

Developmental Disability Committee

Work Plan 2017

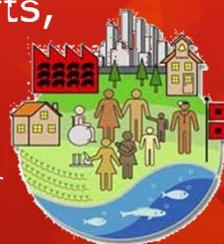
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Community Inclusion, Supports, and Service Goal

Goal Description:

- Improve service delivery to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) to live and thrive in their communities with formal and informal supports and services that promote independence.



Objective #1

Improve at least 5 policies for appropriate lifelong service access for all populations who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities and supports for their caregivers, specifically targeting Alaska's underserved population of individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities.



Activities



- Gather/share information with the Council
- Council participation in the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Disorder(FASD) workgroup quarterly
- Council participation in the Autism Ad Hoc Committee tri-annually
- Research barriers for working caregivers
- Assist in bringing assistive technology to rural areas
- Perform our obligations to the Trust
- Collaborate with Alaska Mobility Coalition to ease transportation woes statewide

Objective #2



Monitor and review at least 5 policies that will increase the use of person-centered practices for home and community-based service (HCBS) settings in the Alaskan service delivery system.

Activities

- Monitor, review, comment, and raise awareness on IDD services
- Monitor, review, comment and raise awareness of the person-centered direction that HCBS settings are heading

Objective #3



Expand Council outreach and community involvement to at least 10 annual opportunities to educate and encourage support from the public on advocacy issues of importance to people who experience IDD.

Activities

- Inform the public on current IDD issues
- Communicate Council activities through use of media outlets
- Council participation in public activities



Objective #4



Expand opportunities for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families to become engaged in self-advocacy and self-advocacy leadership, strengthening the state's self-advocacy organization, participating in at least 2 annual legislative advocacy efforts that improve policies and programs for persons with disabilities to include statewide coalition participation.

Activities

- Identify and fill Council vacancies
- Provide leadership training for qualified individuals
- Continue supporting self-advocacy, state-wide
- Increase communication, collaboration, and participation in the Key Campaign
- Develop mentorships through the Council

Questions?

