

# LIVING WELL ON THE LAST FRONTIER

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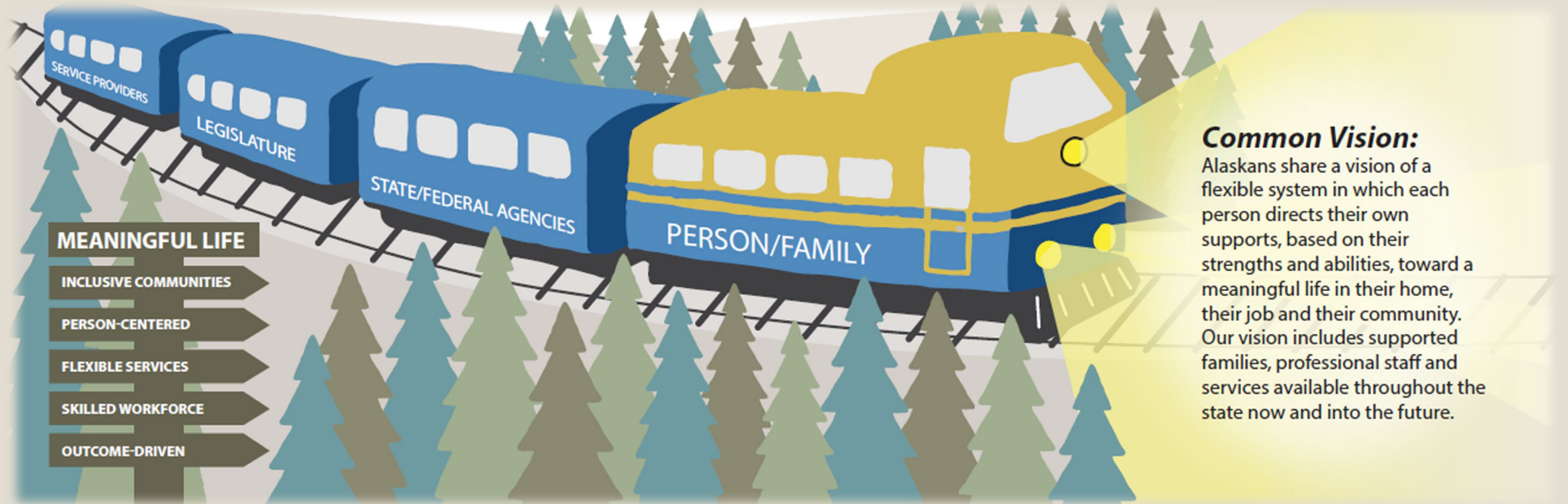
# New ACL Grant:

- **5 Year Federal Grant Awarded to the Council**
  - \$392,000 per year
  - Currently in Year 4
- **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:***



# 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.

# Objectives:

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)**

**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,**

**As well as the Alaska DD Systems Collaborative**

# Work-to-date:

- Project Management Team meetings held monthly
- Professional Services Agreements and Reimbursable Service Agreement with partners in place
- Meetings with ACL, other state grant teams, Lewin (external evaluators), & Mission Analytics (technical assistance)
- Advisory presentations to the Council (3 times a year) and at least annually to the DD Systems Collaborative

# Small Groups

- Evaluation
- EMOD / HomeMAP
- Employment First, Challenging Behaviors, and HCBS Integrated Settings
- CSP / Provider / Person-Centered, Community Relationship Building, and Plan of Care
- Self-Advocacy and SDMA



# Recent Activities:

- Alaska Work Matters Taskforce Efforts
- Review and revise work plan with partners
- Begin planning for Public Service Announcements (PSA)
- Weaving together the 5-Year Plan with Living Well Plan to develop upcoming activities
- GCDSE Website under development to include resources



## Save the Date

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peer Power Self Advocacy Summit

Postponed from September 24<sup>th</sup>-  
26<sup>th</sup> until April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>

Questions?

