

INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
**Registration and Review Report**

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## **ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGISTRATION AND REVIEW**

Under AS 47.80.130 (d), the Department of Health and Social Services(DHSS) is required to maintain a waitlist denoting persons who experience a developmental disability who would be eligible to receive state –funded services. It is further required that an annual Report to the Governor and specified legislative committees be presented when there is not adequate funding to meet the needs of all individuals determined to have a developmental disability. Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) employs the Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) as the waitlist tool to assess an individual’s current service needs. Information provided through the DDRR is used to determine who is offered the opportunity to request services through Medicaid’s Home and Community Based (HCB) Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) waiver in a fiscal year. Additionally, the DDRR provides predictive information the State of Alaska (SOA) uses for program planning and management.

The DDRR is at its basic a waitlist tool. The DDRR provides the State and other stakeholders information on the current need and preferences of the individuals and families waiting for expanded supports services.

Cost projections included in this report should be considered estimates to use in planning and not a computation of the costs of comprehensive services that may be necessary to meet the needs of each individual on the list.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGISTRATION AND REVIEW  
(AS 47.80.130(d) (1))**

The DDDR is used to select individuals for enrollment in HCB I/DD waiver services when resources are available. Additionally, the DDDR assists Senior and Disabilities Services in planning for the future needs of individuals who have a developmental disability. To ensure SDS has credible information, SDS requests that individuals on the DDDR update information about changes in their condition or family circumstances at least annually.

In order to be eligible to be placed on the DDDR an individual must have a developmental disability as defined under the provisions of AS 47.80.900 (6). “Person with developmental disability” means a person who is experiencing a severe, chronic disability that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: Self care, Receptive and expressive language, Learning, Mobility, Self-direction, Capacity for independent living, Economic self-sufficiency, and;
- Reflects the person’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic assistance, supports, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

## PLACEMENT ON THE LIST AND THE CRITERIA FOR RANKING AND SELECTION (AS 47.80.130(d)(2))

In order for an individual to be included on the DDDR, they must complete an Eligibility Determination application <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Documents/dd/DD-eligibility-application.pdf>. The application for services provides SDS information needed to make a determination of whether the applicant meets the standard outlined in AS 47.80.900(6). If an individual is determined to have a developmental disability the individual/guardian is notified in writing. The approval letter contains information about current grant supports available and/or the option of registering to be considered for long term supports.

The Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) form is available to be completed online or in a paper format. Questions on the form are designed to gather information about an individual's community participation skills, living situation, caregiver needs, and desired services. **These questions were designed by community stakeholder group and require community input to be changed or updated. Answers to questions** on the form also provide projected timeframes for the need of a particular service. The DDDR attempts to measure the immediate needs and circumstances of each individual on the list and weigh it against the needs of all applicants.

The registration process can be completed by any participant, their Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) provider, Care Coordinator, or designated representative. Again, the DDDR is available to be completed online, by emailing completed forms, or submitting completed paper copies to SDS. Once a DDDR form is received it is scored by a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP). **The applicant or their legal representative is notified in writing of their placement (score) on the DDDR.** If an individual's life situation changes a revised DDDR may be submitted to SDS at any time. The Registry is maintained using the SDS data management system referred to as DS3.

### Scoring Criteria used for Managing the DDDR

After review by SDS, a person's DDDR score is tabulated electronically using the DS3 system. The Registry (Waiting List) Ad Hoc Committee developed the current form in use and assigned a weighted set of possible scores to each question. An individual's standing or rank on the registry is relative to the scores of all of the other individuals on the list. Consequently, an individual's position may change depending on the relative needs of others on the registry. The form uses a numerical assessment of need; consequently the higher the need, the greater the number of points that are given. Individuals receive a written explanation of the scoring system, along with a copy of their submission each time a new DDDR is received and scored by SDS.

