

1. What are the most important issues for Alaskans with disabilities?

- More handicap parking on Lincoln St., and enforcement.
- Respect for seniors. Respect from the police.
- Accessible transportation- feasibility, and cohesive programs/passes with other cities/towns in AK.
- Walkable sidewalks- no slick walks, and walkable curbs.
- Awareness of senior benefits, and changes when they occur.
- Decrease of food stamp benefits.
- More statements from Payee
- Support for employment.
- Seniors dissatisfied with the PFD.
- Lack of social security staff support.

a. Of these issues, which ones do you feel need to be worked on immediately? Why?

- Handicapped parking.
- Awareness of senior benefits
- Seniors dissatisfied with the PFD.

b. Of the issues listed, what issues seem to be a lower priority to you? *Did not ask*

c. If you had to choose only three (or five) of these issues, which ones would you choose? *Did not ask*

2. What do you know about SAIL?

- Adaptive technology
- Youth and elder programs
- Hiking, Kayaking
- Help write letters.
- Programs for people with disabilities.
- Works with people of various ages.
- Loan closet- loans of equipment.
- Home MAPP- home modifications and grants.

3. What are the most challenging issues that you face day to day?

- Low street lighting.
- Building accessibility- lack of ramps- especially at the Senior Center (*only the front entrance has a ramp*)
- Doors to the city building are not powered and hard to open.

4. What should the Independent Living Network do to make that issue better?

- Make food more accessible- get food out, make a food bank for seniors
- Community assessment to survey who isn't being served.
- Create/make know a place to contact for those underserved.

5. In the next three years, is there any project(s) that needs to be inclusive of people with disabilities that currently aren't inclusive?

- More 24 hour accessible transport, no accessible taxis, early & late flights inaccessible
- More handicapped parking.
- Clear sidewalk space. Clear trashcans, clear sidewalk of bushes.
- Affordability- discounts for basic cable

6. What is your best piece of advice for us?

- "I love that you do the elder hiking and kayaking group. It showed me that I can get out in the wilderness."
- Advertise at local grocery stores: Lakeside/Seamart
- Quarterly forums
- Census for gaps