

OVERVIEW  
OF PROGRAMS  
FOR THE  
HANDICAPPED

# STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

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April 20, 1981

The Honorable Don Clocksin  
Chairperson  
House HESS Committee  
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State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Clocksin:

Your staff requested information regarding the Department's services to the handicapped. Please note that some of the services included are those available to the general public, as well as handicapped persons. We were not always able to readily separate such expenditures and statistics to provide only to those supplied to handicapped individuals.

If you need additional information, please contact us. We are planning to attend the Friday hearing to answer any questions the Committee has on these issues.

Sincerely,



Deborah Behr  
Special Assistant

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED

APRIL 17, 1981

**DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT**

Program Area

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: BRU: Public Health Nursing	Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Public Health Section of Nursing	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
					Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated of Handi- capped to be Served
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU								
These funds represent the manpower costs of the Division of Public Health Field Nurses whose duties include the following:  1. disease prevention through immunization control and treatment of communicable diseases; 2. health screening to "risk" groups according to the availability of medical support; 3. early detection of individuals with handicapping conditions and assistance in procuring diagnosis, treatment and a continuum of rehabilitative services; 4. provide appropriate, relevant, supportive health promotion services which will increase and promote Alaskans to independent self-help health life styles. 5. provision of skilled nursing home health care services to assist the acute or chronically ill to maintain optimal level of independent functioning at their place of residence three areas: Juneau, Ketchikan, Fairbanks		Field Nursing	4255.5	4983.9	5214.3			
		Home Health Care	47.2	433.1	454.3	600		
TOTALS			4302.7	5417.0	5668.6	100200.	-0-	-0-

NOTE: All funding levels are indicated in thousands (,000) of dollars.

Program Area

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Community Mental Health Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
Community mental health services eligible for state grant funds include evaluation and diagnosis out-patient treatment, short term inpatient treatment, follow-up services, preventive services, consultation and community education, drug treatment, 24-hr. emergency services, forensic services, specialized services for children, adolescents and the aged, referral services, and staff development.	Mental Health Grants	2660.8	3714.7	4075.8	*	*	*
COMMUNITIES/AREAS RECEIVING GRANTS							
<u>Southeast</u> Sitak Ketchikan	<u>Southcentral</u> Dillingham Kenai CorJova						
<u>Northern</u> McGrath-Anvik Nome Barrow Tanana Chiefs Conf. Tok Galena Fairbanks Et. Yukon	So. Peninsula MHCenter Copper River Native Assn. Kodiak Kuskokwim Anchorage Seward Yukon-Kuskokwim Assn. Valdez Aleutian/Pribilof Is. Assn.						
	TOTALS	2660.8	3714.7	4075.8	*	*	*

\*Data not currently available

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Program Area

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Public Health Section of Nursing	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Public Health Nursing							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
<p>The Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment Program (EPSDT) is administered through the Section of Nursing through a Reimbursable Services Agreement with the Division of Public Assistance. Federal Regulations require the state to provide EPSDT services to medicaid-eligible children under the age of 21. Mandated services require informing and outreach, screening and referral, and follow-up. The EPSDT services that are provided by the professional nursing staff are: physical assessment, sensory screening, lab tests, vital signs, developmental surveys, and referral and follow-up.</p> <p>Mauneluk Association provides public health nursing services through a professional contract in accordance with the Section of Nursing, Division of Public Health Guideline Manual.</p>	EPSDT	237.5	497.1	510.0	7,000	*	*
		-0-	171.4	190.3	4,000		
	TOTALS	237.5	668.5	700.3	11,000	*	*

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Program Area

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Public Health Section of Family Health	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F82 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Program Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
Provide diagnostic and treatment services to children with handicapping conditions.	Handicapped Children	1560.8	1612.8	1975.6	1300	1714.9	1300
Provide definitive audiological evaluations for children and adults.	Communicative Disorders	488.8	471.3	661.6	6M - 7M	50.6	600
Provides a multidisciplinary diagnostic team to visit communities to evaluate children suspected of developmental problems. The team develops an individual care plan and refers child for treatment and follow-up.	Child Development Services	256.1	333.0	381.9	500	134.5	500
Services include metabolic screening to provide early detection of specific handicapping conditions; improved pregnancy outcome project; statewide newborn intensive care program of projects which provide preventive techniques; treatment of sick newborns or those high risk pregnancies which could result in a sick newborn; and provision of family planning clinical services.	Maternal & Child Health	445.0	775.2	860.5		*	*
	TOTALS	2750.7	3192.3	3899.6	1800	1900.0	2400

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EDUCATION

Program Area

EDUCATION

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Public Health Section on Family Health	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Program Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
Provides grants to areas for providing special ser- for exceptional children under the age of three years for whom regular school facilities are inadequate.	Infant Learning Grants	335.3	612.3	404.1	150-175	348.3	120-150
		FCC RP's	358.4 253.9				
	TOTALS	335.3	612.3	404.1	150-175	348.3	120-150

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SUPPORT SERVICES

TABLE  
0 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Family & Youth Services	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Program Services (Children)							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds provide services for abused/neglected/ run-away children as follows:	Children's Services						
1. Complaint investigation, problem identification, and assessment;	-Homemaker	69.6	136.6	169.7	95	8,994	5
2. crisis intervention;	-Day Care	181.8	292.1	315.5	260	5,995	5
3. counselling;							
4. petitioning the court for child protection;	-Youth Svcs.	345.4	670.2	743.9		NO DATA	
5. emergency shelter;							
6. arrangement of in-home services such as day care and homemaker;		596.8	1,098.9	1,229.1	355	14,989	10
7. placement activities;							
8. consultation to substitute providers (foster parents, residential child care facilities staffs, day care staffs);							
9. adoptive services.							
These funds (part of the BRU program component "Adult Protective Services") provide for residential & foster care services to adults in need of protec- tive services.	Adult Serv.	-0-	709.8	-----	---	DIV. OF ADULT & AGING	-----
	Residential Care	-	-	---	-	-	-
	Foster Care	-	108.0	-----	---	DIV. OF ADULT & AGING	-----
	Domestic Violence	-	1,805.9	-----	---	DIV. OF ADULT & AGING	-----
CONTINUED							
	TOTALS	596.8	3722.6	1229.1	355	14989	10