### Selection Methodology for Removing Persons on the DDDR

Selection from the DDDR was traditionally completed quarterly with the selection of at least 50 individuals with the highest need, as evidenced by the highest numerical scores at the time of the draw. In November of 2013 SDS began trying to conduct the selections of "draws" monthly. The rationale for this change was threefold: 1) SDS felt this better managed the needs of the individuals on the list by not making them wait quarterly for the next round of draws, 2) This action should create a more even work flow for care coordinators who must manage the requests

for initial services for families, and 3) This should allow the State and providers to respond to requests in a timely way.

Individuals who have been selected from the DRRR are notified via certified mail of the opportunity to possibly utilize HCB waiver services. This notice includes information about the Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) Level of Care (LOC) process.

If an individual is approved for Medicaid waiver supports any funds they might have previously been utilizing to purchase services are reallocated. To insure that all people in need of care in Alaska have access to needed supports the SDS Grants Unit works closely with DD Community Grantee Agencies to quickly redistribute funds.

**BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
(AS 47.80.130(d)(3))**

The following demographic information represents the status of the Registry population during the State of Alaska fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Since the registry is constantly evolving, this data represents the specified time period and may not reflect the current state of the registry. The historical demand for services reflects minimal variance in population, geographic distribution, and services requests over time. The following data was taken from the DS3 data management system, which is used by SDS to maintain the DDDR.

Number of individuals on the DDDR as of 6/30/2013:	<b>613</b>
Number of individuals 22 years old or younger as of 6/30/2013:	<b>431</b>
Number of individuals on the list for 90 days or more:	<b>526</b>
Average length of time for individuals currently on the DDDR**:	<b>41 months</b>

\*\* It must be noted that while the average length of stay on the DDDR is currently estimated at 3.4 years many of these individuals have very low scores and are receiving early intervention, school and/or grant-funded supports, or other community services. They may be on the DDDR for an extended period of time because their need for expanded supports is not acute.

For the individuals removed from the waitlist during FY 2013 (7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013) for the reason of “selected for the waiver” the average number of months on the waiver (number of months from first survey to removed date) is 25 months. 158 participants spent less than two years on the DDDR.

For all individuals who were removed from the list during FY 2013 (all reasons, not just selected for waiver) the average stay was 29 months.

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
0 to 3 years of age	35	6
4 to 17 years of age	299	49
18 to 21 years of age	77	13
22 to 64 years of age	200	33
Over 65 years of age	2	< 1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Male	403	66%
Female	210	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Race & Ethnicity of Individuals on the IDD Registry

Ethnicity	Number of Individuals	Percentage
Alaska Native	170	28%
Asian	32	5%
Black	25	4%
Hispanic	32	5%
Pacific Islander	5	<1%
White	315	51%
Other	34	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>100</b>

### Geographic Distribution of Individuals on the IDD Registry by Regional Service Area

IDD Service Region	Number of Individuals	Percentage
Anchorage	266	43%
Interior	67	11%
Northwest	16	3%
Southcentral	150	25%
Southeast	56	9%
Southwest	58	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>100</b>

### Services Received by Individuals on the DDDR

Analysis of program data indicates that in FY 2013, 364 individuals 59% on the DDDR received some services through SDS grant funded programs. See attached brochure on grant services.



**NEEDS, PREFERENCES, AND ESTIMATED COST TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS ON THE  
REGISTRY  
(AS 47.80.130(d)(4))**

One of the functions of the DRR is to gather information on the services individuals feel they need. This data allows the state to project the cost of serving these individuals and to target registry draws. Most people on the registry request more than one service, although there are some who have not requested specific services.

**Projected Annual Cost**

The following annual cost projection represents Senior and Disabilities Services' best estimate to serve all of the individuals on the registry who indicated a service need(s), with the assumption that they would be served in the Medicaid Waiver program. Not all individuals on the registry are eligible for waiver services. For example, approximately 28 of individuals selected in this past year did not end up in active waiver status. There are a myriad of reasons why individuals do not move into waiver services, e.g. they may not qualify for Medicaid, they decline participation, or they do not meet Level of Care.

