

# REACHing Out

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## From the Desk of Dan:

Greetings from REACH, Inc.!

February always means two big things for us at REACH - the slow return of daylight by 5:00 p.m. and advocacy month at the State Legislature! Thanks to the Key Coalition of Alaska, which you'll read more about later in the newsletter, REACH, other statewide agencies, families, and individuals, came together to advocate for community-based services in front of the Legislature. Advocating to the State Legislature is one more important way we can help support the individuals we serve, and we are glad to have the opportunity to participate in these critical conversations.

Sincerely,

Dan Elstad  
Executive Director

## 2023 Key Coalition Campaign:

The 2023 Key Coalition of Alaska Campaign advocated at the State Legislature for one week, February 20-25. The Key Coalition of Alaska is a non-profit, statewide advocacy organization of people with disabilities, and their families, friends and other supporters. The goal of the Key Coalition is to advocate for community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. For more information or to get involved, please visit [keycoalitionofalaska.org](http://keycoalitionofalaska.org).

Thank you/gunalchéesh to Laurel Stafford, REACH's Supported Employment Director, for being our Key Coalition Campaign representative and to Hannah Ashenfelter for speaking to the Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education.



## Welcome to the REACH Team:

We want to extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Jenkins! Jennifer joins our Infant Learning Program (ILP) team as our newest Developmental Specialist with a focus on Speech Pathology. Learn more about Jennifer and the ILP team at: [reachilp.org/about-us/meet-the-team/](http://reachilp.org/about-us/meet-the-team/)



## Sneak Peek at REACH's New Website:

The REACH website is getting a refresh! We're developing a new website to help folks find information on all the services we provide. Take a look at the below photo for a special sneak peek!



## REACH is Getting Social:

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