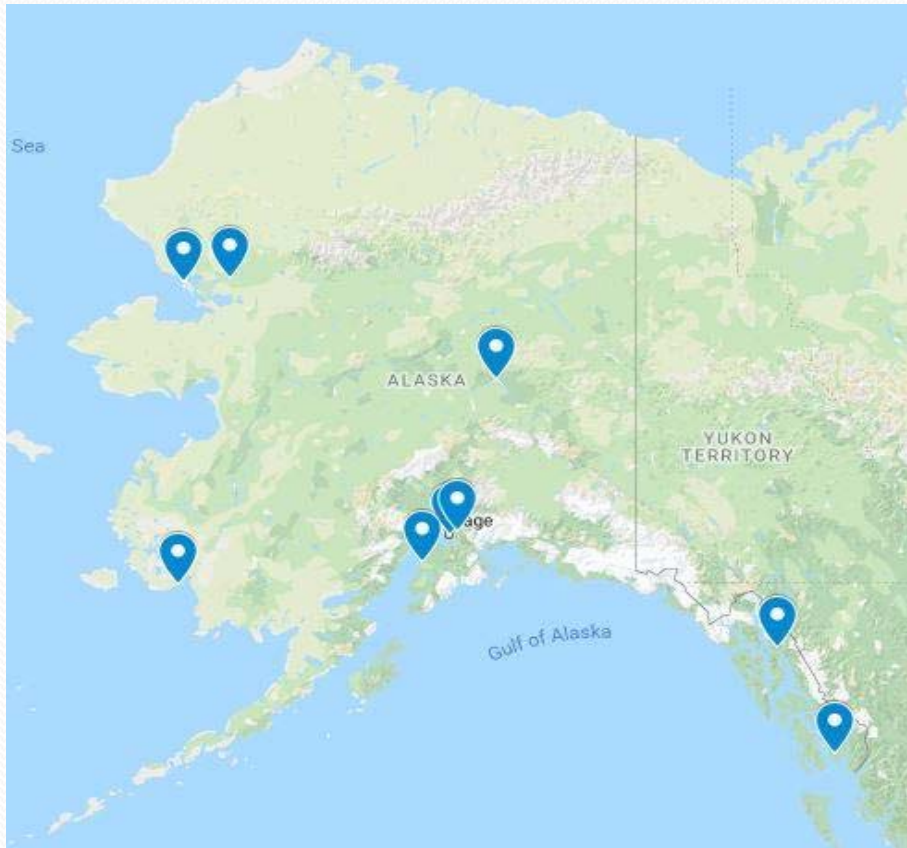
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES & SPECIAL EDUCATION

Trust Meeting Update

Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director

November 2018

Council Members:



- **Council member locations:**
 - Anchorage (13)
 - Fairbanks (3)
 - Kotzebue (1)
 - Kiana (1)
 - Juneau (3)
 - Ketchikan (1)
 - Eagle River (1)
 - Kenai (1)
 - Kongiganek (1)

Council News!

- Completely full Council right now!
- Latest addition is Margaret Evans, self advocate from Anchorage and former Chair of the SILC, member of the MOA Housing Commission and AMC Board member





Attendance:
Summit (Wednesday) = 100
Summit (Thursday) = 100 +
additional 30 for SDMA signing

60+ agencies/groups were
represented from across the
state

4th Annual Alaska Disability & Aging Summit

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALASKA
3200 Mountain View Dr.
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
SEPTEMBER 26—27, 2018



Keynote address by Kim Champney, M.S.W.

"I live the life I choose with the support I direct."

The work behind this simple statement is changing the lives of Alaskans with disabilities. Kim Champney is coordinating an effort posed to revolutionize the way people with disabilities engage with services. She has spent 20 years working for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, focusing the past 18 months on person-directed cultural transformation.



