

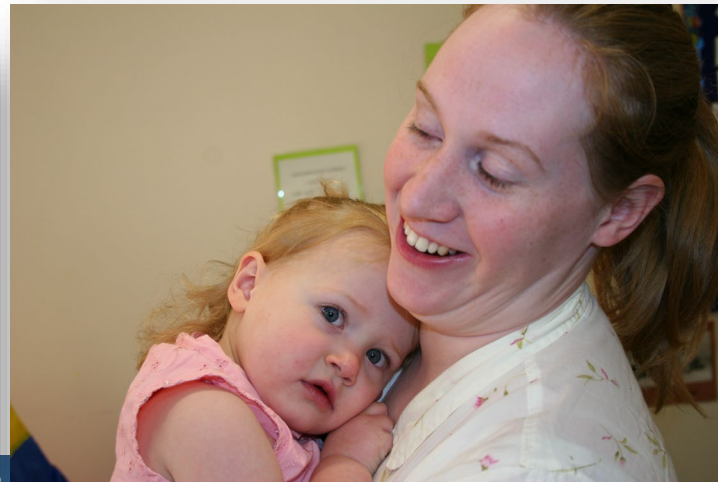
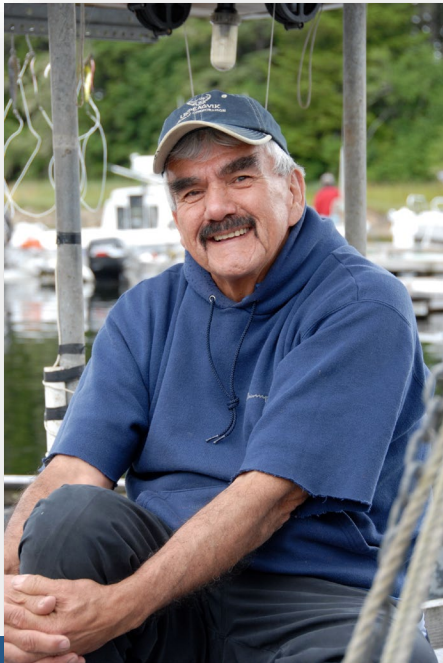


Initiatives for Seniors: Updates from the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

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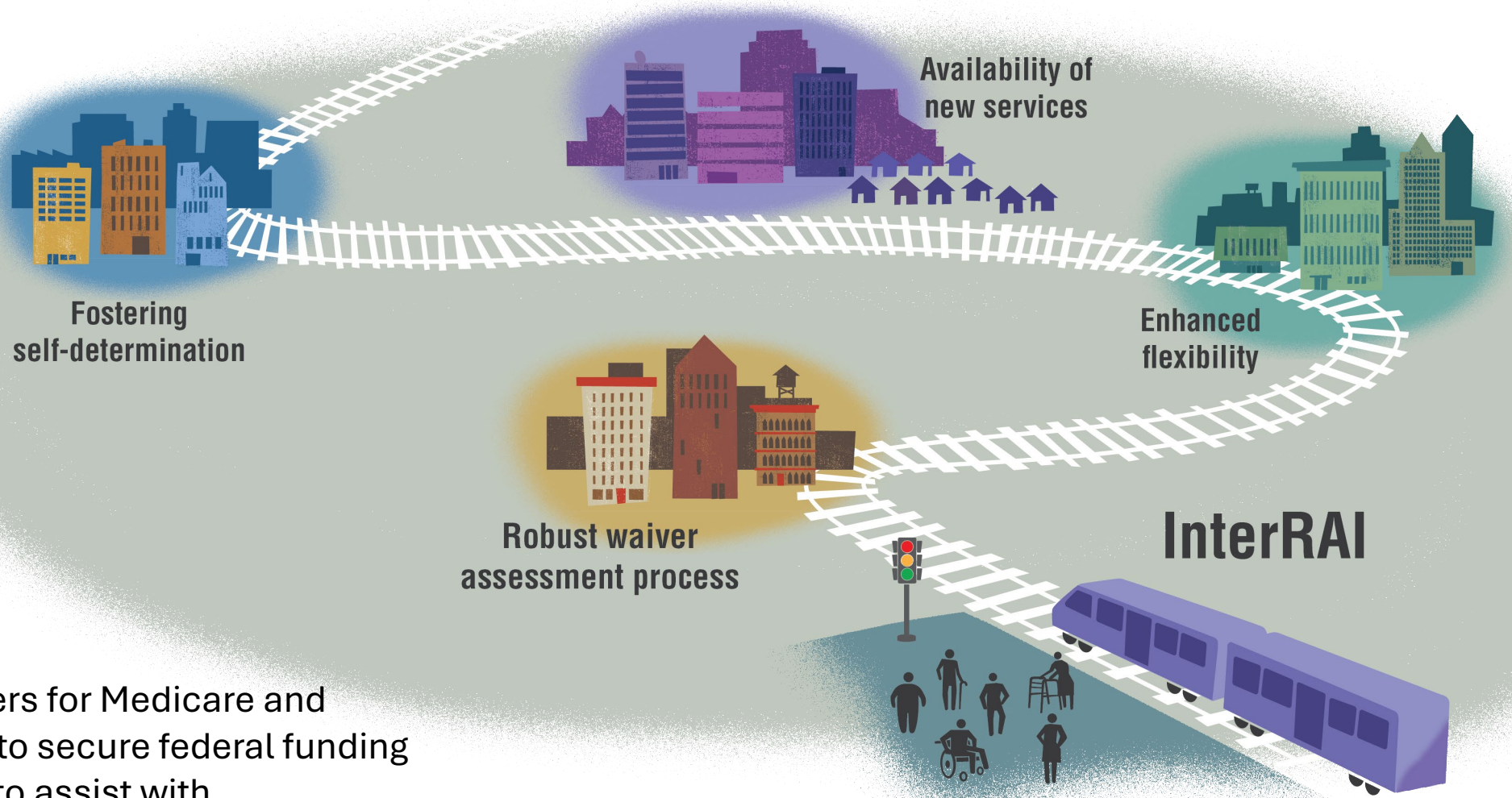
1 Resource Allocation Assessment Tool

