

Council Workgroup on FASD

(Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders)

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FY15 Accomplishments

- Advocated for inclusion of FASD during SDS's Medicaid community forums
- Participated in monthly Alaska FASD Partnership steering committee meetings
- Receive monthly updates from the diagnostic clinics in the state in our meetings
- Had guest speakers from:
 - Legislative Committee chair (on SB 64)
 - AWARE program (on mindfulness for FASD)
 - the Trust (on Medicaid changes/potential impacts)
 - Kenai School District (on new teacher evaluation system)

FY15 Accomplishments

- Crafted objective on FASD for the 5-year State Plan
- With Council Education Committee, passed regulations for the Department of Education & Early Development that:
 - Defines FASD as an “other health impairment” to qualify for special education services
 - **Alaska is the first state in the country to do this!!**
 - Allows Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) to diagnose FASD

FY16 Ongoing Work Activities

- Monitor Medicaid changes:
 - Advocate for expansion of HCBS waiver services to individuals with FASD, and others who do not meet institutional level of care (LOC) on the Inclusive Choices Council (Art Delaune)
 - Review proposed changes and provide comment to 1915 c, i, and k state plans or waiver amendments/renewals

Questions?