



Mission

Creating change that improves the lives of Alaskans with disabilities.

Developmental Disabilities Shared Vision

Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.

Values

- **Self- Determination:** People with developmental disabilities (DD) have the right to make their own choices and live life their way. They get the support they need to decide where they live, who they live with, and how they spend their time.
- **Advocacy:** People with DD are empowered to communicate their needs and to access the services that help them live their best lives.
- **Belonging:** People with DD are equal members of the community. They join in school, work, and their communities, and use the same places and services as everyone else.
- **Purpose:** People with DD have purpose and add value to society through economic opportunities, volunteerism, and other actions which add to their household or community.
- **Dignity:** People with DD should be treated with respect, be safe from harm, and have the services they need—like healthcare, housing, employment, and education—to live well.
- **Responsibility:** Resources should be used wisely and fairly to support people with DD. Services must respect Alaska's many cultures, languages, and ways of living.