Program Area

SUPPORT SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Family & Youth Services	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Han- dicapped to be Served
BRU: Program Services (Children)							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
CONTINUATION							
	Displaced Homemaker Family Counseling	-0-	151.8	-----		DIV OF ADULT & AGING-----	
		-0-	35.5	-----		DIV. OF ADULT & AGING-----	
	TOTALS	-0-	3909.9	1229.1	355	14989	10

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Program Area

SUPPORT SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - 82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Public Assistance	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Public Assistance (Payments)							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
<p>These funds provide cash payments to individuals in financial need due to age, infirmity or family circumstances as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AB - Aid to the Blind</li> <li>2. AD - Aid to the Disabled</li> <li>3. AFDC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children</li> <li>4. OAA - Old Age Assistance</li> </ol> <p>It should be noted that funds requested for AB, AD, and OAA represent state supplements to the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program while AFDC is indicated at 50% federal/50% state funding ratio</p>	AB	119.8	140.9	161.3	63	161.3	63
	AD	3743.2	4691.7	5940.5	2018	5940.5	2018
	AFDC	24011.8	32144.0	44270.3	28400	*	*
	OAA	3382.2	4479.5	5332.1	2282	*	*
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>31257.0</b>	<b>41446.1</b>	<b>55704.2</b>	<b>32763.0</b>	<b>6101.8</b>

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ALTERNATE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS  
& INDEPENDENT LIVING TRAINING

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
by Program Area

Alternate Living Arrangements & Independent Living Training

Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Sec. on Developmental Disabilities	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Community Developmental Disabilities Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds provide support to residential contract programs for the developmentally disabled as follows:							
Kodiak Mental Health Center	Kodiak	-	49.5	54.9	6	54.9	6
Anchorage Home Program	Anchorage	82.0	177.6	197.1	8	197.1	8
Anchorage Specialized foster care, group homes for children and adults, and community placement for adults	Anchorage	1258.7	1396.8	1550.5	107	1550.5	107
Bethel Independent living training for (9) adults	Bethel	9.3	13.1	14.6	9	14.6	9
Fairbanks Independent living training and group home support for adults (Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association).	Fairbanks	254.4	258.6	287.0	20	287.0	20
Juneau Residential Care for Children (CHILD)	Juneau	-	120.0	133.2	5 - 10	133.2	5 - 10
Juneau Independent living training and community placement for (7) adults (REACH).	Juneau	87.8	76.4	84.8	7	84.8	7
CONTINUATION							
	TOTALS	1692.2	2092.0	2322.1	167	2322.1	167

Program Area

Alternate Living Arrangements & Independent Living Training

**TABLE**  
**F80 - F82 Funding Information**  
**By Program Area**

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Sec. on Developmental Disabilities BRU: Community Developmental Disabilities Services Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
CONTINUATION  Ketchikan Independent living training and group home support for (12) adults (Gateway Opportunity Center).	Ketchikan	31.6	68.6	76.2	12	76.2	12
<b>TOTALS</b>		1723.8	2160.6	2398.3	179	2398.3	179

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RESPITE CARE

Program Area

Respite Care

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding	Total Clients	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handicapped to be served
BRU: Community Developmental Disabilities Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds (which are part of the BRU program component "Family Support") provide respite care services for the developmentally disabled as follows:							
1. Anchorage Respite Care Program	Anchorage	210.5	256.8	285.0	80 - 90	285.0	80 - 90
2. Juneau - provided by St. Jude's Center	Juneau	70.5	79.2	87.9	15 - 20	87.9	15 - 20
3. Kenai - provided by Central Peninsula Mental Health Center	Kenai	9.3	10.3	11.4	10 - 15	11.4	10 - 15
4. Sitka - provided by Parents of Children with special needs	Sitka	-	17.0	18.9	15 - 20	18.9	15 - 20
5. Ketchikan - provided by Ketchikan Youth Services	Ketchikan	-	15.5	17.2	15 - 20	17.2	15 - 20
6. Fairbanks (Fairbanks Rehab Assoc.)	Fairbanks	-	99.0	110.0	20 - 25	110.0	20 - 25
	TOTALS	290.3	417.8	530.4	155-190	530.4	155 - 190

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VOCATIONALLY ORIENTED AND  
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

Program Area

Vocationally Oriented and  
Other Support Services

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Reques. for Handi- capped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be served
BRU: Community Developmental Disabilities Services							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds are targeted to provide funding for contract facilities in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Kodiak which administer vocationally oriented training and other support services to developmentally disabled persons.	Anchorage	629.8	607.0	673.8	60 - 80	673.8	60 - 80
	Bethel	-	30.8	34.1	9 - 12	34.1	9 - 12
	Fairbanks	233.6	283.9	315.1	30	315.1	30
	Juneau	22.1	122.0	135.4	20	135.4	20
	Ketchikan	47.5	52.2	57.9	32	57.9	32
	Kodiak	51.6	52.2	57.9	15	57.9	15
	Juneau	-	17.5	19.4	15 - 20	19.4	15 - 20
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>984.6</b>	<b>1165.6</b>	<b>1293.8</b>	<b>181-209</b>	<b>1293.6</b>

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**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

Program Area

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

**TABLE**  
**F80 - F82 Funding Information**  
**By Program Area**

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Sec. on Developmental Disabilities	BRU Program Components	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handicapped to be Served
BRU: Harborview Developmental Center							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
Harborview Developmental Center is a residential institution which provides habilitation and family support services to substantially developmentally disabled Alaskans. Harborview is certified under state/federal regulations for Intermediate Care Facilities for the mentally retarded and provides 96 certified ICF/MR beds for severely handicapped persons	Harborview	5331.7	5710.6	5887.1	96	5887.1	96
	<b>TOTALS</b>	5331.7	5710.6	5887.1	96	5887.1	96