Self Advocacy Summit Results:

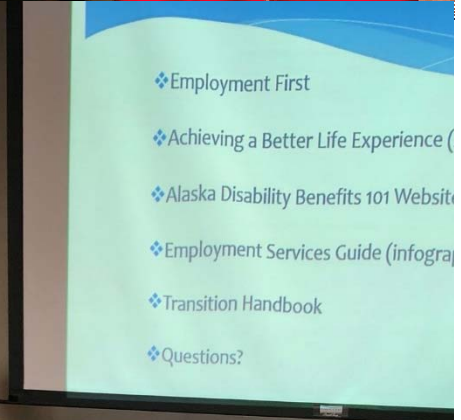


105 Total attendees:

- 65 Individuals with developmental disabilities--(29 last year)
- 40 Supports (family members, support staff—17 last year)
 - Arctic, Interior, Southcentral, and Southeast regions were represented

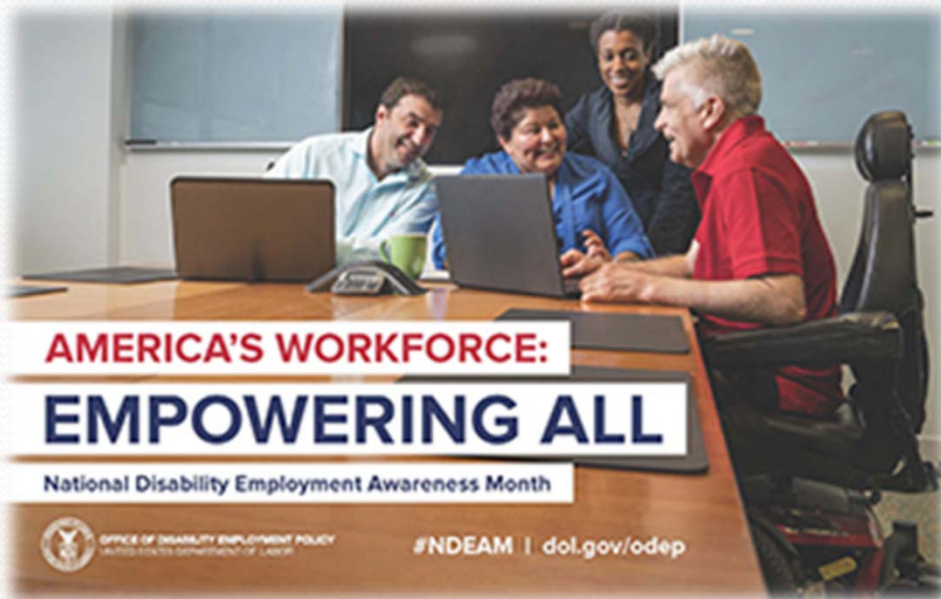
Outcomes:

- Pre/Post Survey Data = everyone gained knowledge from the summit



October was Disability Employment Awareness Month!

- The Council obtained a proclamation or Alaska from Governor Walker
- Thank you ad to employers



Bill Walker
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Alaska Employ People with Disabilities Week

October 12, 2018

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute recognizes the first week of October as Alaska Employ People with Disabilities Week to celebrate and foster the integration of Alaskans with disabilities into our state's workforce; and

WHEREAS, this observance, and associated activities throughout the state, underscore the value of the talent and value added to our workplace and to our communities by individuals with disabilities, and re-affirms the State of Alaska's commitment to all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, competitive and integrated employment provides individuals with a sense of pride, financial security, stable living conditions, access to better health management, and increased independence; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is an Employment First state, and our State agencies prioritize competitive and assimilated employment for Alaskans. The State is committed to being a model employer by attracting qualified individuals with disabilities to contribute their knowledge, skills, and abilities as public employees; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act is now Alaska State Law, empowering Alaskans with disabilities to pursue employment earnings and savings, while allowing them to still qualify for vital public benefits; and

WHEREAS, during the first week of October, the State of Alaska celebrates and recognizes the talents of individuals with disabilities in the workplace and promotes raising awareness about disability employment opportunities as well as challenges; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2018 as:

Alaska Employ People with Disabilities Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities and encourage employers to hire qualified Alaskans with disabilities, and to promote the essential message that individuals with disabilities are valuable members of Alaska's workforce.

