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 The Key Coalition of Alaska has a 30-year history of successful partnerships with the Alaska State Legislature, the Administrations of the Department of Health and Social Services and Senior and Disability Services, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. As a result, Alaska's system of services for Alaskans with IDD makes efficient and effective use of Alaska's limited resources and provides community alternatives to more costly institutional services.


PRESERVATION: A SOUND FISCAL PLAN FOR ALASKA IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE MEDICAID-FUNDED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

 Medicaid and State-funded Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) save the state money over costly institutional care. An institutional option must be provided if requested by an individual, yet the majority of Alaskans with IDD choose community services and hundreds continue to wait for critically needed assistance. These cost-effective Home and Community-Based Services are dependent on adequate fiscal support ensured only through a sound fiscal plan for Alaska.

PRODUCT: ENSURE ALASKANS WITH IDD CONTINUE TO LIVE PRODUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL LIVES

 With Home and Community-Based Services, Alaskans with IDD are able to be served in the community rather than in high-cost institutions, allowing them to attend school with their peers, gain meaningful employment, purchase goods and services, enjoy social and recreational activities with family and friends, volunteer, vote, and actively contribute to community life.

PRICE: MAINTAIN MEDICAID AND STATE FUNDING FOR COST-EFFECTIVE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

 Eliminating the Medicaid waiver programs “would ultimately cost the State of Alaska hundreds of millions of dollars in additional spending annually,” according to Legislative Research Service Report 16.44, February 2016. In addition to direct costs, its elimination would “generate a great deal of demand for long-term care facilities on a state-wide system that is already operating near capacity.”