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Program Area

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Public Assistance	AREA	F80 Actual Expendi-	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested For Handicapped													
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served												
BRU: Public Assistance (Medicaid-Nursing Homes)																			
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU																			
<p>These particular Medicaid funds (which is jointly-funded by state and federal governments) are used to pay patient residential and medical treatment costs for patients in certified nursing home facilities (skilled care facilities and intermediate care facilities) as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NURSING HOME COMPONENTS</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Skilled &amp; Intermediate Nursing Homes</td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 15%;"><u>\$ F82</u></td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 25%;"><u>Capacity</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">19615.9</td> <td style="text-align: right;">543</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hope Cottage (ICF/MR)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1905.1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>21521.0</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>573</u></td> </tr> </table>	Skilled & Intermediate Nursing Homes	<u>\$ F82</u>	<u>Capacity</u>		19615.9	543	Hope Cottage (ICF/MR)	1905.1	30		<u>21521.0</u>	<u>573</u>	Nursing Homes	1433.4	19419.5	21521.0	-0-	*	*
Skilled & Intermediate Nursing Homes	<u>\$ F82</u>	<u>Capacity</u>																	
	19615.9	543																	
Hope Cottage (ICF/MR)	1905.1	30																	
	<u>21521.0</u>	<u>573</u>																	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	1433.4	19419.5	21521.0	-	*	*												

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Program Area

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Sec. on Mental Health	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handicapped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Alaska Psychiatric Institute							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
Alaska Psychiatric Institute maintains 153 beds for the care of the acute mentally ill. Patients may be of any age, sex, or nationality and without regard to their Alaska Community of residence. Complete physical health assessment is available including dental services, medical laboratory, central medical and sterile supply. A full-time psychiatric and medical staff provides medical care and related therapeutic services.	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	8061.1	8574.1	10574.0	153**	*	5-10 ***
	TOTALS	8061.1	8574.1	10574.0	153	*	5-10***

\*Data not currently available

\*\*\*Based on F81 occupancy data

NOTE: All funding levels are indicated in thousands (,000) of dollars

Program Area

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Dept. of Health & Social Services Department/Division: Div. of Adult and Aging Services	AREA	F80 Actual Budget	F81 Author'd Budget	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handi- capped	Estimated # of Han- dicapped to be Served
BRU: (Adult and Aging Services)							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds (part of the BRU Program Component "Adult Services") provide funding as follows:  Contracts/agreements with adult residential care facilities and adult foster homes for Adult Pro- tective Service Clients	Residential Care	312.0	685.0	740.0	150	-0-	-0-
	Foster	-0-	108.0	116.6	60	-0-	-0-
	TOTALS	312.0	793.0	856.6	210	-0-	-0-

Program Area

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

TABLE  
F80 - F82 Funding Information  
By Program Area

Department/Division: Dept. of Health & Social Services Div. of Family & Youth Services	AREA	F80 Actual	F81 Author'd	Agency Total F82 Request		F82 Funds Requested for Handicapped	
				Total Funding Request	Total # Clients to be Served	Total Funding Request for Handi- capped	Estimated # of Handi- capped to be Served
BRU: Juvenile Custody (Child Protective Services)							
Description of Services/Activities Funded by This BRU							
These funds, part of the BRU Program Component "Child Protective Services" provide funding for institutional referral and placement of abused, abandoned, or neglected children	Institutional Care	7,903.5	10,356.5	14,416.2	400	720,810	20
	Foster Care	2,591.	3,696.9	3,545.7	1,050	109,353	30
Juvenile Custody BRU Totals		10,494.7	14,053.4	17,961.9	1,450	830,163	50
Direct Services (Social worker time), Child Protective Services	Social Services**	3,478.6	5,158.5	5,647.0	7,000	90,352	110
Information and Referral		176.8	141.9	155.3	4,250	*	*
Individual and Family Counseling		235.8	264.3	289.4	1,300	2,315	10
Social Services BRU Totals		3,891.2	5,564.7	6,091.7	12,550	92,667	120
Juvenile Probation and Parole Supervise juvenile probation cases Provide care in detention facilities Youth Services BRU Totals	Youth Services In DOC		7,318.7	10,920.3	8,272	*	*
** Does not include Administration or Staff Development							
TOTALS		14,385.9	26,936.8	34,973.9	22,272.0	922,830	170

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## SUMMARY

### FUNDING INFORMATION

Information extracted from F81 budget requests was obtained from the three state departments known to provide the majority of educational and health services to all Alaskans. Based on interviews with program personnel, and updates contained in the F81 Executive Operating Budget, the Council has identified that \$53,445,500 in state and federal funds is targeted to serve Alaska's handicapped population in F81. This amount represents 3.6% of the total F81 Executive Operating Budget. It is thought that more funds than the \$53,445,500 are committed to services to the handicapped. However, budget and client-reporting systems of 70% of the limited number of BRUs examined in this report do not identify funding and client information by handicapping condition.

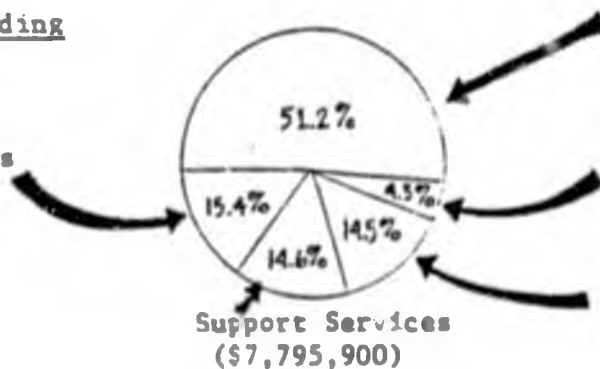
Of the F81 funds identified to provide services to the handicapped, the majority are committed to educational services. The proportionate distribution of identified funding for services to handicapped persons is displayed by program area in Table 28.

TABLE 28

#### PROPORTIONATE PROGRAM AREA DISTRIBUTION OF F81 FUNDS IDENTIFIED FOR SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED

Total Identified Funding  
\$53,445,500

Vocational Services  
(\$8,249,200)



Educational Services  
(\$27,345,500)

Diagnosis & Treatment  
Services  
(\$2,311,400)

Residential Services  
(\$7,743,500)

More detail regarding the specific types of services offered and funding levels in each of the program areas may be found in Appendix B and on p. 5-43 of this report.

The Council has identified that services to the handicapped are provided by divisions of the Departments of Health and Social Services (DH&SS), Education (DOE), and Community and Regional Affairs (C&RA). This information is illustrated in Table 29.

