



Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



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**Division of Vocational  
Rehabilitation (DVR)**



# Alaska DVR FY24 Performance

## Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Highlights

- **1,947** individuals with disabilities received services
- **96%** of individuals receiving services experienced significant disabilities with multiple barriers to employment
- **905** individuals applied for VR services
- **1,329** individuals received information and referral services
- **\$3,385,266** was spent on services to individuals in the VR program
- **320** individuals exited the VR program employed
  - **\$19.98** was the average hourly wage



# Alaska DVR FY24 Performance (cont. 1)

## Potentially Eligible (PE) Students with a Disability Highlights

- **1,399** students with disabilities received services from the PE transition program
- **85** Alaskan cities hosted PE programs and **80%** were held in rural Alaska
- **\$1,599,051** was spent on students with disabilities receiving Pre-Employment Transition Services



# Alaska DVR FY24 Performance (cont. 2)

## Disability Types (*% includes all disabilities per participant*)

- 35% Cognitive
- 35% Psychosocial
- 22% Physical and Orthopedic
- 4% Deafness/Hearing Loss
- 2% Blindness/Visual Impairment
- 2% Communication Impairment



# FY2024 Legislation

## HB219

- Repealed the Assistive Technology Loan Guarantee Loan Fund
- Supported by the GCDSE and SVRC (thank you!)
- Transferred remaining funds to Assistive Technology of Alaska
- Funds are to be utilized for allowable expenditures or as sanctioned by the Assistive Technology Act
- Signed into law by Governor Dunleavy September 3, 2024



# Upcoming Events

## Partner Open Houses

- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am-1pm ~ Juneau Branch Office
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm ~ Wasilla & Anchorage Branch Offices
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm ~ Fairbanks Office

## Employment Systems Retreat

- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Private Venue
  - DD service providers, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, and AADD, DVR, and SDS leaders

## Employment First Conference

- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Dena'ina Conference Center