

# Peer Power Update

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# The Relaunch of Empower Hour

- ▶ Peer Power will be taking over the Relaunch of Empower Hour.
- ▶ Self-Advocates will be leading each month
- ▶ Evening Meetings to be scheduled
- ▶ Social-Hour Group Meeting between individuals with IDD

# Self-Advocacy Training

- ▶ We had It on Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- ▶ We had around 30 Participants who joined in
- ▶ We talked individual Advocacy, System-Advocacy and Group Advocacy
- ▶ Highlighted upon life skills, events, and situations
- ▶ Quizzes upon topics of discussion were taken for Certification



# Upcoming Activities



NEW BUSINESS  
PLAN



INCREASE  
STAFFING



ANNUAL  
SUMMIT



TRAINING  
DEVELOPMENT

# The Alaska Advocacy and Leadership Opportunities Guide

## ALASKA ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Share your voice and perspective with your community!*

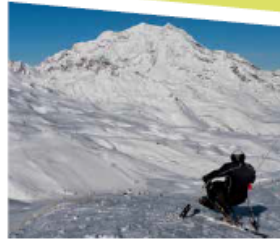
Self-Advocates have the opportunity to be involved in organizations that they love, by joining boards or becoming members of organizations. Some examples of Alaskan organizations that are related to advocacy or disability rights in Alaska, are listed below. If an organization you know of is not listed here, we encourage you to check with the organization to find out how you can become involved.

### DISABILITY-RELATED BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

#### CHALLENGE ALASKA

Improve the lives of people with disabilities, their families and the whole community through adaptive sports, therapeutic recreation, and education. They reach individuals in Anchorage, the Mat-Su, and the Kenai Peninsula.

- [www.challengealaska.org](http://www.challengealaska.org)
- [www.facebook.com/challengealaska/](https://www.facebook.com/challengealaska/)



#### PEER POWER

This organization's purpose is to help Self-Advocates become empowered. The organization is Self-Advocate led, and connects people from all over Alaska.

- [peerpower907.wixsite.com/peer-power](http://peerpower907.wixsite.com/peer-power)
- [www.facebook.com/PeerPower907/](https://www.facebook.com/PeerPower907/)



#### KEY COALITION

A grassroots organization that helps people with developmental disabilities become educated and empowered, through policy change and access to policy makers. Their mission is to promote the dignity, status, and equality of Alaskans from around the state who experience disabilities as valued, contributing participants in a shared community.

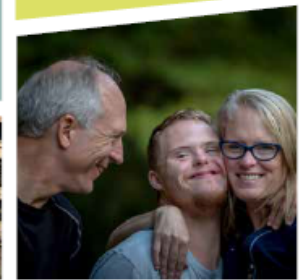
- [keycoalitionofalaska.wordpress.com](http://keycoalitionofalaska.wordpress.com)
- [www.facebook.com/keycoalitionofalaska/](https://www.facebook.com/keycoalitionofalaska/)



#### STONE SOUP GROUP

A non-profit that provides information, support, training and resources to assist families caring for children with special needs. They reach individuals all over the State of Alaska.

- [www.stonesoupgroup.org/](http://www.stonesoupgroup.org/)
- [www.facebook.com/stonesoupgroup/](https://www.facebook.com/stonesoupgroup/)





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

**Save the Date**

April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Anchorage Alaska  
In-Person

**Register Below...**

<https://peerpower.ticketbud.com/2021peerpowersummit>



**5TH ANNUAL PEER POWER SUMMIT**

There will be an in person Summit in Midtown Anchorage at the end of April 2022!

**APR. 29th-MAY 1ST 2022!**

Click [HERE](#) to apply

<https://ypeerpower.ticketbud.com/2021peerpowersummit>

**Deadline to Apply: March 15th, 2022!**

and you are automatically entered into a gift card drawing.

[www.peerpower907.com](http://www.peerpower907.com)

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**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**

**Alaska Waste**

**Hope** COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Bridges to Meaningful Lives

**Frontier** Community Services

**The Arc** of Anchorage

**Stone Soup Group** Supporting families who care for children with special needs

**RIVERQUEST**

**Walmart**

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**

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