



Aging With Dignity And Independence

## FY2027 ACoA RFR Projects



Alaska State Plan for Senior Services  
\$50,000





Alaska Senior Summit  
\$5,000

Thank you

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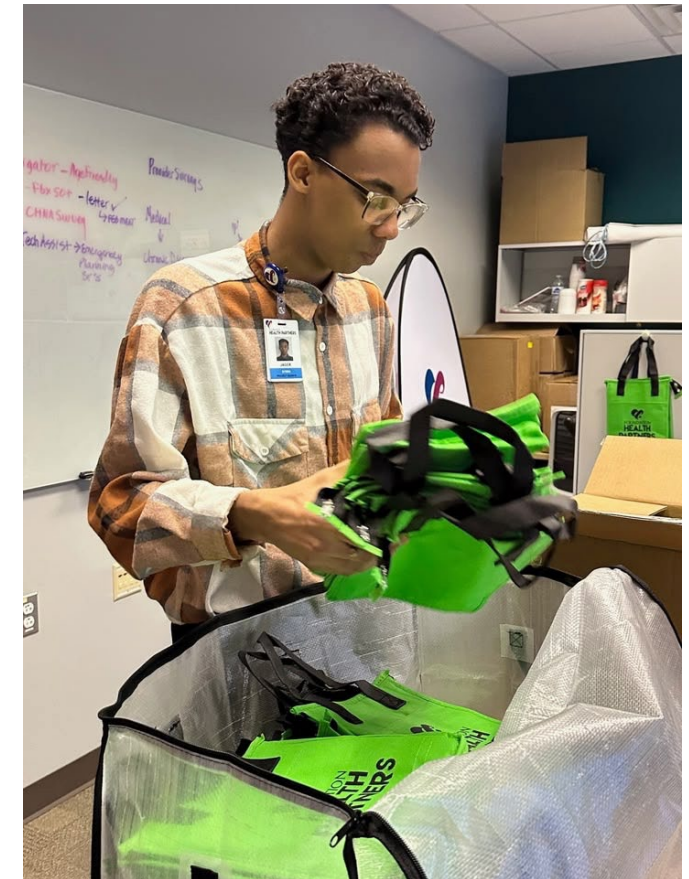
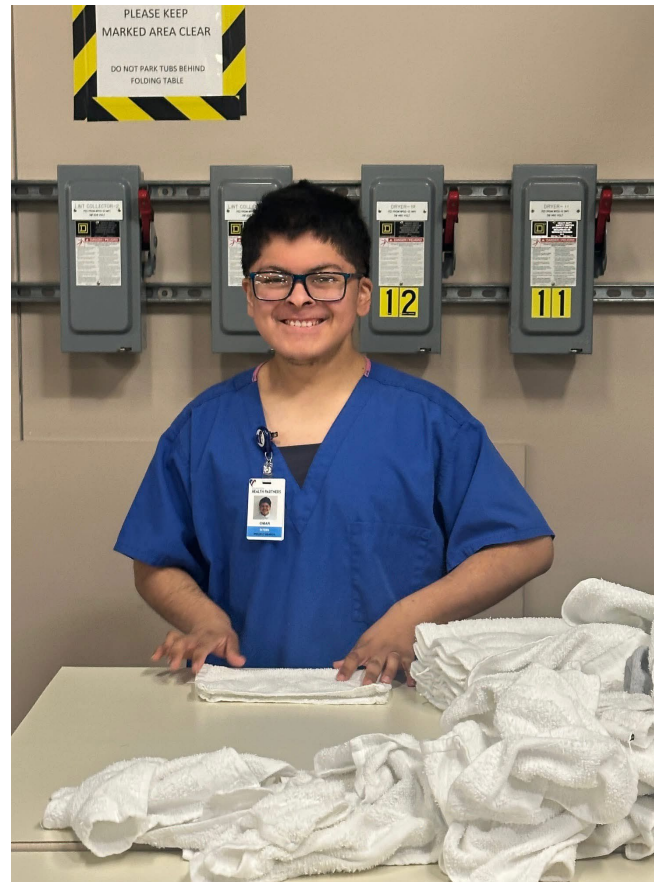
# Project SEARCH Adult Site Proposal



- Seeking \$75 K for Year 1 and \$40 K for Year 2 to create a “young adult” (ages 18-35) Project SEARCH site(s) for people who experience disabilities
  - Location Anchorage or Juneau primary consideration, serve 6-12 persons per year
- Built on success with our 3 current school-based “Youth” (ages 18-22) sites running, having served over 283 interns from 2010.
  - Last 5 years have averaged 81.55% employment outcomes (that’s even with COVID impacts!)
  - Sites are high achieving and recognized by PS National – awarded five 100% Outcome Awards and six 70-90% Outcome Awards in last 5 years.



