

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE
FY10 WORKPLAN**

(**denotes Priority Item as approved by Council in May 2009)

Five Year Plan Goals	
Self-Determination	People have choice, flexibility and control over the services and supports they receive.
Employment	People get and keep employment consistent with their interests and abilities.
Housing	People live in accessible, affordable and safe homes in the community.
Health	People are healthy and benefit from the full range of needed health care services.
Lifelong Learning	Children receive prevention and early intervention services. Students reach their educational goals, hopes, and dreams
Community Participation	Every individual is a valued, participating member of his or her community.

I. GOAL: Accurately define service needs among people with developmental disabilities to establish a basis for advocacy and planning.			
ACTIVITY	WHO	TIMELINE	STATUS
A. ** Increase Direct Service Workers to a living wage	In conjunction w/ Legislative Committee Trust Workforce Development focus area		

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<p>B. Improve the data collection system of the DD Registry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to coordinate and lead the efforts to improve the DD Waitlist data system and obtain accurate information on service needs 2. Develop management and policy recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tiered system for the DD Waitlist • Maintaining DD Grant services for individuals not eligible for Waivers • Transitions from CCMC to APD waivers • Directing DD eligible people who meet APD level of care to the Long-Term Care Unit • Filling consumer vacancies occurring in provider-run homes (trial period) 3. Review quarterly statistics on the number and expenditures of waivers and state grant-funded services 	<p>Kathy Fitzgerald, Council staff, Waitlist Sub-Committee</p> <p>Waitlist Sub-Committee</p>	<p>January 2010: reconvene committee</p>	
<p>C. Support the Family Waiver Training-make certain that families on the DD Registry are invited to the trainings</p>	<p>Kathy Fitzgerald Jackie Hill</p>		
<p>D. Continue to participate on the Ad Hoc Committee on Autism to develop support for the recommendations for the legislature and administration</p>	<p>Ad Hoc Committee on Autism (Kathy Fitzgerald and Chris Saddler)</p>	<p>On-going</p>	
<p>E. Work with SDS to implement the supported employment recommendations</p>	<p>Supported Employment Committee</p>		

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F. Study on the Adult Public Assistance (APA) rates in order to possibly recommend an increase (are the current rates (\$362) that were established in 1993, still meeting the needs of individuals?)			
G. Establish a Housing Workgroup to look at affordable, transitional housing resources for individuals with developmental disabilities 1. Convene a group to examine what type of technical assistance is available to help access housing for individuals with developmental disabilities	Trust Housing Initiative Group Trust Housing and TA Workgroup Kathy Fitzgerald, Ric Nelson, Bryan Knight		
H. Support self-advocacy organizations (i.e. People First)	Millie Ryan Lucy Odden Travis Noah		
II. GOAL: Promote the establishment of a comprehensive, outcome-based fiscal and programmatic quality assurance system.			
ACTIVITY	WHO	TIMELINE	STATUS
A. Work with SDS to assess and make recommendations for a meaningful QA process and system that includes peer-review and consumer satisfaction 1. Monitor the state QA process 2. Pilot and evaluate the QA project 3. Place quarterly updates on the QA system on the DD Committee's agenda	DD Committee SDS AADD	On-going March 2011	

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III. GOAL: Support, monitor and track Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Focus Areas			
ACTIVITY	WHO	TIMELINE	STATUS
<p>A. Participate in the Trust focus area workgroups (Bring the Kids Home, Trust Beneficiary Project Initiatives, Disability Justice, Housing, and Workforce Development)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Provide update on two focus areas at DD Committee meetings</p>	AMHTA, partners, staff, Council members	On-going	
IV. GOAL: Track and monitor the Medicaid/Medicare system			
ACTIVITY	WHO	TIMELINE	STATUS
A. Coordinate advocacy efforts with the Key Coalition	Kathy Fitzgerald Legislative Intern		
<p>B. Advocate for increased reimbursement rate for Medicare as it affects access to medical care</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Partner with AARP, ACoA, and the Primary Care Association to bring the issue of Medicare physician shortage to the attention of the public</p>	Primary Care Association AARP ACoA		
C. **Monitor and comment on the development and implementation of a state rate methodology and review process (SB 32)	AADD Key Coalition		
D. **Identify, monitor and recommend solutions on Medicaid issues that affect individuals			

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E. **Advocate for an individualized streamlined system of care vs. a programmatic system of care			
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- DD = Developmental Disabilities
- CCMC = Children with Complex Medical Conditions
- APD = Adults with Physical Disabilities (Medicaid Waiver)
- SDS = Senior and Disabilities Services
- QA = Quality Assurance
- AADD = Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities
- AMHTA = Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- AARP = American Association of Retired Persons
- ACoA = Alaska Commission on Aging