However, the Medicaid Waiver program reimbursement rates provide the most accurate cost data upon which to base budget projections. In accordance with state law, SDS attempts to tailor services to meet individual needs. The average annual costs listed in the following table represent an average of the rates for service in FY 2013. Not accounted for in the cost estimates below are costs associated with provider capacity building and infrastructure to support the provision of requested services. There are some service characteristics pertaining to rates that are worth noting:

1. The Care Coordination service rate is calculated assuming that an individual receives this service for an entire year.
2. Respite and Chore service estimates have been calculated at the maximum allowed cost, and therefore represent a liberal estimate of the cost to provide these services.
3. The Environmental Modifications cost represents the maximum allowable cost over three years of service, with the presumption that the entire cost would be granted during the first year of service.
4. The Residential Habilitation rate represents an average of the costs for all of the sub-categories that fall under this service definition (e.g. Family Habilitation, Group Home, In-Home Supports, Shared Care, and Supported Living).

<b>Type of Service Requested</b>	<b>Average Annual Cost</b>	<b>Number of Requests</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>
Family Habilitation	\$45,561	80	\$3,644,880
Group Home	\$107,566	67	\$7,206,922
In-Home Support	\$14,638	334	\$4,889,092
Shared Care	\$6,792	51	\$346,392
Supported Living	\$51,288	158	\$8,103,504
<b>Total Cost for Residential Habilitation Services</b>			<b>\$24,190,790</b>
Respite	\$6,580	451	\$2,967,580
Supported Employment	\$17,034	227	\$3,866,718
Day Habilitation	\$24,159	474	\$11,451,366
Care Coordination	\$2,753	511	\$1,406,783
Intensive Active Treatment	\$5,300	158	\$837,400
Transportation	\$4,009	262	\$1,050,358
Environmental Modification	\$6,118	125	\$764,750
Chore Services	\$4,026	70	\$281,820
<b>Total Cost</b>			<b>\$46,817,565</b>
<b>Total State Cost with FMAP at 50%</b>			<b>\$23,408,783</b>

\*\* The source of data for the average cost per individual comes from COGNOS a reporting tool for the Alaska Medical Assistance Health Enterprise. The source of data for the number of individuals on DDDR who are requesting the services is from the DDDR application with data stored in DS3.

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SELECTED OR REMOVED FROM THE REGISTRY**  
**FY13**  
**(AS 47.80.130(d)(5))**

<b>Reason for Removal</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>
Needs met by another IDD program	3
Selected for waiver services	209
Deceased	2
Moved to another state	5
Non-responsive to request for information	119
Requested to be removed from list	4
Not eligible for DD services	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>

\* It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep SDS informed of their current contact information. Should someone be selected from the Registry for comprehensive services and fail to respond to notification, they can be removed from the list. If these applicants eventually contact SDS they may, with submission of a new DDRR form, be placed back on the list.

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON DRR FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS AND SDS REVIEW PROCESS  
FY13  
(AS 47.80.130(d)(6))**

Of the 613 individuals who were on the DRR during the time period being reviewed 526 were on for more than 90 days. The average length of time on the waitlist of those removed was 25 months. As of 6/30/13, 167 individuals (27.24%) had a reviewed total score of 0.

SDS takes aggressive steps to regularly review each individual's status while waiting for services or supports. Through community providers, families and participants are reminded they can update their profile as many times as needed. Yearly, SDS sends notices to participants who have not recently (in the last 12 months) updated their profile.

Additionally, SDS attempts to update participant's eligibility status as identified in their original determination letter. If a participant does not reapply for services or is determined ineligible they are removed from the list.

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION  
(AS 47.80.130 (d)(7))**

It is important to note that Special Education and the services provided through the IDD Waiver Program are different. Special Education provides specially designed instruction by in a school setting. Local education authorities under the purview of the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) administer these programs.