- GCDSE (as Statewide Coordinator) works with Adult Education Partner, Community Rehab Provider, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Host Business, and Project SEARCH National Liaison to open these new sites – **no current “adult” program in Alaska so is a high need area.**
- Applicants typically qualify for DVR funding supports, and some for Medicaid Supported Employment if on a waiver for long term success and replication in other communities. Often DVR also funds contracts for the Community Rehab Provider for current sites. Highly invested program.



# **UNIVERSAL CHANGING SPACES ASSISTANCE FUND**



# What is the Universal Changing Spaces Assistance Fund?

\$250K request to support accessible adult changing spaces statewide

- Funded by: **\$250K MHTARR**

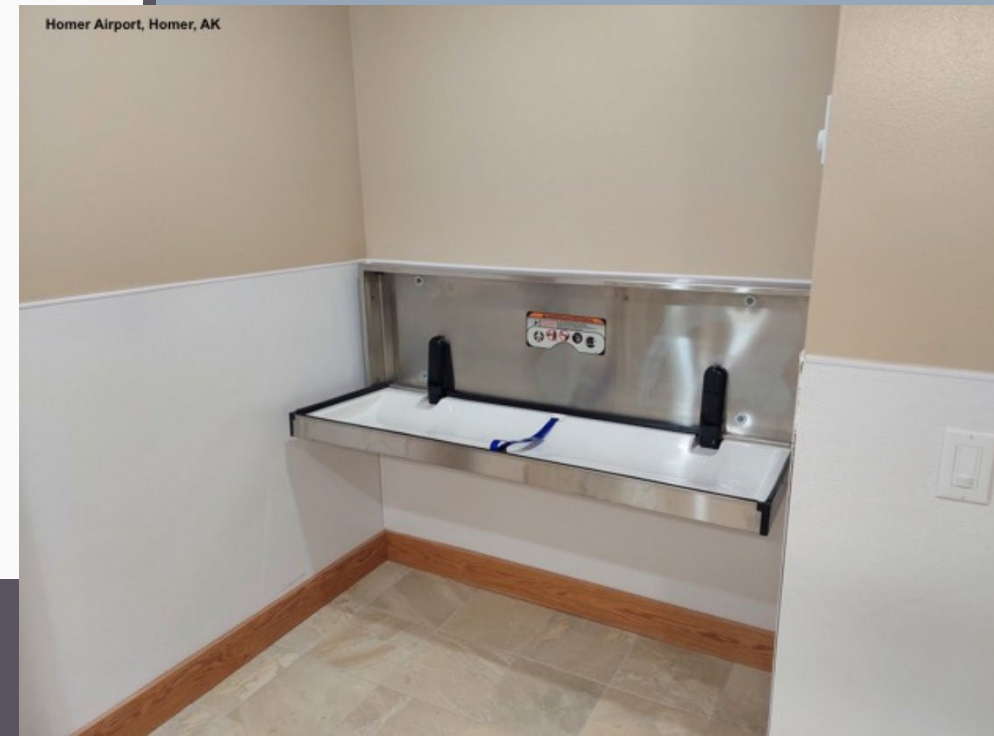
- Offers matching grants to:

- **90/10** – Small nonprofits
- **80/20** – Large nonprofits & small governments
- **60/40** – Small businesses

- Supports access, dignity, and independence for people with

- Complements proposed **HB141** for public accessibility

Changing Table:  
Homer Airport



# How it works & Who Runs it?

Changing Table at SESA Offices



- Administered by a **non-profit**
- **15% admin cap** for staffing and oversight
- Review panel includes:
  - Mental Health Trust
  - SILC
  - AADD
  - Governor's Council
- Directly benefits Trust beneficiaries with IDD, TBI, mobility issues, and more
- Reduces caregiver stress and health risks



