

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Community Developmental Disabilities Grants Component Budget Summary

Component: Community Developmental Disabilities Grants

Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Grants component is to improve and enhance the quality of life for consumers impacted by developmental disabilities.

Core Services

The Community Developmental Disabilities Grants program provides assistance to eligible Alaskans with a developmental disability as defined in AS 47.80.900.

CORE SERVICES are basic supports or services that address a specific family's needs to reduce the need for long-term care. Although the plan for these services can be flexible, the funding for this service is limited to \$3,000 per person per year.

SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE and REFERRAL services are limited supports or assistance (for 90 days or less) to avert a crisis or engage the recipient in generic public benefit programs for which they are eligible. Short-term assistance and referral services are available through local organizations in each census area.

MINI-GRANTS are one-time awards to individuals to meet unfilled health and safety needs.

INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES are various direct services intended to meet a person's habilitation needs as defined by AS 47.80.900. An Individual Annual Plan is developed with the consumer and their family or guardian that defines the services the person is to receive and the goals and objectives of those services. Depending on a person's level of need, the plan may include one or more of the services listed below:

- CARE COORDINATION is provided by certified care coordinators. Care coordinators assist people with developmental disabilities in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services. Care coordination services include screening, assessment, care plan development, and care plan implementation.
- CHORE SERVICES are defined as housekeeping and other assistance necessary to maintain a consumer's home in a clean, sanitary and safe condition. These services are funded when necessary to avoid placing the consumer in an out-of-home or institutional setting.
- ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS are physical adaptations to a consumer's home, identified in a consumer's plan of care and necessary to insure the health, welfare, and safety of the consumer. These adaptations must enable the consumer to function with greater independence, and must be provided by a certified environmental modifications provider.
- RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION SERVICES assist a consumer to acquire, retain, and improve self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home and community-based settings of his or her choice. Training takes place during normal daily routines and is designed to enhance the abilities, competencies, and functional life skills of the consumer. Residential Habilitation services could also be defined as full-time, out-of-home care, with a qualified adult or family. These services are provided in licensed homes but do not require the natural family to give up custody or parental rights.
- RESPITE CARE provides relief from the everyday stress of caring for a family member with a developmental disability. Respite care services can be provided in a variety of settings, including the consumer's home. Alternate care providers, trained in first aid, CPR, behavior and physical management and other skills specific to the consumer's needs, provide respite care. Respite care cannot be used to replace the services provided by regular childcare or adult day care except for short-

term, emergency situations. Respite services alleviate stress on the family and may forestall or prevent out-of-home placements.

- **SPECIALIZED ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT** and supplies are provided for consumers to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living. These include equipment and supplies that assist consumers to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment where they live. These include only items that are of direct medical or remedial benefit to the consumer.
- **VOCATIONAL SERVICES** train people with developmental disabilities in jobs that are matched with the individual's skills and abilities. Consumers participate in the development of the training plan, and job training takes place in an income-producing environment. All consumers are paid for their work.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2008 Component Budget: \$8,562,200	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

In Alaska, two Medicaid waivers exist as a mechanism for funding community-based services for Medicaid eligible developmentally disabled persons, in lieu of their institutionalization. DSDS is challenged to seek out and form partnerships throughout Alaska (primarily with the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Alaska Commission on Aging and the University of Alaska) to provide effective development and implementation of services for developmentally disabled beneficiaries and their families.

The remaining developmental disabilities service costs are funded through the Division's Community Developmental Disabilities Grants program. In addition to the waiver regulations development above, Division staff is crafting a developmental disabilities grants program regulatory and policy framework that establishes uniform procedures and standards for major program functions and services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waitlist is a tool used to gather information regarding people that have been determined eligible for developmental disabilities services and this tool is used to select people for enrollment in services when resources become available. In FY07, the Legislature appropriated more than \$3.0 million of state funds to "eliminate the DD Waitlist" by getting all beneficiaries currently on the waitlist signed up to receive Waivered Medicaid services or developmental disabilities grant funds through the Division. The DSDS is currently processing 25 beneficiaries from the DD Waitlist per quarter. To aid in this effort, the DSDS is in the process of hiring state employees to act as care coordinators to keep up with this increased workload and match beneficiaries with the most appropriate services.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

In FY06, approximately 2,940 individuals were served by the developmental disabilities Medicaid Waivers and grant programs.

The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services maintains a Developmental Disabilities (DD) Census Database which tracks the number of DD beneficiaries that receive services from grant programs in this component. According to this database, 1805 clients were served in FY06.

According to the Division of Public Assistance, Home/Community Based Waiver Participation by Mailing Address report dated June, 27, 2006, there were 173 beneficiaries receiving services under the Children with

Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC) Medicaid Waiver and 962 beneficiaries receiving services under the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Medicaid Waiver. This is a total of 1135 developmental disabilities beneficiaries receiving Medicaid Waiver services, through the SDS Medicaid Component.

Services were delivered in more than 100 communities by 29 nonprofit grantee agencies.

In FY07, new positions have been established to act as care coordinators for removing clients from the DD Waitlist. The Division is in the process of recruiting for these positions. The Division has obtained its goal to remove 25 beneficiaries each quarter, beginning July 1, 2006.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.80	Persons with Disabilities
7 AAC 78.010 - 320	Grant Programs
PL 100 - 203	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987
7 AAC 43.1010 - 1990	Eligibility for the Home and Community-Based Waiver Services Program

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**Community Developmental Disabilities Grants
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	3.6	50.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	7,961.4	8,562.2	8,562.2
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	7,965.0	8,612.2	8,562.2
Funding Sources:			
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	582.8	637.4	637.4
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	7,157.3	7,697.3	7,697.3
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	224.9	277.5	227.5
Funding Totals	7,965.0	8,612.2	8,562.2

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	582.8	637.4	637.4
Restricted Total		582.8	637.4	637.4
Total Estimated Revenues		582.8	637.4	637.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	7,697.3	0.0	914.9	8,612.2
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Decrease MHTAAR Funding for Dental Training Program Trust project	0.0	0.0	-50.0	-50.0
FY2008 Governor	7,697.3	0.0	864.9	8,562.2