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DH&SS administers approximately 32% (\$17,022,000) of the F81 funds identified which serve the handicapped. The majority of DH&SS funding is used to provide

TABLE 29

## SUMMARY - FBI FUNDING REQUESTS FOR SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED BY DEPARTMENT

Dept./Div./Section	FBI Request for Services to the Handicapped			% of Total Funding Identified for Handicapped	
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Total)			17,022,000		31.8
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities		9,201,100		*	
Section on Mental Health	*			17.2	
Section on Developmental Disabilities	9,201,100			*	
Division of Social Services		*			
Division of Public Health		2,705,900			
Section on Family Health	2,445,500			4.6	
Section of Nursing	260,000			.5	
Division of Public Assistance		5,115,000		9.5	
EDUCATION (Total)			36,123,500		67.6
Division of Management, Law & Finance		28,785,400		53.9	
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation		7,283,200		13.6	
Division of Educational Program Support	*			*	
Division of State Libraries		54,900		.1	
ADMINISTRATION (Total)			*		*
Division of Pioneer Benefits		*		*	
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS (Total)			300,000		.6
Division of Community and Rural Development		300,000		.6	
<b>TOTAL IDENTIFIED FUNDING FOR HANDICAPPED</b>			<b>\$53,445,500</b>		<b>100.0</b>

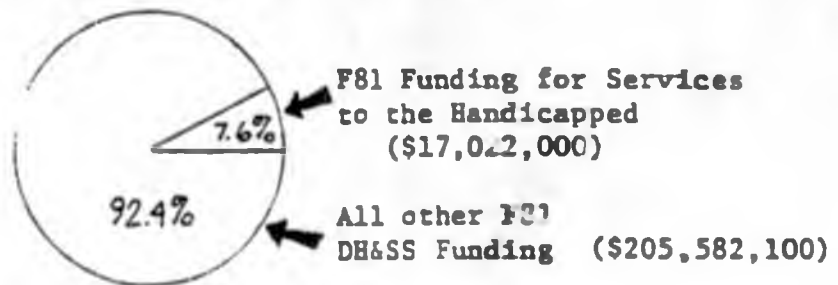
cash payments to financially-needy disabled and blind persons (\$5,115,000 - Division of Public Assistance) and to provide institutional care for developmentally disabled persons at Harborview Developmental Center (\$5,752,400 - Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Section on Developmental Disabilities). Other identified F81 funding is used to provide alternative community residential services for the developmentally disabled (\$1,991,100 - Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Section on Developmental Disabilities). The balance of F81 funding for services to the handicapped supports diagnosis and treatment services for developmentally disabled and handicapped persons and is administered by the Division of Public Health, Section of Nursing and Section on Family Health. Table 30 illustrates the proportionate share of funding in the F81 DH&SS budget.

TABLE 30

DH&SS F81 FUNDING FOR SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED

Total DH&SS F81 Funding  
(Governor's Request)

\$222,604,100



More detail concerning DH&SS F81 funding is contained in Appendix C, p. 1-12.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

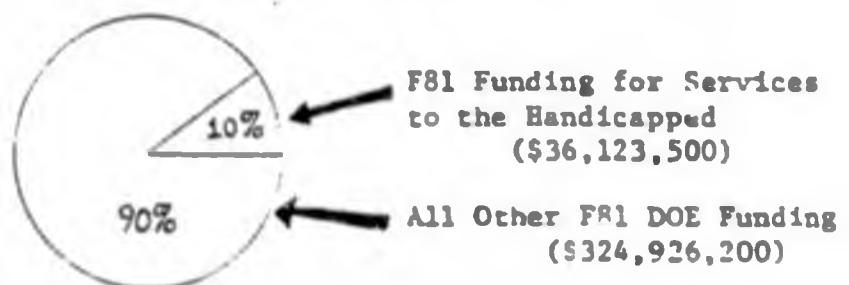
DOE administers approximately 68% (\$36,123,500) of the F81 funds identified to serve the handicapped. The majority of DOE-administered funding is passed on to local school districts and contract educational programs to provide services to handicapped students (\$28,785,400). The remainder of funds for services to the handicapped provide vocational rehabilitation services (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - \$7,283,200) and specialized library services for the handicapped (Division of State Libraries - \$54,900). The proportion of total DOE F81 funding for services to the handicapped is illustrated in Table 31.

TABLE 31

DOE F81 FUNDING FOR SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED

Total DOE F81 Funding  
(Governor's Budget)

\$361,049,700



More detail concerning DOE F81 funding is contained in Appendix C, p. 13-18.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

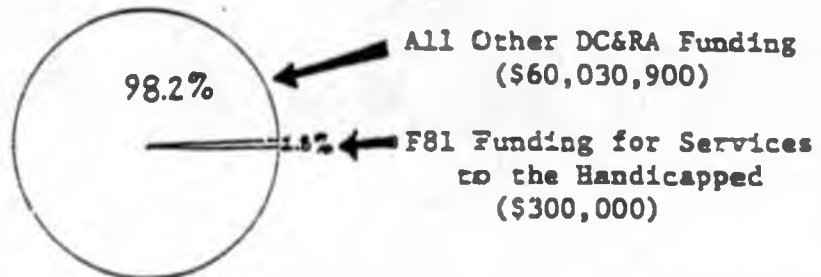
Department of C&RA administers approximately .6% (\$300,000) of the F81 funds identified for services to the handicapped. These funds are designated for provision of services to handicapped children in Head Start Programs. Table 32 illustrates the proportion of F81 funding administered by the Department of C&RA which is targeted for the handicapped.

TABLE 32

### DEPARTMENT OF C&RA F81 FUNDING FOR SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED

Total DC&RA F81 Funding  
(Governor's Budget)

\$60,330,900



More detail concerning the Department of C&RA F81 funding is contained in Appendix C, p. 20.

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Administration does not have information available on the numbers of handicapped persons receiving nursing and residential services at Alaska's Pioneers' Homes. Depending on the breadth of one's definition, most of the residents of Pioneers' Homes could be considered handicapped. Total F81 Governor's budget request for Pioneers' Homes is \$11,466,500. For more information about the total F81 budget for Pioneers' Homes, see Appendix C, p. 19.

## POPULATION INFORMATION

Based on prevalence studies, it is estimated that there are approximately 43,400 handicapped persons in Alaska.<sup>2</sup> This number represents 10.7% of the state's total population and includes a broad range of handicapped persons such as those whose handicap is minor or is a result of illness, injury, or late-life disease. Developmentally disabled persons (those people with severe and chronic handicapping conditions which are identified in childhood and who are likely to require life-long services) number approximately 7,400 and comprise one-fifth of the total handicapped population. The population distribution of these groups is displayed in Table 33.