What's Up?

- ✓ \$647,800 in general funds and \$2,744,500 in federal authority provided in FY2023 budget to implement the InterRAI over the next three years
- ✓ Technical Assistance secured

What's Next?

- Working with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to secure federal funding
- Procuring vendors to assist with implementation



2 Adult Host Care Homes

What's Up?

- ✓ New service and setting authorized by **Senate Bill 57** for adults on a home and community-based Medicaid waiver



What's Next?

- ❑ Developing regulations



3 Caregiver Qualifications - Changes



What's Up?

- ✓ Legally Responsible Individuals (LRIs) can provide personal care services through the Community First Choice (CFC) Program
- ✓ LRIs can provide habilitative waiver services (In-Home Supports for children and Supported Living for adults)
- ✓ Direct Support Professional Training and Certification Program

What's Next?

- LRI-CFC regulations effective 10/19/24
- LRI-Waiver regulations under development
- Medicaid Access Rule Expectations

4 Environmental Modifications

What's up?

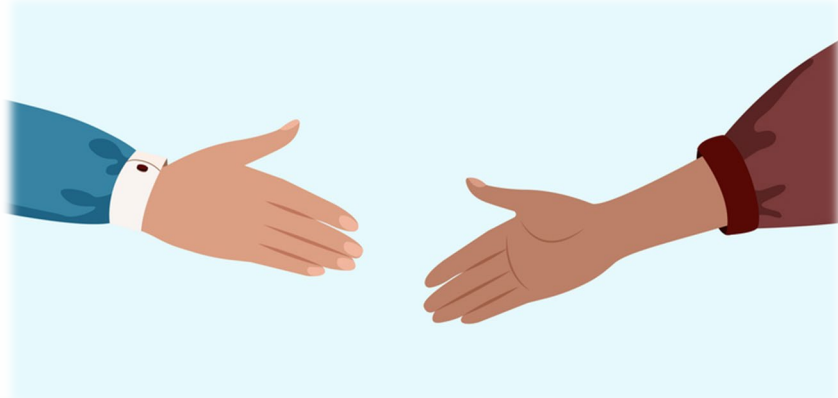
- ✓ Cap for Environmental Modifications Waiver Service increased from \$18,500 to \$40,000

What's Next?

- American Rescue Plan Act funding for Assisted Living Homes to make improvements for complex needs
- Home mod grants moving to SDS
- Stakeholder dialogue about regulations



5 Adult Protective Services Improvements



What's Up?

- ✓ First-ever federal regulations around Adult Protective Services released in June 2024

What's Next?

- Regional Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- State regulations under development reflecting Alaska needs and federal requirements

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