



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

Self- Advocacy & Leadership

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- Garrett Dominik – co-chair
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- Anna Attla
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- Margaret Evans
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- Elizabeth Joseph
- Nona Safra
- Garrett Dominik
- Marlene Wenger
- Shelley Vendetti-Vuckovich

GCDSE Staff:

Jamie Kokoszka
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Anchorage Disability Pride Celebration

- Council supporting Disability Pride celebration in July 2024.
- Booth
- Funding
- T-shirts
- ASL Interpreters
- ADA Congratulatory letter



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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

July 26, 2024

Dear fellow Alaskans,

Congratulations on the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act! It is a privilege and an honor to celebrate the many contributions of people with disabilities and the large role they play in Alaska.

On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act to protect the rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities and has expanded opportunities for Americans living with disabilities.

I encourage all Alaskans to create opportunities for those with disabilities so they can achieve greater social, economic and personal independence. Together, we can fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act to give all people the opportunity to live with dignity, work productively, and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor



Improving Lives Conference



The Ala
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- Sponsored Council members and Staff registration
- Booth
- Presentation:
 - Hopes, Dreams, & Dignity of Risk
 - Self-Advocates
 - Jamie Kokoszka (moderator)
 - Jena Crafton
 - Michelle Davidson
 - Kenzy Garfield



**Hopes
Dreams & Dignity
of Risk**

Trust Improving Lives
September 2024



Save the Date!

10th Annual Alaska Disability & Aging Summit!



Presented by:

The Alaska Disability & Aging Coalition

Join us in person at the Special Olympics Jim Balamaci Training Center or on Zoom!

Upcoming Activities / Events

- Disability and Aging Summit
 - Booth
 - Sponsoring Registration
 - Staff on Planning Committee
 - ASL interpreters
 - I Have Rights – Self Advocate Panel Presentation
 - Anna Attla
 - CB Brady
 - Margaret Evans
 - Lucy Odden



Upcoming Activities / Events (cont.)

- Next SA & L meeting:
TBD in October
- New Self-Advocacy
Panel Presentation:
Advancing Advocacy
– to start in 2025!

Questions?

