



Key Coalition of Alaska

Advocating for Alaskans with developmental disabilities

A Coalition of

- Parents, Family Members, Self-Advocates & Friends
- Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD)
- Alaska Association of Direct Support Professionals (AADSP)
- Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
- Peer Power

A Shared Vision for Alaska

In 2018 SBI74 was placed into state statute. This legislation presents a unified vision for lawmakers that mirrors the values of individuals with disabilities, their families and their community members.

“Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.”

Home and Community Based Services

The Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) system provides vital support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. Services occur in their community of choice rather than in more costly institutional settings and include Care Coordination, Supported Living, In Home Supports, Day Habilitation, Group Home Services, Respite Care, Employment Support and so much more. Services are a lifeline for individuals and families. Hundreds of people are waiting to receive services.

- 2,644 Alaskans are currently receiving HCBS through the Medicaid Waiver program.
- This vital support provides a bridge to a meaningful life in their community of choice.
- Alaska used to lead the nation in the support of the IDD community. Now it's among the worst.

- The current HCBS system is eroding quickly.
- Agencies are at risk of collapse. Some have already closed their doors.

• 459 people are currently on the waiting list. Many others have waited too long, given up and dropped off the list.

• Alaskans are losing vital community support and face being sent to costly institutional settings.



IDD Home and Community Based Service System

Priority One: WAITLIST

- Ensure the five-year plan to eliminate the waitlist happens.
- Address disparities in how people are drawn.

State Systems

Priority Two: FLEXIBILITY

- Encourage a Participant-Directed Services pilot project.

Care Coordination

Priority Three: FUNDING

- Create sustainability through rate reform.

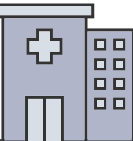
Direct Support Professionals

Priority Four: WORKFORCE

- Prioritize DSP Living Wages in reform efforts.
- Support establishment of DSP certification.

Provider Agencies

Families, Guardians & Community



Working together to repair the present and secure the future for Alaskans with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

For more information about Key Coalition's 2023 Key Campaign priorities, please contact Michele Girault, Key Coalition Board President, at (907) 561-5335 or mgirault@hopealaska.org