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SUPPORTING ALASKANS
THROUGH ALL OF LIFE'S JOURNEYS



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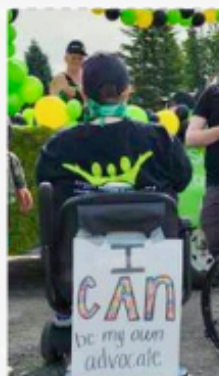
July is Disability Pride Month, and this year's celebrations reminded all of us why this movement matters.

From our Progress Days Parade float, Pioneers of Possibility, to the smiles, signs, and stories shared across our community—Disability Pride is about connection, acceptance, and creating a more inclusive future.

Every voice. Every dream.

Every possibility.

Together, we are stronger.



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AMANDA'S CORNER

Reflections on leadership, possibility, and the people who inspire us.

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LEADERSHIP THAT LISTENS

Michelle Davidson & Kyle Shassetz
presenting at a national conference
in Georgia on August 5.

Together, Michelle and Kyle will share their presentation, **Leadership That Listens**, highlighting how organizations can create authentic leadership opportunities for both **Direct Support Professionals** and people receiving services.

Their story demonstrates the power of partnership, trust, and shared leadership.



TRAILBLAZER AWARD 2025

Congratulations to Michelle Davidson, recipient of the Trailblazer 2025 Award!

Your leadership, courage, and unwavering dedication continue to pave the way for a more inclusive and empowered community.



IN THEIR SESSION, THEY WILL EXPLORE:



The importance of
lived experience
in leadership



How relationships
build trust and
create opportunity



Changing culture
through inclusion,
not compliance



Practical steps
for meaningful
collaboration

A NEW BEGINNING

Infant Learning Program Moves to Cook Avenue

Beginning in August, the Infant Learning Program will officially relocate to our new office on Cook Avenue, next door to the Forget-Me-Not Center.

This move creates opportunities for greater collaboration between programs while providing welcoming space for children, families, and staff.

We look forward to welcoming families into our new home.



SAVE THE DATE!

*Back to School
is Almost Here!*

SCHOOL STARTS:

AUGUST 19, 2026



ALSO COMING IN AUGUST



August 5 – Michelle Davidson & Kyle Shassetz present in Georgia



Rural Health Transformation grant announcements expected during the first week of August



Infant Learning Program opens its new Cook Avenue location



Amanda's Corner

POSSIBILITY BEGINS WITH PEOPLE

This month reminded me why I am so proud to lead this organization.

From Disability Pride celebrations to leadership opportunities and new beginnings, these moments reflect the heart of Frontier.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



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