The IDD Waiver Program provides for services and supports in the home or community to assist the individual and their family to participate in community life and avoid institutional placement.

Another key distinction between special education and the I/DD Waiver program is that, for those who qualify, Special Education is an entitlement; but the I/DD Waiver Program operates within the limits of annual legislative appropriations and the capacity of the state and community to provide the desired supports.

According to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), as of October 1, 2013 there are about 17,920 students ages 3 to 22 in Special Education. Among these Special Education students, approximately 2,089 may have developmental disabilities. Individuals with the following types of developmental disabilities may be receiving special education services across the state: Intellectual Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Seizure Disorder. Similarly, children with other conditions or presentations may qualify as having a developmental disability if they experience substantial limitations in three functional areas. (Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Special Education Child Count by District. Retrieved from <http://education.alaska.gov/stats/>)

**COPIES OF REPORTS, POLICIES, MANUALS, AND PROCEDURES  
(AS 47.80.130 (d)(8))**

Copies of this report and the forms used to manage the IDD Registry are available on the Website of the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services at:

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/dd/default.htm>

Copies of this report, policies, and forms used to manage the Registry may also be obtained by requesting them from the Senior and Disabilities Services at the following address or phone number:

**Senior and Disabilities Services  
550 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
(907) 269-3666  
or  
Toll Free at 1-800-478-9996**

## Additional Information/Attachments

### AS 47.80.130 (d)

(d) When state funding is not adequate to meet service needs, the department shall establish a waiting list for persons with developmental disabilities who would be eligible to receive state-funded services under [AS 47.80.100](#) - 47.80.170 if adequate state funding were available. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the waiting list and submit a report to the governor containing the information required under this subsection. The department shall send a copy of the report to the persons chairing the house and senate finance committees and the persons chairing the house and senate health, education and social services committees and shall notify the full legislature that the report is available to all legislators. The report must:

(1) describe the purpose for the waiting list and the strategies used to notify persons about the waiting list, and must include a copy of the information used by the department to inform individuals and families about their rights and responsibilities under [AS 47.80.100](#) - 47.80.170;

(2) explain how an individual is placed on the waiting list, what criteria determine rank on the list, and how the waiting list is used to select individuals equitably and fairly across the state;

(3) give the basic demographic information across all regions about the age, sex, and racial and ethnic background of the individuals on the waiting list;

(4) identify the level of need and preferences of the individuals and families on the waiting list for the services and the supports that may be necessary to meet their needs and project an annual cost to meet this need;

(5) identify how many individuals were removed from the waiting list during the 12 months covered by the report, why they were removed from the list, and how long the individuals had been waiting for services or supports before they were removed from the list;

(6) list the number of individuals who have been on the waiting list for 90 days or more with an account of the department's steps to regularly review each individual's status while waiting for services or supports;

(7) report annual data from the Department of Education and Early Development about the number of students in special education with developmental disabilities graduating from high school, dropping out of high school before reaching age 22, or reaching age 22 without graduating from high school; and

(8) indicate that written or electronic copies of policies, manuals, and procedures used by the department to implement [AS 47.80.100](#) - 47.80.170 are available



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«TodaysDateMoDayYr»

«GuardianFName» «GuardianLName»  
«Address1»  
«Address2»  
«City», «State» «ZipCode»

Dear «MrorMs» «GuardianLName» :

Re: Eligibility Determination and Request for Services Approved  
«ConsumerFName» «ConsumerLName» DOB: «ConsumerDOB»  
**DSDSID Number:** *Enter SDSID here*

«ConsumerFName»'s application for services from Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) and the attached documentation have been reviewed. Based upon the documentation provided, I find that «ConsumerFName» experiences a substantial developmental disability as defined by Alaska Statute 47.80.900. Therefore, «ConsumerFName» is eligible to receive developmental disabilities grant services through Senior and Disabilities Services until *he/she* is *XX* years of age (*Date eligibility will expire*). At that time «ConsumerFName» will need to submit a new application with updated documentation.

