

# Employment Committee Updates



**Anna Attla, Committee Chair**

**Samantha Vetter, Program Coordinator 1**

# Current Committee Members

**Anna Attla**  
Committee Chair

**Nona Safra**

**Jena Crafton**

**Ken Hamrick**

**Margaret Evans**

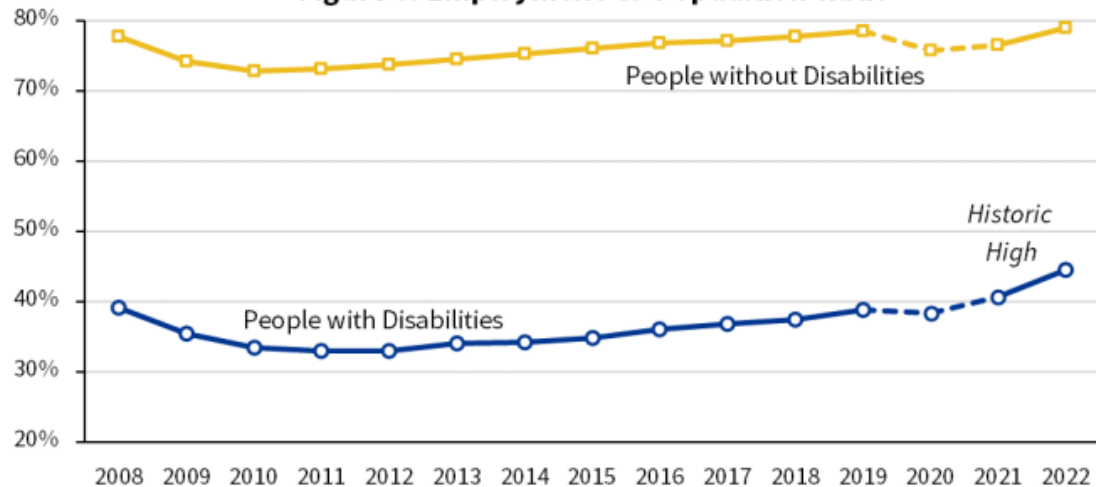
**Samantha Vetter**  
Council Staff

# Committee/Staff Activities

Committee met 1 time since February 15, 2024

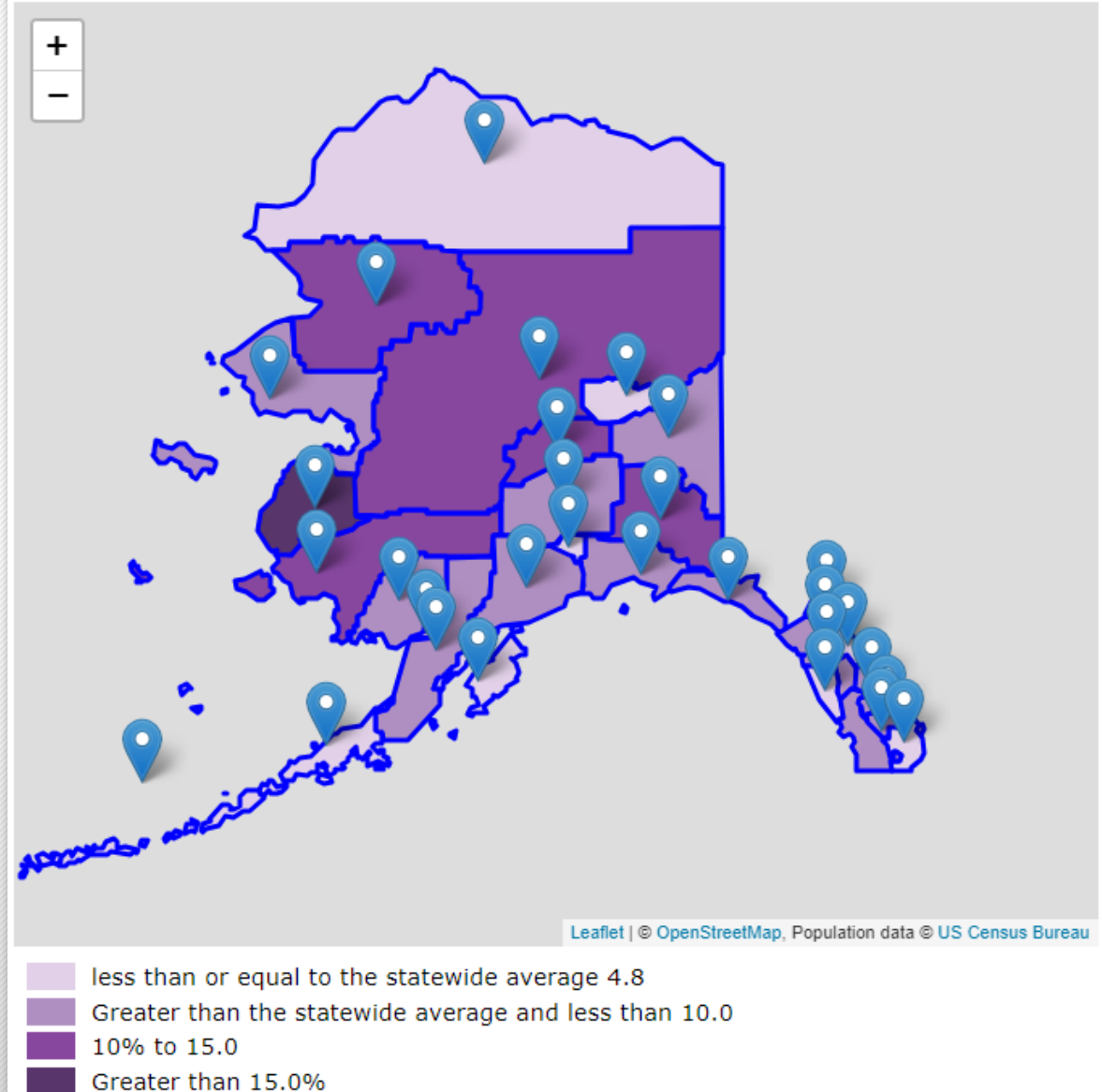
- 5-Year Plan Employment Workplan Review
- Anna/Jena discussing at CHD their council work

