



**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Self- Advocacy & Leadership

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Committee Members

- Heidi Lieb-Williams – co-chair
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- Elizabeth Joseph
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- Garrett Dominik
- Marlene Wenger
- Shelley Vendetti-Vuckovich

GCDSE Staff:

Jamie Kokoszka

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Peer Power Summit:

Council supported Peer Power Summit with:

- Funding
- Survey creation
- Staff assistance at the summit



Disability Policy Seminar

April 2024: Council members, LEND fellows, and Matsu LINKS staff met with Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, Congresswoman Peltola and key members of their staffs. Discussed issues of importance to the Council related to:

- *Autism Cares Reauthorization
- *Social Security
- *IDEA funding for Special Education
- *Community Living



Full Lives Conference

April 2024

- Sponsored Council members and Staff registration
- Staff on planning committee,
- Booth
- Presentations:
 - Emergency Preparedness (staff- Lanny)
 - GCDSE (Jena and Anna)



PEER POWER ALASKA PRESENTS

THE LAST **Empower Hour**

May 16th, 2024

5-6 PM

For Zoom Link, please email Peer
Power at peerpower907@gmail.com

**A gathering for people with disabilities to get to know
each other, support each other and increase
awareness of opportunities.**

The theme is: Empowerment
Facilitated by: Jena Crafton

If you have any questions, call Garrett Dominick at (907) 252-5861

To learn more about Peer Power Alaska; go to peerpower907.com

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Self-Advocacy & Leadership Activities

Empower Hour—LAST ONE

- Time Changed to 5-6pm

NACDD Self Advocacy and Leadership Discussion Series

- Webinar opportunities provided for committee members to attend.

Upcoming Activities / Events

Disability Pride Celebration

- July 20th, Kenai.
- July 27th Anchorage Park Strip
- Submitting ADA Proclamation

I Have Dreams presentation

- Improving Lives
- (submitting request)

I Have Rights/Dreams presentation

- Disability and Aging Summit



Upcoming Activities

Council supporting the July 2024 Disability Pride Celebration.

- Booth
- Funding
- T-shirts
- ASL Interpreters



Questions?

