

State of Alaska FY2009 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 for more expensive 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 to allow the recipient to establish eligibility for generic public assistance benefit programs. 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.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2009 Component Budget: \$14,526,000	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 individuals and their families.

The remaining developmental disabilities service costs are funded through the division's Community Developmental Disabilities Grants program. In addition to waiver regulations development, 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.

HB95 says "It is the intent of the legislature that the department act expeditiously in the administrative processing of individuals on the waitlist so that they may begin receiving services as quickly as possible utilizing the funding increment initiated in the fiscal 2007 budget." To meet this goal, SDS is drawing 200 names off the list during the course of the year, determining whether or not they are eligible to receive services using the ICAP assessment tool and establishing services based on assessed needs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waitlist is a tool used to gather information regarding people that have been determined eligible for developmental disabilities services. This tool is used to select people for enrollment in services when resources become available. In the FY08 budget, the Legislature added intent language tasking SDS with complete elimination of the DD Waitlist. SDS has requested and received approval to amend the State Plan to draw 50 names each quarter off the DD Waitlist, rather than the 25 that were originally approved. At this rate, SDS expects complete elimination of the DD Waitlist by 2010. Applicants for services will either be deemed ineligible or will begin services through one of the SDS Medicaid programs.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

In FY07, approximately 2,421 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, 1416 clients were served in FY07.

In FY07, 215 beneficiaries received services under the Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC) Medicaid Waiver and 1005 beneficiaries received services under the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Medicaid Waiver. This is a total of 1220 developmental disabilities beneficiaries that received Medicaid Waiver services in the SDS Medicaid Component.

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

In FY07, new positions were created as a "pilot project" to allow people the choice between having a private agency help them with care coordination or having a state employee provide this service. The pilot project has been very successful and many clients are choosing to have a state employee as a care coordinator. Initial results have shown that state care coordinators are able to match clients with services faster and at less total cost. Initial survey results also show better overall satisfaction with state care coordination. SDS intends to continue and expand this pilot project to allow more clients to have this choice.

SDS has stepped up efforts to remove clients from the Developmental Disabilities waitlist. Rather than removing 25 clients per quarter as was done in FY07, SDS is now removing 50 clients per quarter for a total of 200 clients per year.

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

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 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	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	8,461.9	8,562.2	14,526.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	8,461.9	8,562.2	14,526.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	5,963.8
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	677.2	637.4	637.4
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	7,557.3	7,697.3	7,697.3
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	227.4	227.5	227.5
Funding Totals	8,461.9	8,562.2	14,526.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	677.2	637.4	637.4
Restricted Total		677.2	637.4	637.4
Total Estimated Revenues		677.2	637.4	637.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	7,697.3	0.0	864.9	8,562.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer in General Funds from Medicaid Services due to Elimination of Proshare Financing	1,148.1	0.0	0.0	1,148.1
-Reverse FY2008 MH Trust Recommendation	0.0	0.0	-227.5	-227.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Discontinue Private ProShare Refinancing	4,815.7	0.0	0.0	4,815.7
-MH Trust: Benef Projects - Mini grants for beneficiaries with disabilities	0.0	0.0	227.5	227.5
FY2009 Governor	13,661.1	0.0	864.9	14,526.0