Figure 6. Employment-to-Population Ratio



Data from <https://www.researchondisability.org/sites/default/files/media/2024-03/2024-annual-report-a11y-1.pdf>

ALASKA STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
MARCH 2024 - 4.8% (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



March 2024 Preliminary<sup>1</sup> Unemployment Rate

# Committee/Staff Activities Cont.

- AMHTA Comp Plan- Sections 3.2 and 3.3 Workgroup
  - Public Comment Period on AMHTA 5 Year Strategic Plan closed 4/30
  - Comments received by groups and begin review
- Creation of messaging with DVR/Employment Incentives Course
- Employment Conference Planning with DVR (TBA Fall 2024)
- Mat-Su Employer Expo March 27, 2024



## 2024 Mat-Su Employer Expo!

### HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THIS EVENT:

- We expect more than 100 employers and partners
- Connect with employers hiring for entry level, technical, professional and seasonal positions
- Speak with university, vocational/technical schools, apprenticeship and union representatives
- Dress for success, be prepared to network with employers
- Have a resume prepared or general applications on hand

### HOW DO YOU PREPARE?

The Mat-Su Job Center can help! Come in before the Expo for resume assistance, career exploration, job readiness workshops, typing/10-key certification, use of computer or copier resources, and so much more for free.

We are an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Mat-Su Job Center at  
**(907) 352-2500**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Menard Center, 1001 S. Clapp St., Wasilla**



# Joint Partner Activities

## AADD Employment Champions Workgroup

- 8 team members to Association of People First Conference in June 2024 - North Carolina

## Anchorage Academies Model - Transitions Tactic Team (<https://www.asdk12.org/Domain/1507>)

- Final tactic team meeting occurred 4/22/24 and all teams submitted areas of focus. Team leads final meeting to solidify model and outlines.
- Launch Freshman Academy in 2024/2025 Year



# ABLE to SAVE April 2024

ABLE allows \$18,000 in annual deposits (2024 tax year)

- ABLE to Work Act (2017) allows additional \$18,210 in additional deposits

Two webinars hosted by ABLE National Resource Center in April

- #ABLEtoSAVE Opens the Door to Housing Opportunities
- #ABLEtoSAVE for Lifelong Financial Wellness

