



# OPTIONS FOR TOMORROW

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## ***Vocational Planning for the Future***

***Not every student is planning on going to college when s/he finishes high school. Many students want to enter the job market right away or learn skills for a specific job they are interested in. There are numerous agencies and resources in Anchorage to help students get the training they want and need. This edition of *Options for Tomorrow* will focus on jobs and training opportunities in Anchorage for students with disabilities.***



## ***Did you know . . .***

***Each ASD high school has a vocational coordinator. Their job is to help students enrolled in special education learn about vocational opportunities and training, job resources, job skills, etc. Here are the names of the coordinators:***

<b><i>Nancy Brain</i></b>	<b><i>KCC</i></b>	<b><i>Greg Hartlieb</i></b>	<b><i>East</i></b>
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## Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a program of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. They help Alaskan's with disabilities to obtain & maintain employment through the following services:

- Medical exam to see if you qualify and to help plan your career.
- Counseling, especially about disability issues that affect you.
- Help choosing the job goal that's right for you.
- Referral to other agencies that can help you.
- Tests and other tools to better understand your talents, etc.
- On-the-job training with a real employer while you work.
- A short-term job try-out called a "Community Assessment."
- Training designed for you, to help you adjust to working.
- Job search and placement services.
- Interpreter, reader, and tutoring services.

Anchorage DVR- 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
 (907) 269-3580 or (888) 330-6468  
 Anchorage DVR- Bragaw  
 (907) 269-2060 or (800) 478-4467  
 Anchorage Job Center-Gambell  
 269-3553 or (888) 470-3553  
 Anchorage Job Center- Muldoon  
 (907) 269-3550 or (800) 478-3387



## Nine Star Enterprises Developing Alaska's Workforce

**Nine Star provides assessment, academic skills upgrade activities, career counseling, pre-employment skills, and employability skills to at-risk youth. Employability skills development includes computer skills training as well as the acquisition of positive work attitudes and work habits through internships and permanent jobs.**

### Youth Education & Employment Services (YEES)

**Examples of specific services include:**

- \* **Individual Training Account (ITA):** youth can receive money to train for vocational training programs
- \* **Tutoring:** Ninestar tutors are available to help you with your schoolwork
- \* **Occupation Operation:** learn how to apply for jobs, how to create a resume, and how to interview for jobs
- \* **Job Search Skills and Assistance:** learn how to find jobs.

**Contact: Andi Nations 749-6074 ext: 300  
 Nine Star Enterprises  
 117 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501**

[www.ninestar.com](http://www.ninestar.com)

## ALASKA JOB CORP

**Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential education and vocational training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24. Since 1964, the program has provided more than 1.9 million disadvantaged young people with the integrated academic, vocational, and social skills training they need to gain independence and get quality, long-term career or further their education.**



Alaska Job Corps  
 Outreach, Admissions/Career Transition Services  
 4300 B Street, Suite 100  
 Anchorage, AK 99503  
 (907) 562-6200 or 1-800-478-0531  
[admissions@alaskajobcorps.com](mailto:admissions@alaskajobcorps.com)

Job Corp offers the following:

- Basic Education
- Vocational Training
- Employability Skills Training
- Room and Board
- Basic Health Care
- Counseling
- Parenting Skills Education
- Family Facilities on Campus
- Child Care
- Recreation and avocation
- Placement Services
- Monthly Living Allowance
- Savings Payable upon Completion
- Social Skills & Leadership Training



## Cook Inlet Tribal Council

*Their goal is to assist Alaska Native people achieve self-sufficiency through higher education, training, and ultimately employment, resulting in improved quality of life for client and their families*

**Youth Employment Services (YES) helps youth with educational and employment barriers attain their goals and achieve success in life. Eligible youth are ages 14 - 21, meet non-metro earned income eligibility, possess proof of a tribal affiliation and reside within Cook Inlet Regional Incorporation (CIRI) communities.**

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Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
(907) 793-3600  
1(877) 985-5900 Toll Free  
[cwren@citci.com](mailto:cwren@citci.com)



### Anchorage Job Centers



Anchorage Midtown Job Center  
3301 Eagle Street Suite 101  
Phone: (907) 269-4774  
E-Mail: [nancy\\_heckmann@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:nancy_heckmann@labor.state.ak.us)

Anchorage, Muldoon  
Muldoon One-Stop  
1251 Muldoon Rd. Suite 111  
Phone: (907) 269-0000  
E-Mail: [robert\\_hines@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:robert_hines@labor.state.ak.us)

Gambell Job Center  
400 Gambell Street (4<sup>th</sup> & Gambell)  
Phone: (907) 269-4712  
E-Mail: [gary\\_darby@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:gary_darby@labor.state.ak.us)

Eagle River Job Center  
11723 Old Glenn Hwy. Suite B-1  
Phone: (907) 694-6904  
E-Mail: [anne\\_velardi@labor.state.ak.us](mailto:anne_velardi@labor.state.ak.us)

**Website:**  
[www.jobs.state.ak.us/eo/officers.htm](http://www.jobs.state.ak.us/eo/officers.htm)

## Assets, Inc



They support people with disabilities so they can live on their own. They also help them find jobs and train as employees so they can work throughout the Anchorage area.

Their mission is to consistently improve the employment opportunities, home environments and community connection of individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses who need substantial supports, so that their independence and self-worth are enhanced and the community in which they live and work realizes the benefits of their citizenship.

**Contact: Community  
Services Director: 279-6617  
Website: [www.assetsinc.org](http://www.assetsinc.org)**

### Service Solutions, Inc.

Contact: Josetta Cranston 269-0062  
1251 Muldoon Rd. Suite 115A,  
Anchorage, AK

Service Solutions, Inc is accepting referrals for the new Projects With Industry Program. This federal program is designed specifically for individuals 18 years and older who face medical barriers to employment. The program offers innovative vocational opportunities including pre-apprenticeship training with established union and non-union companies. All services are FREE.

- Job Development
- Job Placement
- Job Readiness Training
- Job Training Resources
- Career Advancement/Enhancement
- Vocational/Work Skills Assessment
- Resume Development
- Benefits Planning Information
- Assistive Technology Resources
- Modification of Facilities and/or Equipment

Call for information on their CDL class B  
Pre-Apprenticeship trainings in March and May.

### Other Employment Resources/Websites:

**Job Accommodation Network:** <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

**Americans with Disabilities Act Home page:**  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

**U.S. Dept of Labor Employment & Training Administration:**  
<http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/>

### ***ASD Parent-Teacher Institute: "Academic Success for All Kids"***



***April 29, 2006  
at Wendler Middle School  
8:30-1pm***

## ***Challenge Alaska Opportunity***

### DAY HABILITATION GRANT

It is a grant from the state to work with individuals with Developmental Disabilities to aid and support community recreation involvement.



#### **Who is eligible?**

- **People with developmental disabilities ages 11-64 who have been determined by the State of Alaska to be eligible for Developmental Disability Services**
- **People who are not receiving Home and Community based Medicaid Waivers**
- **People who are not receiving core services from the state**

**For Information call: Brian Albright at 344-7362  
or email at: [brian@challengealaska.org](mailto:brian@challengealaska.org)**