<sup>2</sup>The estimate is taken from policy budget information of the Department of Education (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (1981 estimate of 43,400 handicapped persons is taken from 1978 projections)).

TABLE 33

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF ALASKA'S HANDICAPPED  
AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED POPULATION

Region	Total Population*	Handicapped Population <sup>2</sup>	Developmentally Disabled Population*	DD Population as % of Total State Population
Southeast	51,172	5,232	917	12%
Southcentral	252,338	26,915	4,538	62%
Central	71,310	7,605	1,282	19%
Southwest	5,413	577	102	1%
West	12,676	1,352	242	3%
Northwest	11,432	1,219	214	3%
North	4,500	480	85	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408,841</b>	<b>43,380</b>	<b>7,378</b>	<b>(Rounded) 101%</b>

\*Source: 1980 Alaska Developmental Disabilities State Plan

<sup>2</sup>The estimate is taken from policy budget information of the Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (1981 estimate of 43,400 handicapped persons is taken from 1978 projections).

CONCLUSIONS

After completing this Status Report, the Council has drawn a number of conclusions about the funding and client data available which bear on the feasibility of developing increasingly precise IPBs in future years. These conclusions are stated here so that the reader will have a perception on the issues involved, from a Council perspective, in developing an IPB in coming years which will be beneficial to furthering the goal of providing cost-efficient and comprehensive services to Alaska's handicapped population.

1. The present availability of data, on both funding patterns and handicapped persons served, is very difficult to obtain. In order to develop an IPB which will propose interdepartmental budgeting, the Council must have full information about the level of funding and the number of handicapped population currently served. In this status report, the Council found that 70% of the limited number of BRUs examined did not identify funding or client data by handicapping condition.
2. The state budgeting system does not report the exact source of funding for many programs, consequently rendering it difficult for the Council to analyze the proportionate distribution of state and federal funding in many state-operated programs. For example, interviews with DOE program personnel revealed that the program component "State Contract Programs" in the BRU "Financial Support Programs" is comprised entirely of federal funds. The state budget reports this item as funded partially

with federal and partially with state general fund dollars. Another example of this inexact budget reporting is the federal Title XX funding administered by DH&SS-Division of Social Services. Title XX funding is shown as an "offset" in the F81 Executive Operating Budget.

3. Notwithstanding the limited scope of this initial IPB and the lack of availability of specific data on handicapped individuals served by various departments and divisions, the Council has identified the major sources of funding for services to handicapped and the agencies administering these program funds. By displaying these program funds by major type of service (i.e. diagnosis and treatment, education, residential, support and vocational) a comprehensive view of funding allocated to each type of service can be useful for future budget development, program planning and agency coordination.

# STATE OF ALASKA

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JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

## DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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April 22, 1981

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The Honorable Donald Clocksin  
Chairman of House Health, Education,  
& Social Services Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Clocksin:

Per your request, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is involved in service delivery and funding to the following programs which provide services to the handicapped, gifted, and disabled.

Our Housing Assistance Division has been involved in providing rental units for handicapped people through the Senior Citizen Grant Program. These units are located in Senior Citizen rental projects and designed architecturally to accommodate barrier free living for the handicapped. There are approximately 40 of these units situated in 28 locations.

The CETA program offers an array of services to the handicapped. Direct services that are offered include training, counseling, job search, subsidized work experience, and career exploration. Handicapped individuals are given preference points during intake and assessment for applicant pool purposes. Indirectly CETA provides support staff to program operators that provide services to handicapped people (i.e. half way houses, schools, advocacy and protection groups, etc.) As of April 15, CETA served 203 handicap d individuals. This represents 8% of the total number served in all CETA programs.

If additional information is required or you have questions please contact us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Lee McAnerney*  
for  
Lee McAnerney  
Commissioner

cc: Keith Specking  
Marie Matsuno

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

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April 16, 1981

Ms. Ginna Brelsford  
Administrative Assistant  
House of Representatives  
Health, Education & Social Services Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

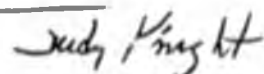
Dear Ms. Brelsford:

Per your telephone request, attached is the Department's of Labor paper on the Handicapped for the teleconference scheduled for April 24, 1981. Doris Simon, Assistant Director for Employment Services, will plan to attend this teleconference. If you need additional information, please contact Doris at 465-2712.

You also mentioned a hearing on House Bills 450 and 451 on April 21, 1981. A review of both bills indicates there is no impact for the Department of Labor.

Thank you for keeping us advised.

Sincerely,



Judy Knight  
Special Assistant

## Services to Handicapped

While a mainstream labor exchange is the key mechanism for assisting employers and job seekers, those individuals who have job handicaps need special services to effectively compete in the labor market. The Alaska Employment Service operationally defines a handicapped applicant as one with a physical, mental or emotional limitation which may require the applicant to modify or re-select an occupation; or makes it difficult for the applicant to get employer acceptance for suitable work; or restricts an inexperienced applicant from entering an industry, trade or profession; or indicates that the applicant's employability can be improved through services from another agency.

The Alaska Employment Service utilizes the "selective placement" process in assisting handicapped applicants to secure employment. The three basic steps to the selective placement are appraising the individual's work capacities, vocational preference and environmental tolerances; analyzing job requirements particularly physical demands and work related conditions; and matching the individual's needs and talents with the requirements of a suitable job. This approach emphasizes the capacity of the individual rather than concentrating on the handicap - in essence, we advocate what the individual can do rather than what he/she cannot do. During this selective labor exchange, other services including Employment Counseling, referral to training and supportive services, job seeking skills and follow-up contacts are offered to the handicapped applicant.

During the Federal Fiscal Year 1980, the Alaska Employment Service secured jobs for 959 handicapped applicants. In addition, 685 applicants were referred to supportive services and 492 job development contacts were made for handicapped applicants.

### Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP)

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Vietnam-Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 mandate federal contractors to take affirmative action to hire handicapped workers and disabled veterans respectively. These federal contractors are required to list suitable job openings with Job Service.

Disabled Veterans Outreach Representatives (DVOPs) are placed in our Job Service offices to provide job placement and services to veterans with emphasis on disabled and handicapped veterans of the Vietnam-Era. The DVOPs also conduct outreach services to identify and vocationally assist disabled and handicapped veterans.