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Matsu Health Foundation

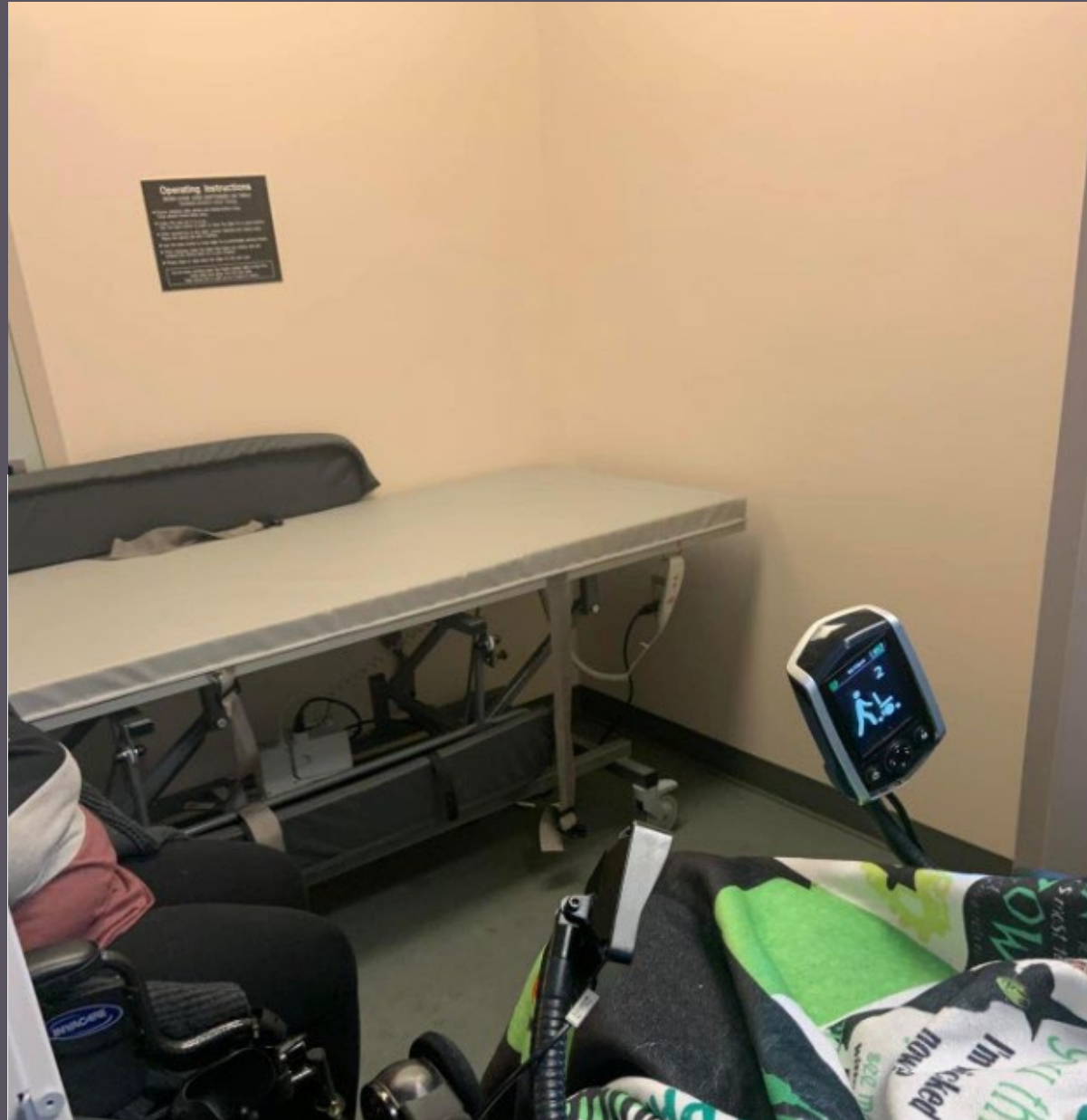


# Long Term Impact and Sustainability

- FY27: Launch fund, support installations, share design tools
- Build awareness with architects, builders, and communities
- Post-FY27:
  - Seek private & foundation funding
  - Advocate for policy & building code changes
  - Normalize inclusive design statewide

Fully aligns with **Mental Health Plan 2025–2029** goals

# Thank you



Photos of changing table/area  
At ANC Airport