A New Vision
From Person-Centered to Person-Directed

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If you were describing the ideal DD system, what are some of the words you would use?
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.
Person-Centered
I Live The Life I Choose
With The Support I Direct
Revolution:

“a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something: a change of paradigm”
We are succeeding!

- Shared Vision is embedded in state statute
  - Related success: one off the first states to pass a Supported Decision-Making bill
- Over 80 people actively involved in Vision-related projects
- Tripled the number of self-advocates to attend annual leadership summit
- Just received a five-year grant from the Administration on Community Living to operationalize our Vision
Secrets to success ...

#1: Timing
#2: **Meaningful** advocate involvement
#3: Shared Power

- Individuals & Families
- The Trust
- University
- DD Council
- Disability Law Center
- Voc Rehab
- Key Coalition
- Independent Living
- Behavioral Health
- Peer Power
- Special Olympics
- Legislators
- Senior & Disability Services
- AK Assoc. on DD
- Community

Shared Vision & Priorities
#4: Relationships
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<td>How do we create a workforce with the skills needed to support the Vision?</td>
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The Big Idea ...

The people most impacted by the changes need to be at the table!!!
A **tipping point** is a point in time when a group—or a large number of group members—rapidly and dramatically changes its behavior by widely adopting a previously rare practice.
Thank you!

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