



## Thank You for Supporting the Shared Developmental Disability Vision (SB174)

**Alaska's Developmental Disability Shared Vision** – *“Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.”*

*Dream Bigger*

*Person-Directed*

*Meaningful Lives*

The Council thanks the Alaska Legislature for passing SB174 in 2018, enshrining the Shared DD Vision's language within state statute, moving Alaska in a direction which will greatly improve the lives of people with disabilities by placing them in the driver's seat of their own life to live a meaningful life of their own choosing.

**We believe that this Shared DD Vision is the foundation for the Council's work; it is our compass.**

The Council asks that you help us spread the word about this exciting vision by:

- Posting DD Vision information and website link on your social media
- Including DD Vision information and website link on your website newsfeed
- Featuring DD Vision information and website link in your constituent newsletter
- Getting the word out via any other highly used communication avenues
  - Please let us know if you'd like DD Vision postcards for your office



Leaders of the DD Systems  
Collaborative

### Implementation:

- The Council administers an almost \$2 million dollar 5-year Projects of National Significance federal grant to implement the DD Shared Vision which is being viewed as a replication model nationally
- The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority funds Alaska DD Systems Collaborative efforts with stakeholders from across the system to implement the vision and is led by individuals with disabilities



For more information you can visit the Shared DD Vision website at:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Pages/ddsharedvision/aboutus.aspx>

Or visit Shared DD Vision on Facebook:

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

People across Alaska are embracing the Shared DD Vision, including: individuals with disabilities, family members, service providers, state agency staff, and community members. During the 2018 and 2019 Peer Power Self-Advocacy Summits, individuals with disabilities learned about the Shared DD Vision and were overwhelmed with excitement about the potential of living lives of meaning to them that they direct. The DD Shared Vision is about empowerment!

## Living the Vision: DD Vision Impact Stories



My name is Travis Noah. The developmental disability collaborative vision has impacted my life significantly. Three years ago I was very unsure about how to move forward with things that I wanted to do what could make my life better... When I was brought into the collaborative vision process it caused me to self-reflect on my life and how I wanted to live it. One thing led to another and now I am a Peer Advocate for people with needs of all different types for a living. I would not be where I am today if not for the DD collaborative vision project. It has allowed me to look at my life and see how I can move forward with living the life I want with the services that I direct.

My name is Garrett Dominick. I am a 23 year old Soldotna resident of Alaska. I have been receiving Medicaid services through the State of Alaska for 20 years. For years, I have been letting my support team decide what I want because I got tired of voicing my opinion about what I want for my goals and nothing being done. That all changed about 2 years ago when I found out about the Developmental Disabilities Shared Vision. The Shared Vision allowed me to take charge of my own goals that allow me to succeed as a support recipient. Since the DD Shared Vision has been in place, I've been able to grow and be more social. In the past two years, I've gotten my license, I purchased a truck, I have a new place, I'm in a relationship, and I am the Chief Marketing Officer of two successful businesses that help people on the IDD/AAPD/ALI waiver. On top of all this, I have been able to travel, which is what I've always wanted to do. I have worked with the organizer of the Shared Vision to promote and bring awareness to the State of Alaska for little over a year. I manage the Facebook page for the Shared Vision. I do want to end this saying, yes I do have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

