

# Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY17

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Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

## Goal

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.

## Objectives

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.
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 Alaska service delivery system.
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 IDDs.
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.

**1.2** 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	Who	Target Date	Status
1.1.1 Collect, review and share prior and current data on the goals, objectives and activities of the Council	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.2 Up to 3 Council members will serve on the Council’s Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) workgroup and meet at least 4 times per year.	Jeanne (L), Ric (SA), Christie (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.3 At least 3 Council members will serve on the Council’s Autism Ad Hoc committee and meet at least 3 times a year.	Jeanne (L), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Christie (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.4 Research barriers that prevent working caregivers from maintaining other employment	Research Analyst (TBA), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.5 Partner to increase greater use of assistive technology, particularly to rural and remote Alaska.	Jeanne (L), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.6 Conduct statutorily mandated responsibilities as a beneficiary board to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust)	Patrick (SA), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), ANTHA	June 2018	Ongoing
1.1.7 Collaborate with the Alaska Mobility Coalition to enhance community transportation options statewide.	Patrick (SA), Ric (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing

**1.2** 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 Alaska service delivery system.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.2.1 Monitor, review, comment and raise awareness of statutory, regulatory and policy changes around the delivery of person-centered IDD services in Alaska.	Jeanne (L), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), AADD	June 2018	Ongoing
1.2.2 Monitor, review, comment and raise awareness of the state’s transition to person-centered conflict-free case management and transition to fully HCBS integrated services.	Jeanne(L), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), AADD	June 2018	Ongoing

**1.3** 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 IDDs.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.3.1 Review and share information to the general public on issues that affect the lives of individuals who experience IDDs.	Jeanne (L), Ric (SA), Kristin (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.3.2 Increase public communication on Council activities at least 10 times per year through the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter), website, radio, television and other means.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Patrick (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing

1.3.3 Participate in community activities that increase our involvement and interaction with the public.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
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1.4 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	Who	Target Date	Status
1.4.1 Identify and recruit advocates and self-advocates for vacant Council seats.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Patrick (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing
1.4.2 Provide leadership training and advocacy opportunities to at least 5 Council members, self-advocates, and family members annually.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Patrick (SA), Peer Power	June 2018	Ongoing
1.4.3 Continue to support statewide self-advocacy	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Peer Power	June 2018	Ongoing
1.4.4 Increase communication, collaboration, and participation in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the legislature led by the Key Coalition and fund travel for 5 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or family members to participate in the Key Campaign once a year by 2021.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Patrick (SA), Key Coalition	June 2018	Ongoing
1.4.5 Develop a mentorship program for new Council and committee members that will pair self-advocates with both staff and/or mentor council members.	Ric (SA), Kristin (SA), Patrick (SA)	June 2018	Ongoing