Disabled veterans of the Vietnam-Era are given first preference in job referrals. Veterans are also referred to counseling, training, vocational rehabilitation, educational programs, Veterans Administration and other programs which may assist veterans in obtaining suitable vocations.

DVOPs conduct telephone and personal interviews with employers to develop jobs and on-the-job training opportunities for veterans with emphasis on disabled and handicapped veterans.

Follow-up contact with veterans and disabled veterans are conducted to insure services were rendered by referral agencies; results of referrals; employability and physical status; address and phone number changes or other activities which may affect the disabled veteran's employability; and job performance/personal satisfaction of those placed in employment.

DVOPs conduct liason with local offices of state federal, national labor and private organizations to coordinate programs to hire and furnish services to veterans. Some of these organizations are Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB; Fort Wainwright and Eielson AFB; VFW and the American Legion.

In Job Service offices without DVOPs; Local Office Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) provides these services to veterans and disabled veterans.

All Job Service staff in the local offices are aware of the services available to the veteran and disabled veteran. Referral preference for veterans and disabled veterans is a mandate of all Job Service offices.

The federal funding for the DVOP program will end on September 30, 1981. This reduction, coupled with the 17% federal reduction in ES Grants will severely impact our ability to provide specialized services for specific target groups. Job Service will attempt to continue providing these services within our fiscal constraints.

## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ALASKA

Alaska School Districts in conjunction with the Alaska State Department of Education provide programs and services for approximately 10,400 handicapped students and 2,400 gifted/talented students. Most students receive special education through the local district program. In addition to the local district programs the State provides services by contract for low incidence students. These programs are as follows:

1. **Alaska Day School for the Deaf/Blind, Severe Multiple Handicapped**

Provides year round instructional service to the multiple severely handicapped. Operated by the Alaska Treatment Center under a contract with the Anchorage School District.

2. **Alaska Day School for the Deaf**

Provides nine month instructional program for deaf students residing in Anchorage. Additionally provides outreach services to deaf students, parents and staff members in school districts outside Anchorage.

3. **Alaska Psychiatric Institute School**

Provides nine month instructional program for students who are receiving residential treatment at the Institute.

4. **Alaska Blind/Visually Impaired Program**

Provides nine month instructional program for blind/visually impaired students on a Statewide basis. Operated by contract with the Bristol Bay Regional Resource Center in Anchorage.

5. **Deaf/Blind Federal Project**

Provides services to Deaf/Blind students on outreach "rural delivery model" on a Statewide basis. Operated by Federally funded state contract with the Alaska Employment Training Center in Anchorage.

6. For a small number of students that cannot be served in the local district, the State Department of Education pays the cost to transfer these students out of the district or out of State to serve their needs.

## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ALASKA DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

**General Program:** This covers Counseling & Placement, Services to Clients and Administration in our budget document. We serve at any one time, 2000 plus clients in this program and rehabilitate between 450 and 500 clients per year.

The Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation seeks out those Alaskans who, because of a physical or mental disability have had, or are likely to have, difficulties in preparing for, entering, returning to, or retaining employment consistent with his or her capacities, interests and abilities. Services available to remove, reduce or circumvent the handicapping condition may include a complete medical, psychological, social, educational and vocational evaluation to determine work capacities and appropriate vocational choices; the provision of remedial or restorative treatment, surgery, therapies, prostheses, training, counseling, guidance and vocational placement; and adequate follow-up to assure that employment is suitable.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING REHABILITATION

The focus of the independent living program is the development of a statewide information and referral center for all services related to the handicapped, to include peer counseling, advocacy, outreach to severely disabled, as well as the information referral service. This program is specifically aimed towards the severely disabled who would normally be unable to live in their communities or to participate in vocational rehabilitation because of the severity of their disability. With information and support services available, severely disabled individuals will be able to function in their homes and communities and will no longer have to live in institutions and nursing homes. This program is currently in its infancy during this first year of funding.

### SPECIALIZED FACILITIES

The Sensory Impairment Center opened its doors in 1977 to provide the first training available to visually impaired Alaskans in the areas of mobility and orientation, communication and daily living skills. Since the opening date, several additional areas have been added. These include a traveling home teacher who provides outreach to the rural areas of the state for those individuals who are unable to come to Anchorage for long term training. The purpose of such outreach is to enable the sensory impaired persons to function in their homes and communities without becoming isolated as so many disabled do. Additionally, following the first year, the program added services to the deaf which also provide evaluation of functional level and skills training to the individual to function on the job and in the community. Several deaf blind individuals are also served by this program. The Center has also initiated an active information campaign to inform physicians, service organizations and the general public about the services offered and options available to the visual and hearing impaired population. During the first six months of 'FY 81, 35 blind clients, 3 deaf-blind clients and six deaf clients were seen. It is important to note that these services were not available within this state prior to 1977 and have been vital in assisting disabled individuals resume full functioning on the job and in the home and community within their home state.

Rehabilitation services are provided to the handicapped through private non profit agencies. These programs provide work evaluation, work adjustment training, and sheltered work for those individuals who are unable to work successfully in competitive work upon the completion of training. These services give priority to working with the severely handicapped. Vocational Rehabilitation encourages the growth of a variety of services from these facilities with the use of special seed funds to provide staffing and equipment for new programs, necessary remodeling to provide appropriate work settings, and outreach efforts to reach the disabled in their home communities for service.

Specialized facilities also include the Randolph-Sheppard program which places visually handicapped and severely disabled individuals in small business enterprises in state and federal buildings. The businesses are developed, set up, owned and supervised by the state agency. Handicapped individuals are responsible for day to day operation and support themselves with the profits. Five vending stands are in operation with a sixth currently being developed.

#### STATE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

Each year the legislature provides funds to Gateway Opportunity Center which are monitored by Vocational Rehabilitation. This facility is located in Ketchikan, Alaska, which has an economy that is not conducive to the types of production contracts that normally support a work oriented rehabilitation facility. Gateway provides rehabilitation services to clients of Vocational Rehabilitation and the developmentally disabled. This appropriation assists in covering the normal operating expenses of the facility so that it can continue to serve disabled clients in their home community.