New ACL Grant:



- **5 Year Federal Grant Awarded to the Council**
 - \$392,000 per year x 5 \$1.96 million
- **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:***





Grant Partners:

Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education (*Lead*)

Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD)

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) (*State corporation*)

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)

Center for Human Development, University of Alaska

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.
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.



■ Project SEARCH Expansion

- New Juneau Site (Bartlett Regional Hospital)
- 5 Sites Across Alaska!
 - Thanks to the Trust for start-up funding!



**National Governor's
Association
Employment Learning Lab**

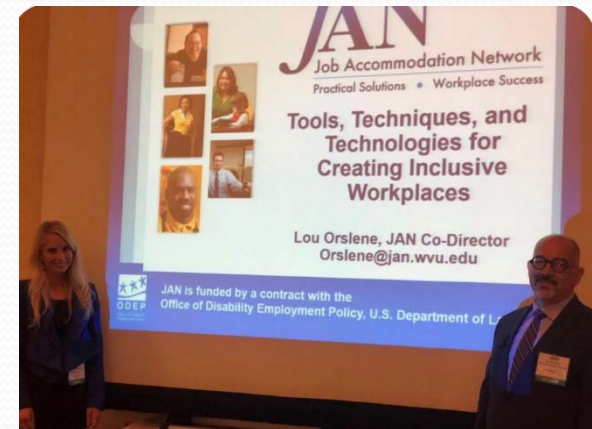
- Resulted in four employment recommendations to the Governor:
 1. Enhance State as a Model Employer efforts in state government – Centralized Accommodation Fund
 2. Enhance apprenticeship opportunities for Alaskans with disabilities
 3. Initiate an Employment First Taskforce or Commission
 - Called “Alaska Work Matters”
 4. Enhance Alaska’s re-entry process and system to make employment/work experience an area of stronger focus

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Job Accommodation Network

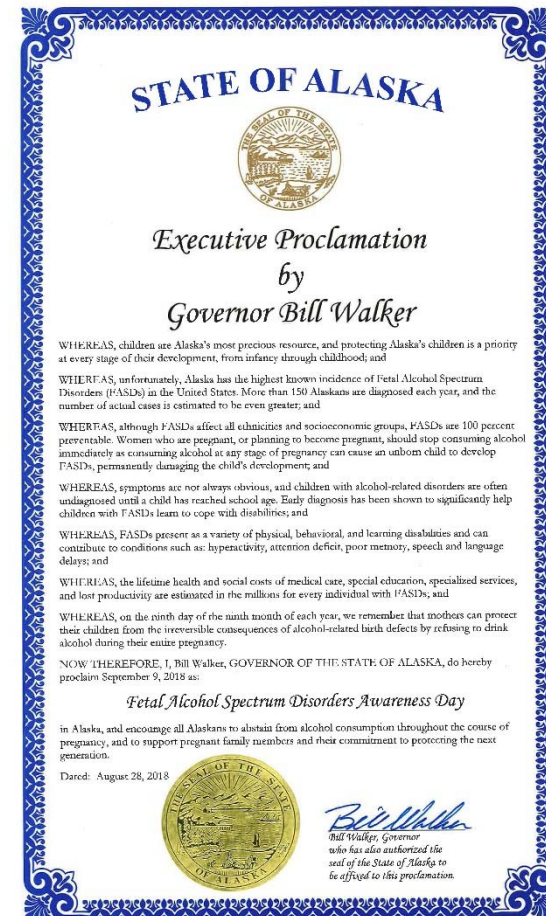
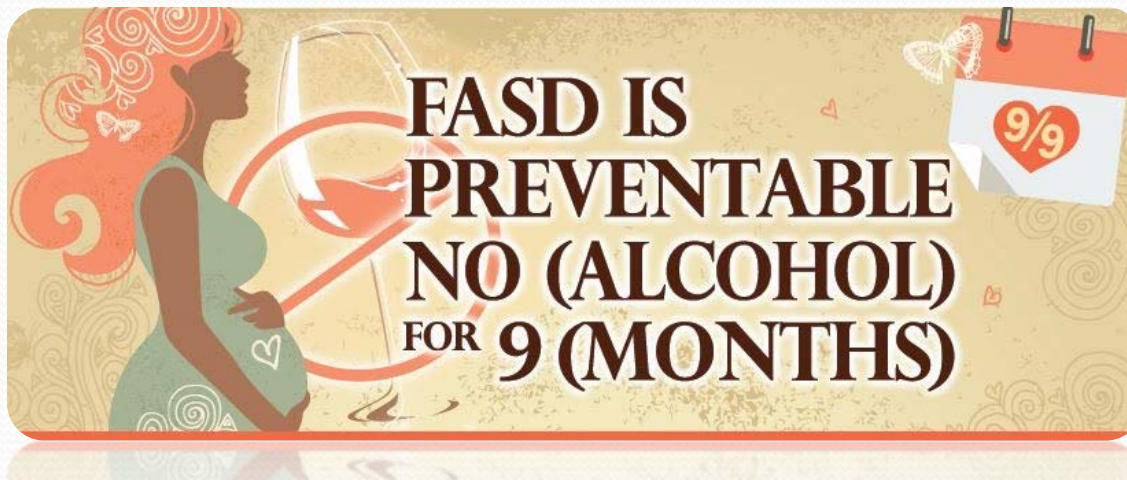
Practical Solutions • Workplace Success

