

Heads up!

REACH's Main Office and Shredding will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day

Letter from the Executive Director

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of spending time with our incredible staff, the individuals we serve, and their families. Our recent gathering at our annual holiday party was a wonderful reminder of the strong bonds that connect us and the shared commitment to promoting choice and well-being within our community. Seeing everyone together, enjoying each other's company and celebrating the season was truly inspiring. I also want to extend my deepest thanks to the local businesses whose generosity made our event even more special. Their donations provided wonderful items for our free raffle drawings, spreading joy to all who attended. Your continued support enriches our community and strengthens our mission.

While my heart is full of gratitude, I feel the need to acknowledge those who are facing profound challenges. Our thoughts are with the individuals and families impacted by the devastating fires in California. Closer to home, members of our local community have also endured heartbreaking tragedies. In times like these, we are reminded of the strength that comes from standing together as a community.

To extend our support to those in need, we are organizing a drive to collect hygiene products for individuals and families both locally and beyond. We invite you to participate by bringing donations to our main office during regular business hours from January 21st to the 24th. Your contributions, whether big or small, will make a meaningful difference to those facing hardship.

As the saying goes, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Let us embody this spirit of togetherness as we navigate the challenges ahead and continue to build a compassionate and resilient community. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of so many.

With great gratitude,

Naomi Studevan
Executive Director
REACH, Inc.



DONATION DRIVE



***NEW UNUSED ITEMS ONLY**

- * Socks
- * Laundry Detergent
- * Hairbrushes
- * Mouthwash
- * Towels
- * Washcloths
- * Sanitary Products
- * Soap
- * Toothpaste
- * Toothbrushes

Drop off your donations at:

REACH, Inc.
213 Third Street
Juneau, AK 99801



Fundraising for REACH through Pick.Click.Give.

REACH is an official Pick.Click.Give. nonprofit. Be sure to file for your Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) by March 31. Once you submit your PFD online application, you'll be asked to participate in Pick.Click.Give. In order to give a portion of your PFD to REACH, select "REACH Inc" from the list of eligible nonprofits and charities. You can donate in \$25 increments. You have until August 31 to give and adjust the donation amount. Funds from Pick.Click.Give. allow us to enhance our specialized services to children, adults, and their families impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you for considering REACH when you Pick.Click.Give. this year!



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Employee Spotlight: Team Monique

This month we are highlighting the Direct Service Professionals on Support Service Manager Monique's Team. Let's see what Monique has to say about the team she supervises!

My name is Monique Davis. Over the past two years as a Support Service Manager, I have had the privilege of working with a team of dedicated Direct Service Professionals (DSPs). From my very first day, I felt welcomed, valued, and supported by everyone on the team. I cannot express enough gratitude for the outstanding work my team has done and their ongoing commitment to improving everyday life for the individuals we serve. This team has demonstrated an exceptional ability to navigate unforeseen challenges and collaborate effectively. It has truly been a pleasure to work alongside them. I am incredibly thankful to have such committed personnel.

To my staff,
I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge that your hard work has never gone unnoticed. I extend my sincere appreciation for all that you do and look forward to our continued growth together. Thank you for consistently going above and beyond your responsibilities. Your commitment to excellence is genuinely valued.

Staff on Monique's Team

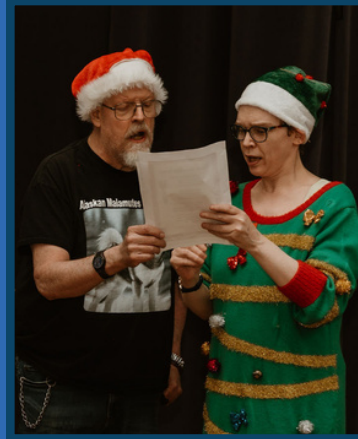
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HOLIDAY Party 2024



Thank you to everyone who attended the annual REACH Holiday Party!



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Raffle Prize Donor Thank you

REACH would like to express gratitude to the donors that generously donated to our holiday party event.



Jayne Andreen of JA Jules



Nancy & John Eiler



Sherri McDonald



Dave Ringle

Thank you for your support!



Key Campaign 2025

Save the Date! The 38th Annual Key Campaign will take place in-person in 2025 in Juneau! On March 18 & 19, individuals, families, guardians, and provider agencies are encouraged to participate in advocating to the legislature on why it's crucial to increase funding for Alaskans experiencing an Intellectual and Developmental disability.

Included with this newsletter is an informational flyer with more information on the Key Coalition of Alaska and the Key Campaign. Also, be on the lookout for the 2025 Key Campaign Priorities on the Key Coalition's website at keycoalitionofalaska.org/.

If you'd like to share your story or lived experience with our local legislators either with a written testimonial or in-person at the Capitol, please contact Naomi Studevan at 907-796-7245 or by email at nstudevan@reachak.org.



ILP Update

REACH's Infant Learning Program in partnership with the 14 other ILPs in Alaska will be requesting some legislative changes to the EI/ILP regulations, statutes, and funding this year. The request includes changes to Alaska's eligibility criteria. Currently, Alaska is one of only three states with the most restrictive criteria for Part C (IDEA) eligibility. It means that many children who could benefit from early intervention receive no help.

Programs are asking for this eligibility criteria to be reduced to align with Part B (IDEA) which is special education services in the public schools. This change would be life changing for many children and families in Juneau and across the state. Stay tuned for ways that you can help us advocate during the 2025 legislative session!



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January Employee Anniversaries

We're incredibly proud of the hardworking people who work at REACH, and their dedication does not go unnoticed! Please join us in celebrating the following employee anniversaries for the month of January:

Sara M. - 1 year	Tirso G. - 6 years
Mariana S. - 1 year	Timothy W. - 7 years
David S. - 1 year	Carol S. - 7 years
Tamara M. - 1 year	Rudy L. - 16 years
Sarah W. - 1 year	Anne E. - 19 years
Carol Y. - 2 years	



We're Hiring

Help us spread the word that we are hiring! We have numerous positions open, so if you know of anyone that might be the right fit for REACH, please refer them to fill out an application online at www.reachak.org/careers. Full-time employees who work 30+ hours/week are eligible for REACH's full benefits package. Part-time employees are eligible to accrue PTO as well.

Current Job Openings:

- Administrative Assistant, full-time
- Federal Custodian, part-time
- Controller in Juneau, full-time
- Direct Service Professional (DSP) in Juneau, full-time
- 24-Hour Direct Service Professional (DSP) in Juneau, full-time
- Direct Service Professional (DSP) in Haines & Petersburg, part-time
- Custodian, part-time (4-19 hours)
- Job Coach, full-time

Upcoming Events

- February: Low Vision and Heart Health Awareness Month
- February 7: First Friday Artwalk
- February 7 & 8: Juneau Jazz Fest: Friday and Saturday Night Concerts\
- February 8: Second Saturday Markets
- February 7 & 14: Family Fun Night @ Dimond Park Field House
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 17: Presidents' Day, REACH Main Office & Shredding Closed
- February 21 & 23: Juneau Piano Series