If you would also like to pursue the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) waiver for «ConsumerFName», then a DD Registration and Review form must be completed for *him/her*. This assessment will allow *his/her* name to be added to the waitlist for consideration of IDD Waiver services once funding is made available. To complete this form you may return the enclosed form to the address listed at the top of this letter, or complete it online at <https://www.partners.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/ddwaitinglist>. To complete the form online, you will need the **DSDSID Number** listed at the top of this letter. Please be advised that it may be quite some time before «ConsumerFName» is selected. You may obtain assistance in completing this form from a STAR representative near you.

Although I recognize you are already associated with *insert name of STAR program or agency that assisted with application*, I have enclosed a listing of developmental disability service providers. I strongly encourage you to telephone each one and familiarize yourself with their services. This is very important for two reasons:

1. Each provider may assist with advocacy and referral services, crisis response, and acquisition of necessary adaptive equipment. They may also be able to offer you other types of supports depending on the resources allowed for in their grant with SDS.
2. You will be notified when «ConsumerFName» is selected from the waitlist. At that time you will need to select one or more agencies to work with to develop and implement *his/her* support plan. Familiarizing yourself with the agencies now will prepare you for making an informed choice in the future.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 269-3666.

Sincerely,

«HPM Name»  
Health Program Manager II  
Senior and Disabilities Services

cc: «ConsumerAgencyContact»/«ConsumerAgency»

Enclosure: DD Grant Provider List, DDDR form, List of STAR Programs



<b>Explanation of Developmental Disabilities Registration &amp; Review Scoring System</b>			
<b>Review of Life Concerns</b>	<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Score Multiplier*</b>	<b>Possible Points**</b>
Community Participation Concerns	1	9	27
	2	7	21
	3	7	21
	4	8	24
	5	6	18
	6	7	21
Living Situation Concerns	7	11	33
	8	7	21
	9	7	21
	10	6	18
	11	9	27
Caregiver Concerns	12	10	30
	13	7	21
	14	5	15
		<b>Total Possible Score</b>	<b>318</b>

\*The score multiplier is the weight each question is given as determined by the Waitlist Ad Hoc Committee and Senior & Disabilities Services.

\*\*Possible points is the highest number of points possible for a given question.

The points given for a question is determined by multiplying the level of need by the score multiplier:

- 1. = No need/Not Applicable 0
- 2. = Minor need 1
- 3. = Moderate need 2
- 4. = Major need 3
- No 0
- Yes 3

## Grants that provide services to seniors and family caregivers continued:

### Family Caregiver Support

Services provided to the caregiver of anyone 60 and older or grandparents raising grandchildren who are 55 and over. Services include caregiver support groups, caregiver education and training, counseling, respite and information and assistance accessing services.

### ADRD Mini-Grants

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. ADRD mini-grants are distributed through the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska (ADRAA).

### Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

One stop information and referral source for seniors and individuals with disabilities seeking longer term care services stateside. This program is intended to link consumers, providers and state resources through the use of an electronic database, hard copy service directory, face to face referral, and integration of the newly adopted statewide 211 Social Services Information directory. (See Kjersti for details)

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Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

# Bridging the Gap with Grants

An Overview of  
DSDS Grants



## General Information

Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) distributes and manages grant funds to provide community based services to families and individuals experiencing Developmental Disabilities (DD), Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD), seniors aged 60 and over, and /or frail or disabled seniors who need assistance in the home.

Grant funds are available to persons who are waiting or do not qualify Home and Community Based services under the Medicaid Waiver program, or who only require minimal supports that can be provided by the grants.

