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FASD Workgroup Accomplishments since January

- New staff transition, Britteny Howell
- Evaluating FAScinating Family Camp
- Participate in monthly FASD Partnership steering committee meetings
- Starting a SAFA chapter (Self-Advocates with FASD In Action)
- Recommended changes to Dept of Education regulations that define “physicians” for “Other Health Impairment” (OHI) on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Attended FASD Family Voice Forum in Juneau, February 2015
- Created mission statement, workplan, website
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Pages/committees/fasd/default.aspx>

FASD Workgroup 5-Year Plan

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.

Objectives

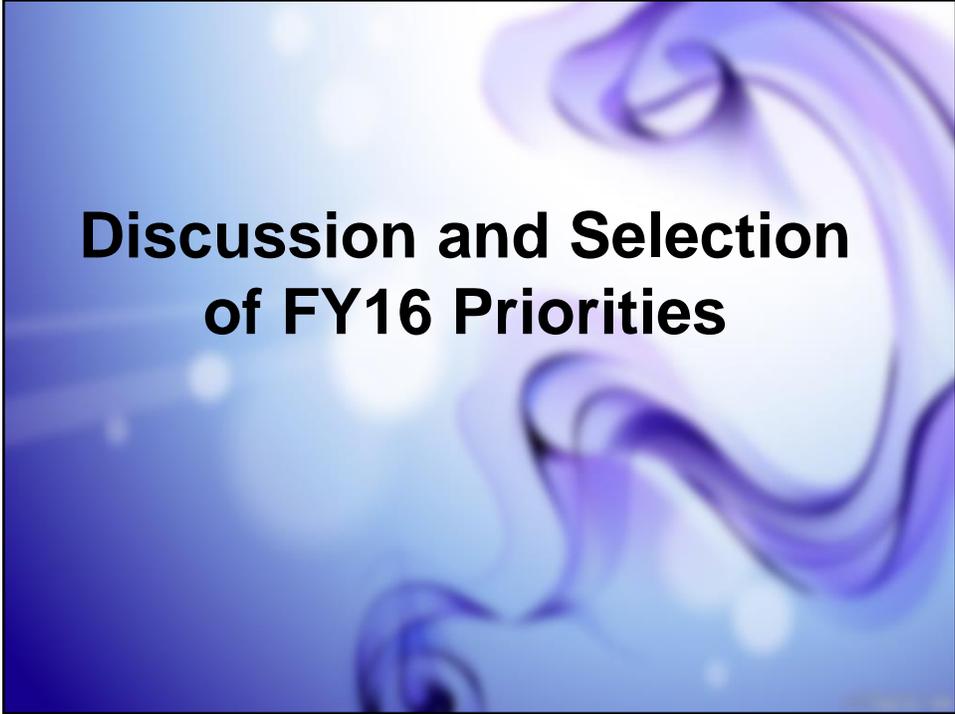
2.1.3 Review the process of the I/DD Registration and Review (i.e. “Waitlist”) through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility).

2.1.4 Create Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) workgroup to develop recommendations for improved services to this underserved population.

2.1.5 Review the CMS guidelines for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services and other requirements and comment on Senior and Disabilities Service’s implementation plans.

Recommended FY16 Priorities

1. Clarify roles, responsibilities, and collaboration opportunities with various FASD agencies and organizations in Alaska.
2. Restart Senior and Disability Service's "waitlist" workgroup and begin to meet regularly.
3. Investigate statutory changes to DD eligibility to include FASD as a qualifying diagnosis.
4. Regulation changes to allow advanced nurse practitioners to diagnose FASDs on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
5. Change OHI category on IEPs to include FASD.
6. Review, comment, and provide recommendations to state Medicaid changes to include FASD.
7. Create Alaska SAFA chapter for self-advocates.



Discussion and Selection of FY16 Priorities