#### DISABILITY DETERMINATION UNIT

The Disability Determination Unit receives applications from individuals alleging permanent and total disabilities under Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act. Appropriate medical examinations are secured, vocational potentials are considered and a decision is rendered as to the applicant's ability to engage in gainful work activity. If the applicant is determined able to perform some gainful work, he is denied benefits. In any case, all applicants who may have some work potential are referred to the general vocational rehabilitation program for possible services.

#### HIRE THE HANDICAPPED

The Governor's Committee on Hire the Handicapped is staffed by three individuals and its prime responsibility is to provide information to the public and private sectors to aid them in hiring handicapped individuals. They have an Executive Director, a placement specialist and a clerk typist. The Placement Specialist coordinates activities with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's counselors in trying to develop job

openings in the communities and notifying the counselors of certain openings and coordinating placement activities with the agency. This Placement Specialist is not taking the place of a rehabilitation counselor's role, but he is helping develop new and additional slots for rehabilitation counselors to place handicapped individuals. This program is 100% state funded, functions within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's budget and is monitored by the Governor's Committee. This entire operation functions on a statewide basis, but is housed in Anchorage.

*file Handicapped*

INDEPENDENT QUALITY OF LIVING CENTER  
120 East 3rd Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
Phone: 277-5444

March 16, 1981

Representative Don E. Clocksin  
Pouch "V"  
Juneau 99811

Dear Don:

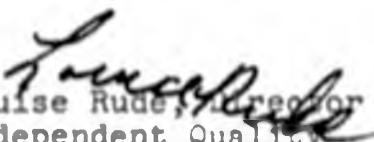
It was a real pleasure to meet with you on Saturday, March 14th.

Your immediate understanding of the several problems we were presenting was greatly appreciated. The new Independent Quality of Living Center will continue to be directly involved in helping persons representing all types of disabilities with their pleas and presentations.

We left the meeting with the good feeling that you are a staunch ally for handicap causes. If your office will be sending out a newsletter, we would like to be on the mailing list.

Thanks for your time, your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

  
Louise Rude, Director  
Independent Quality  
of Living Center

JR

*File w/  
Handicapped stuff*

March 16, 1981

Representative Don Clocksin  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Clocksin:

It has recently been called to my attention that funding for the Infant Learning Programs in Sitka, Dillingham, and Fairbanks have not been included in the Governor's Proposed Budget which is now being considered by the Finance Committees of the House and Senate.

As a long-term resident of Fairbanks and the mother of a handicapped child, I am very concerned over this news. The future lies in our children, and infancy is a most important time in a child's life, particularly if that child is handicapped or learning disabled.

Please consider the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted's proposed inclusion of \$800,000 in the F82 Family Health Budget Request Unit's Special Education Grant Component. We cannot let effective programs, such as Project Teach in Fairbanks as well as others, be lost in a legislative shuffle.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Beverly Blankenship*

Beverly Blankenship  
SR Box 50892  
Fairbanks, AK 99701



*Handicapped*

# Central Peninsula Mental Health Center

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April 1, 1981

Representative Don Clacksin  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Clacksin:

This letter is written to express grave concern over the information regarding a lack of funding with respect to Infant Learning Program appropriations.

Our Center has been involved with the Infant Learning Program since July, 1979, primarily as financial consultants to the Kenai Peninsula Association for Developmental Disabilities. However, Central Peninsula Mental Health Center has applied for the Infant Learning Program grant directly for FY 82 and 83. It was very disheartening to learn appropriations for existing programs have not been included in the governor's proposed budget. If other Infant Learning Program budgets are based on inflationary increases and expanding essential services, as our request has been, it is as equally disheartening to think of these invaluable services coming to a stand still.

By means of this letter we would like to express our strong support for the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted recommendation of an additional \$800,000 for the Family Health budget requests.

Sincerely,

*Paul E. Turner*

Paul E. Turner, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist  
Director, Clinical Program

*Debbie Rediske*

Debbie Rediske,  
Administrative Director

PET/DR/vrf

April 5, 1981

Mr & Mrs.

Mike Deyer

Box # 25

Skagway, Alaska  
99840

Dear Rep. Donald E. Clodwin

We are the parents of a handicapped Down Syndrome Child (Matthews) 2 years old, we have been in Alaska 4 years now. We're writing in regards, for your support for an increase in funding to the Dept. of Health & Social Services, family health section, to be earmarked for state wide infant learning programs.

Then comes a time for a new life, delivery comes, but not all is well, you're in shock & totally unprepared for a unexpected handicapped child. Sure you love your own child, but what professional help can you get? you can't do it on your own, because there is such an adjustment for both parents, also training has to start from birth to 30 years old, and is critical, so good patterns can be set. you need training at hand, in your own environment, by a well qualified special teacher, who then in turn teaches you to train your own child. Children develop & change and as they do then different needs increase and even demands more constructive constant training.

How would you train your handicapped child if you had one?

We're sure you would pass the bill if you were the one involved. These infant programs are important & not wasted for us in far away cities such as Stagsway. We're not close to needed facilities.

During our sons 2 yr. Training program he has progressed well. Beth Plimmon teacher, asks us to come every 2 wks, then 3 weeks, & now every 4 wks, then once a month. If this program is cut down, we will then get no help at all for our son. My child still needs yearly evaluations & at least monthly check-ups for his special learning needs. I now spend many hours of training & attention with love. I do my best & I do want what's best for my child - to someday be as independent as possible. If there is any help for handicapped child there is a need to get the help & for it to be provided.

Please don't give up on our child, we're not!

Sincerely,  
Mae & Mrs. Mike Geyer  
Stagsway

Handicapped & Gifted

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
ALASKA



OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

DIVISION

Susan R. Clark  
Legislative Chair  
1109 C Street  
Juneau, AK. 99801

8 April 1981

Dear 

A.A.U.W. supports the funding request of the Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted which requested \$62,500 to fund the responsibilities that they were assigned, specifically addressing the needs and concerns of Alaska children who have been diagnosed as gifted.

The Governor's Council was mandated by Federal law to address the needs of Alaska's handicapped and disabled kids. The Council consequently also gets 100% of its funding from Federal disabled/handicapped designated moneys. In Alaska the mandate to address the needs of the other category of "special" children was added, but no state funds were provided to permit the Council to do so. Consequently, in spite of the fact that the Council is mandated to deal with the problems of Alaska's gifted children who are themselves handicapped as they try to deal with the expectations of the "normal" world, Council members feel uncomfortable in using funds earmarked for blind, deaf, mentally handicapped youngsters when asked to carry out their state responsibilities to the gifted.