## What services are offered and who is eligible?

Grants are categorized by the populations they serve and the services they provide. Grant funds are awarded to provider organizations throughout the state who are in turn responsible for providing community based services to families and individuals as identified in their grant proposal. Grants are awarded every three or four years through a competitive process.

## Grants fund services to families and individuals experiencing developmental disabilities

### The STAR Program

Short-Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) programs are available to individuals entering the developmental disabilities system. STAR program specialists assist families and individuals with applications, accessing available services and resources in their community, and/or limited assistance in crisis situations.

### DD Community Grants

Statewide grants that address the needs of individuals and their families by providing a flexible menu of "habilitation" services or respite. Services that a person may receive vary depending upon the person's age and unique needs and include supported employment, care coordination, day habilitation, supported living skills or other. Specialized services include legal assistance, recreational habilitation, and behavior risk management.

### DD Mini-Grants

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. DD mini-grant applications are reviewed and funding distributed through select STAR programs throughout the state.

## Grants provide services to seniors and family caregivers

### Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services

Statewide services provided mainly through local senior centers. Services are available to individuals 60 and older and include congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, homemaker, health promotion activities, legal services, statewide media services and community service programs such as Retired Senior Volunteers, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents/Elder Mentor programs.

### Senior In-Home Services

Statewide services that provide a flexible menu of services designed to meet the individuals and family needs. Service include care coordination, chore, respite and extended respite.

### Adult Day Services

Day care services provided for adults primarily with ADRD in a group setting. Adult day services provide a variety of program activities designed to meet the individuals needs and interests of the participants.

### ADRD Education and Support

Information provided to family members and individuals experiencing dementia. Services are provided by the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Mat -Su.

## Sec. 47.80.900. Definitions.

In this chapter,

- (1) "council" means the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education created by AS 47.80.030;
- (2) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;
- (3) "facilities for persons with disabilities" means publicly or privately operated facilities, or specified portions of facilities, designed primarily for the delivery of services to those persons; the term includes residential facilities;
- (4) "habilitation" means education or training for persons with disabilities to enable them to function better in society;
- (5) "least restrictive setting" means a residential or other setting for meeting the needs of a person with a disability that requires the least amount of restriction of personal liberty by enabling the person to function in as normal an environment as possible and to live as normally as possible, within the limitations of the disability;
- (6) "person with a developmental disability" means a person who is experiencing a severe, chronic disability that
  - (A) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
  - (B) is manifested before the person attains age 22;
  - (C) is likely to continue indefinitely;
  - (D) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency; and
  - (E) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;
- (7) "person with a disability" means a person with a developmental disability as defined in (6) of this section or a person who is hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, visually impaired, seriously emotionally disturbed, orthopedically or otherwise health impaired, or who has a specific learning disability; the term includes a child with a disability as defined in AS 14.30.350;
- (8) "residential facility" means a publicly or privately operated facility that provides 24-hour care for four or more persons with disabilities, excluding family, foster family, or adoptive homes;
- (9) "substantial disability" means a disability that prevents or substantially impedes the person's participating in and benefiting from the social, economic, educational, recreational, or other opportunities generally available to peers in the community who are not similarly disabled.

## Chapter 47.90. DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

## Sec. 47.90.010. Program established.

- (a) The commissioner, in consultation with state and local government agencies, community groups, and groups concerned with displaced homemakers, may
  - (1) contract with eligible private profit and nonprofit corporations for multipurpose service centers for displaced homemakers; contracting under this paragraph is governed by AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code); and
  - (2) coordinate existing state programs for displaced homemakers.
- (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations prescribing the standards to be met by each multipurpose service center for displaced homemakers in accordance with the policies established in this chapter.
- (c) *[Repealed, Sec. 67 ch 106 SLA 1986].*
- (d) To be eligible for an award of a contract under this chapter a private profit or nonprofit corporation must be governed by a board of directors whose membership is broadly representative of the community in which it operates as determined by the commissioner.

## Sec. 47.90.020. Services provided by centers.