- Keynote for hundreds of Alaska's top HR professionals
 - Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conf.
- Training for DVR staff
- Training for individuals with disabilities & families
- Training for DD service providers
- Business Employment Services Training for Employers



FASD Work Group Update:

- The FASD 5 year Strategic Plan work continues, focusing on the long term vision, values goals and priorities.
- FASD Awareness Month (September)
 - Social media campaign for FASD awareness month, lead by Council.
 - Council obtain a governor's proclamation for 9/9 as FASD Awareness Day



Early Intervention Committee:

- Universal Developmental Screening Task Force met June 5th (28 members)
- Small group work of partners continue to meet in the following areas:
 - Branding campaign for rural areas – “Look at me and where I’ll be!”
 - Ages and Stages (ASQ) addendum to Alaska Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual (CHAM)
 - ASQ conversation or data & establishing centralized tool for evaluating how many children were screened and would take out duplicative screenings.



Autism Ad Hoc Update:

- Discussion on services for transitioning youth and adults
- ECHO Charter Collaborative:
 - Participated in Autism ECHO (Autism, Family and ABA)
 - In June, CHD held a training to learn more about ECHO
 - Opioid ECHO is currently in the works with BH, and
 - Providence Hospital is preparing for a Prenatal ECHO next year.
- Explore ways to fund family navigation (Help Me Grow)
- Alaska has 4 Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Specialists!
- ABA regulations via Medicaid final and entities starting to bill





SDMA

Supported
Decision-Making
Agreement



SDMA Website Up:

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Supported Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA)



SDMA Links & Resources

- > Decision Makers, Supporters, and Family Guardians
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Supported Decision-Making Agreements are written agreements that give people the help they need to make choices about their lives. These choices could be about where to live, what to do during the day, how to spend money, or when to see a doctor.

If you have an agreement, supporters can help you find out what choices you have and help you learn more about the choices you have made. They can find ways for you to try out different choices, to see how you feel and which ones you like. If you want them to, supporters can remind you of important dates and come with you to meetings or appointments. — Read more about SDMA

 Service Providers and Care Coordinators

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Federal Issues



- ***EMPOWER Act (Money Follows the Person).***
- **Customized Employment Demonstration Project Bill**
- **S.3260 Disability Employment Incentive Act:**
- **S.817 ABLE Age Adjustment:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs from 26 to 46.
- **Medicaid**
- **DD Council (and other DD Network) funding**



Legislative Priorities:

- Funding for Waivers and other HCBS Services
 - Advocating for breakout of Waivers from rest of the Medicaid budget and advocate for money being spent in state vs. out of state.
- Funding for services who are “higher functioning” but still need help
- Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)
- 1115 Waiver – is there potential serve persons with FASD?
- Redefining and education around Service Animals

Questions:

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