

PUZZLE

Autism Workgroup



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9/14

Preliminary meetings with Dr Siegel, an autism consultant working with the state as well as other stakeholders including Women's Children's and Family Health, Behavioral Health, Health and Social Services, UAA, CHD and others.

10/14

The Council gets a LEND fellow, Amy Sundheim, a BCBA from Homer school district, whose research project is compiling and capturing ideas to develop Autism "Phase II" five year plan for the state.

1/15

Council agrees to form an Autism Workgroup. Receives pledges of meeting funds from Women's Children's Family Health and The Mental Health Trust.



2015 Accomplishments

1/15

The final report to the legislature from the Autism Taskforce recommends that the Council work on several fronts to increase the quality and capacity of systems.

2/15

Work with facilitator from Agnew:Beck. Hold first face to face steering committee meeting.

4/15

From this meeting come 5 priority areas. Small groups form to work on these areas in preparation for May 1 face to face to develop five year plan.



2015 Accomplishments

Five Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Advocacy and Leadership

Goal 1.2 Increase the knowledge of policymaking process and advocacy skills of at least 100 Alaskans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, family members and/or service providers

1.2.1 Provide at least one opportunity annually to Council members, self-advocates, family members and providers to advocate for issues of importance to the Council

Community Choice and Supports

Goal 2.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that promote consumer choice, flexibility and control of services

2.1.7 Conduct statutorily mandated responsibilities as a beneficiary board to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA)



Five Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Employment

Goal 5.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve employment opportunities

5.1.2 Increase employment of youth with disabilities in transition from school to adult life

5.1.3 Work with the Center for Human Development, the Trust and other partners to increase provider capacity for employment services and supports

Early Intervention

Goal 6.1 Advocate for a minimum of 4 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve quality early intervention services

6.1.3 Increase partnerships, communication and collaboration between parents, partners and stakeholders involved in early intervention services



Five Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Education

Goal 7.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve the quality of education for students with disabilities

7.1.1 Research and advocate for services, programs or regulation changes that will improve the scope, delivery and effectiveness of post-secondary transition

7.1.2 Increase the graduation rate for students with disabilities

7.1.7 Govern the Special Education Service Agency (SESA) to ensure SESA meets its statutorily mandated responsibilities



Purpose of Workgroup

Develop a shared plan and common set of priorities, foster coordination and communication, and optimize available talent and resources to make positive and lasting improvements to the Autism continuum of care in Alaska.

Vision

Support the development of an integrated service delivery system for autism that is easy to navigate and empowers families, educators, health professionals and community partners to better meet the needs of individuals and their families across the lifespan



Focus Areas

1. Screening and diagnosis
2. Funding & Systems issues
3. Workforce development & training
4. Early Intervention & Education
5. Integrated and comprehensive services

Promise to Each Other

To actively contribute time, expertise and/or resources to support the implementation of the five year plan produced through the group's efforts.



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**Discussion &
Selection of
FY16 Priorities**

