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**KEY CAMPAIGN**

**2018**

# Key Coalition of Alaska



*"Visioning the Future: Full Lives for All"*

## Legislative Priorities 2018



**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Increasing day habilitation “soft cap” from an average of 8 hours weekly to an average of 12 hours weekly

# **Priority I**

## **Pass SB 174**

- Put into statute a shared vision of a flexible system in which every person directs their own supports based on their strengths and abilities toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community
- The vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future

# Priority II

## Put in Place a Stable and Sustainable Fiscal Plan



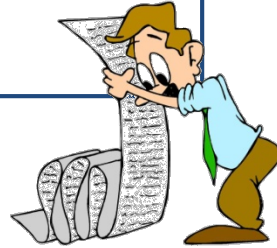
**WHY: Reactivate the commitment to reduce the waitlist (200 people per year compared to the current 50 people per year)**

- When demand for waiver services outstrips the resources for providing them, Medicaid allows states to maintain a waiting list of individuals waiting to receive services.
- Currently, there are 652 Alaskans with intellectual and developmental disabilities waiting for services



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### **BENEFITS:**

- When services are provided early, prior to crisis, there is a reduced cost to the State
  - Crisis = increased services and cost
- Increases the probability that families stay together
- Individuals experiencing disabilities are supported in their home communities close to their loved ones
- Enhances local and state economy
- Increases productivity, community participation and independence for the people experiencing disabilities

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**WHY:** Key Campaign has provided the legislature and the administration with recommendations to reduce the costs of home and community-based waivers

- Passage of durable medical equipment re-use bill **Note:** Kansas saw a \$3.15 return on investment for every \$1 spent on its re-use program
- Key Coalition provided a number of cost savings recommendations to the legislature and administration in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (use of technology, companionship services and semi-independent living services) **Note:** Key Coalition is making the same recommendations in 2018

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**WHY:** Key Coalition believes that individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families have already contributed to efforts to reduce the State budget

- Reduction in waitlist draws from 200 to 50 per year
- Day habilitation “soft cap” of 624 hours annually **Note:** day habilitation is the only service that helps individuals be a part of their local communities
- Out-of-pocket expenses to care for a child with developmental disabilities is estimated at \$8,000 annually beyond what it takes to raise a child without a disability

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Key Coalition of Alaska asks the Alaska State Legislature to:



**Put in place a stable and sustainable fiscal plan that includes**

- Using Permanent Fund earnings as basis for a long-term fiscal plan
- Creating new resources

# Priority III

## Pass SB 80 and HB 336



## WHAT:

- **SB 80:** a telecommunication bill that would require telephone utilizes to provide services to subscribers who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired so they can communicate by telephone with hearing persons
- **HB 336:** the Supportive Decision Making Act, which would empower Alaskans with guardians to form Individualized Supported Decision Making Agreements, which foster greater independence for adults with disabilities to make life decisions with a trusted team



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