

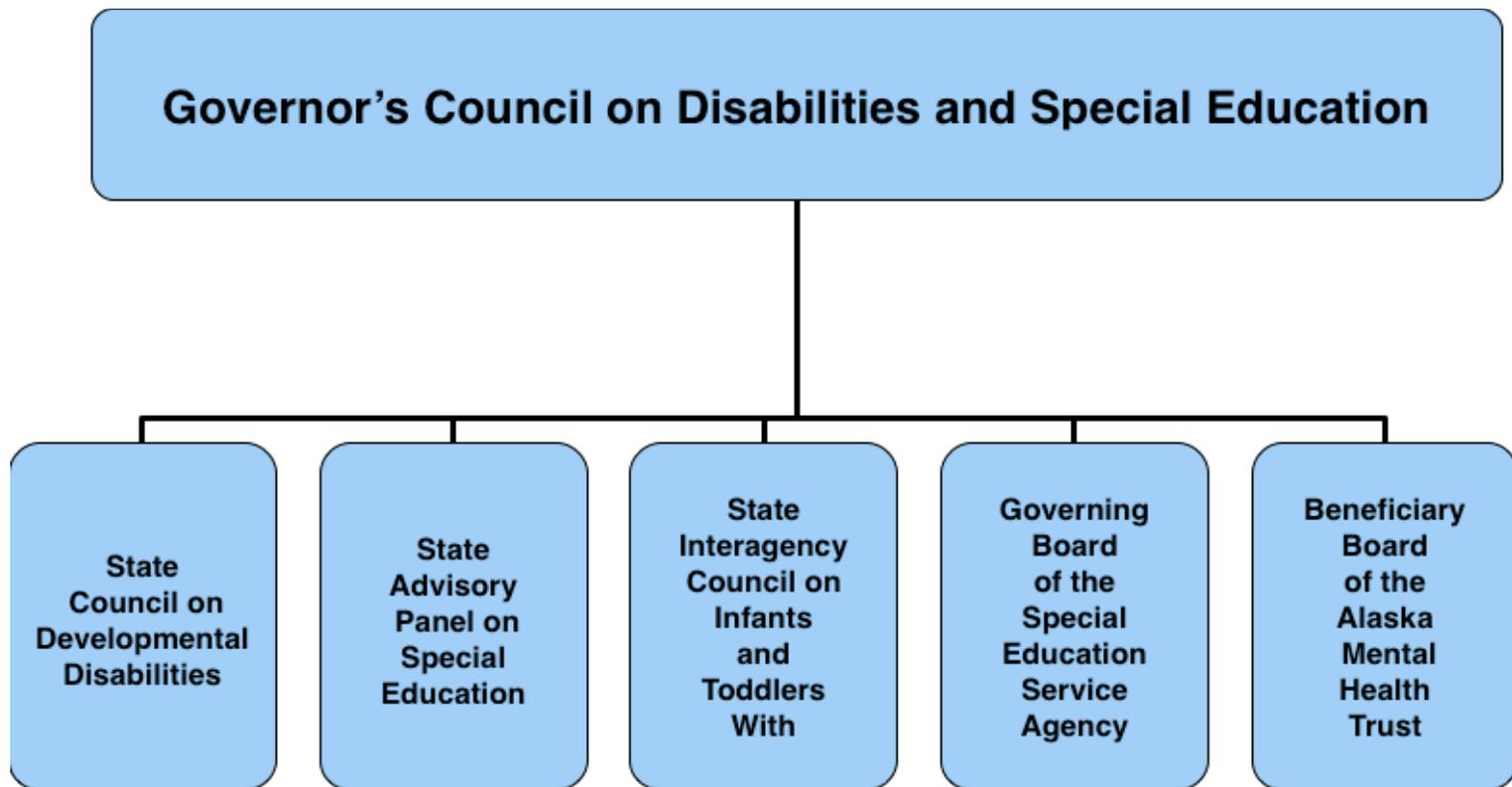
Council Organization & Structure

By Ric Nelson, Chair

Council's Mission

“Creating change that improves the lives of people with disabilities.”

The work of the Council



Council Committees

- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Education Committee (EC)
- Early Intervention Committee (EIC)
- Legislative Committee (LC)
- Employment and Transportation Committee
- Medicaid Reform Ad Hoc
- FASD Workgroup

Roles of the Committees

- Each committee has a chair
- Council members must choose at least one committee to be on
- Every committee meets once a month
- Local members are strongly urged to attend meetings in person unless prior arrangements have been made

Council Member Responsibilities

- Develop, implement, and monitor State Plan
- Set annual priorities
- Develop annual work plans
- Evaluate Council activities and outcomes
- Focus resources and activities
- Provide clear policy direction
- Hire, supervise, and evaluate executive director
- Safeguard staff employment

Responsibilities of Committee Chairs

- Call meetings
- Set agendas
- Preside at meetings
- Operate and conduct operations and business according to Council priorities and resolutions
- Develop annual work plans
- Establish workgroups to meet annual work plan goals and objectives

Council Staff Responsibilities

- Assist Council/Committee members in effectively carrying out their responsibilities
- Provide management assistance
- Provide planning and research assistance
- Coordinate and facilitate meetings
- Maintain ongoing relationships with state agencies, providers, and consumer groups
- Represent the Council's views and priorities
- Ensure compliance with state and federal law

Duties of Council Members

- advocates responsible for planning, monitoring, building capacity, making systems change and advocating for services and supports

Supporting following groups/individuals:

- Infants and toddlers with disabilities
- People with developmental disabilities or other substantial disabilities
- Students receiving special education services

Priority of the Council Members

- Council members should continually educate themselves about the committee as whole and not just one specific area
- Meetings are to be a priority to each and every council member
- Council members need to be educated about the council priorities so they can relay the messages to their community
- Healthy debate is welcomed

People First Language

- A disability is not the person
- People first before the disability
- Do not talk about the disability without their permission/consent
- Do not use the word handicapped, the politically correct term is disabled or person with a disability