

# Juneau

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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Attn: Jim Kreatschman  
801 W. 10th St. Suite A  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Kreatschman:

This is our letter of support for Southeast Alaska Independent Living's (SAIL's) proposed Youth Employment and Transition Project in response to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's call for proposals to address Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS).

It is my understanding PETS outlines three steps: 1) Job Exploration, 2) Work Readiness Training-developing soft-skills employers' value, and 3) Work-Based Learning Experiences. The target population is in-school youth ages 16-21, who are eligible for, and receiving, special education or related services under IDEA, or an individual with a disability, for purposes of section 504. PETS activities must augment, not supplant transition activities currently undertaken by the school district.

The Juneau Chamber has over 350 members, including SAIL. Should SAIL be awarded this project, we have the ability to offer access to our membership and marketing opportunities commensurate to their membership level. We know of no better way to market this program to employers than through the Juneau Chamber.

Giving the youth of our community the necessary training and opportunities to be employed is important on many levels and I urge your support of SAIL's application.

Please free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,



Craig E. Dahl  
Executive Director  
Juneau Chamber of Commerce