Online Webinars available 24/7

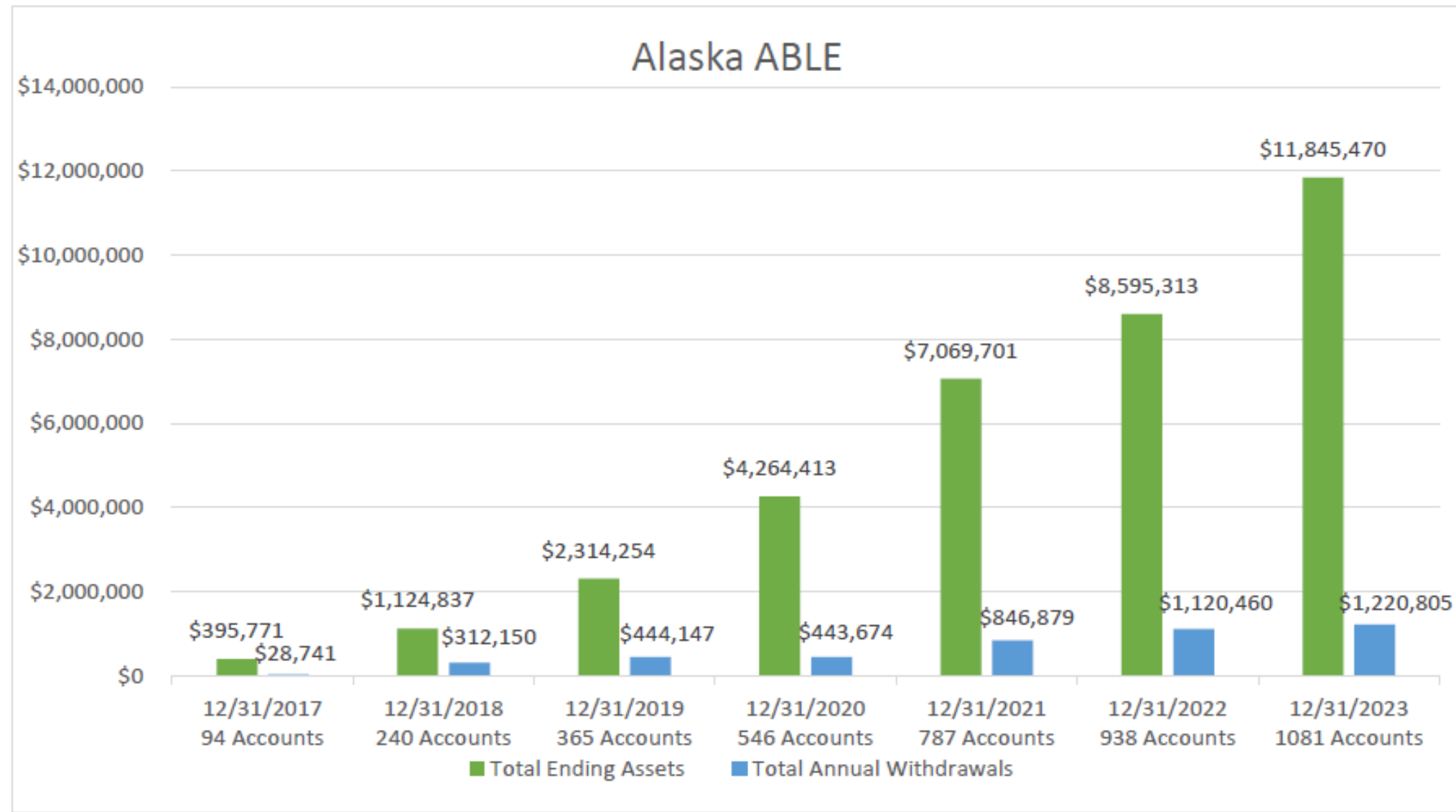
Council participated by 2 Facebook messaging posts and 3 GovDelivery messages during April

Welcome to **#ABLEtoSave**  
Month 2024

**ABLE**  
to **SAVE**



# Alaska ABLÉ





# Project SEARCH

Anchorage Providence Medical Center - 9

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital - 4

Mat Su Regional Medical Center - 4

Interns finished for year!

Anchorage Graduation at 5/2, and MatSu/Fairbanks on 5/10





# Project SEARCH (cont.)

Mat-Su Intern Interviews - 2/8/2024

Anchorage Mock Expo - 2/22/24

Anchorage Project Search recognized by School Business Partnerships Board and team was selected for the *Spirit of Tomorrow* Superintendent Award (April 26, 2024)



# Microenterprise Grants

Support self-employment for Alaskans with Developmental Disabilities by serving on Microenterprise Grant Committee

Review, input, and provide recommendations on Microenterprise Grant Applications.

Grant Applications are processed 2x per year

Last reviews held April 15 and 19, 2024

Current application period awarded \$72,000

8 of the 8 applications were awarded, 3 were DD

**\*\*Goal is to increase the number of DD grant awardees\*\***

**Questions?**