Funding the Council at \$62,500 will allow them to use 10% of their staff time, 20% of their travel funds, 39% of their contractual allowance and 10% of their supply budget for the gifted. Without the Governor's Council there is no way for parents and students to address the statewide problems that are

evident in the relatively new (nationally and state) attempts to recognize the real problems of gifted children in integrating into society and school.

Please include the Council's minimal request in the budget.

Thank you

Susan R. Clark



**GOVERNORS' COUNCIL FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED**

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March 19, 1981

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted received \$250,000 in federal developmental disabilities funds (PL 95-602) each year for FY 80 and FY 81. The federal funds are fixed amount minimum allotment funds under the federal formula grant program.

Alaska Statute 47.80 places responsibilities on the Council in addition to those included in PL 95-602. Those responsibilities consist of inter-departmental planning for services to handicapped or gifted persons and serving as the state's special education council concerned with educational programs for handicapped and gifted/talented students to date. No state funds have been allocated to the Council to fulfill these additional state required activities. The fixed federal allotment, unaccompanied by annual state continuation funding, results in a reduction of Council resources.

The Council recommends that \$62,500 (the equivalent state maintenance or continuation funding) in state general funds be added to the Council's Budget Request Unit for FY 82.

REQUEST:

Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted Budget Request Unit.  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Division c: Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Program.

STATUTORY BASIS:

A.S. 47.80  
A.S. 47.30.231  
P.L. 95-602  
P.L. 94-142

EXPENDITURES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

		FY 80	FY 81	Governor's Request FY 82 <i>72% earmarked</i>	Council Request FY 82
	MAPP	100	129.0	129.5	132.3
	<i>trans</i>	200	47.1	55.0	65.0
	<i>contracts</i>	300	36.3	45.4	96.8
	<i>supplies</i>	400	3.1	5.0	5.0
	<i>200-1</i>	500	.8	.8	-0-
		600	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<i>prints</i>	700	95.4	21.1	-0-
				Rent DOA 13.4	Rent, DOA 13.4
	TOTAL	286.1	256.3	250.0	312.5

*GIFTED*  
 $\times 10\% = 13.2$   
 $\times 20\% = 13$   
 $\times 37\% = 37.5$   
 $\times 10\% = .5$

FUNDING:

General Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-	62.5
Federal Funds	286.1	256.3	250.0*	250.0*
TOTAL	286.1	256.3	250.0	312.5

\* Federal funds may be threatened by federal budget reductions.

POSITIONS

Full-time	3	3	3	3
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ANALYSIS: The Council would be able to continue present staffing pattern, maintain present office, continue full membership under AS 47.80, conduct quarterly meetings and regular committee meetings as during FY 81.

In addition to carrying out continuing activities under PL 95-602 and a portion of those enumerated in AS 47.80, the Council would:

- 15.0 Conduct 3 on-site community service evaluation and training programs.
- 37.5 Establish a Gifted/Talented Education Task Force to develop statewide criteria for selection of G/T students, analyze policy options regarding including G/T students under present special education for the handicapped regulations, develop a G/T program planning manual for local school districts, conduct workshops for local G/T personnel in conjunction with the AGATE Conference and carry out G/T education public awareness activities.

- 10.0 Conduct preliminary analysis for development of a COMSERV (locally developed and administered community services) model for Alaskan communities and regions with a focus on family support services and community housing options for handicapped children and adults.

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For the first time the Council would be able to address responsibilities under AS 47.80 with respect to gifted/ talented education programs and advocacy (10% of staff time, 20% of travel funds, 39% of contractual, and 10% of materials and supplies, for a total of \$64.0).

Handicapped

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TO: REP'S CLOCKSIN, ZHAROFF, COTTEN, ROGERS, HOTS  
SEN'S BENNETT, PARR

FR: PAT MYERS, 160 LAKLOEY DRIVE FAIRBANKS 99701 PH: 480-3913

RE: GOV COUNCIL HANDICAPPED & GIFTED BUDGET REQUEST

I SUPPORT \$62,500 ADDED TO THE BUDGET OF THE DIV OF HSS FOR THE GOVERNORS  
COUNCIL FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED. MY TWO CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED  
IN GIFTED-TALENTED PROGRAMS. A REAL NEED FOR COUNCIL'S SERVICE EXISTS.  
GIFTED CHILDREN ARE A VALUABLE STATE RESOURCE THAT IS UNDERDEVELOPED.

EOH / FBX / MW

*Gracie*  
*① Put in Handicapped file*  
*② prepare response*

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TO: REP. DON CLOCKSIN

FR: LOUISE RUDE, DIRECTOR  
INDEPENDENT QUALITY OF LIVING CENTER  
120 E. 3RD, ANCHORAGE 99501 (277-5444)

MESSAGE SENT BY P.J. FAULKNER FOR MS. RUDE

HAS BILL BEEN PREPARED TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING HOUSING FOR MENTALLY RETARDED YOUNG ADULTS?

WE SUPPORT CONCEPT. HOW MAY WE HELP?  
WE SUPPORT REQUEST FOR \$9.7 MILLION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IF IT INCLUDES \$2 MILLION FOR LOW INCIDENCE HANDICAPPED. CANNOT FIND BILL NUMBER. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

*April 24 3:00 pm. tele conference*

Glenda Moore  
S.R. 70423K  
Fairbanks  
Alaska, 99701  
March 31, 1981

file -  
Handicapped

Hello,

I am writing to you on behalf of Alaska Center For Independent Living (A.C.I.L.). I hope that you will appropriate funding for this very essential program. As a consumer I emphatically endorse A.C.I.L.

We desperately need such a consumer oriented service. It will, as they have stated, foster the development of independent living skills of disabled persons to the fullest possible extent, allowing integration into the mainstream of communities.

The area of legal assistance and advocacy, as well as; accessible and transitional housing transportation, barrier free architecture, attendant care, equipment design and maintenance, public education, and peer counseling are among the blatant needs they hope to procure for the physically disabled.

A.C.I.L.'s concerns are mine because I have Multiple Sclerosis and access to the various city activities is vital to my ability to participate as a productive member of this community

Although other agencies try to be involved with the disabled, the myriad needs we incur

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as physically disabled, cannot be met without having a comprehensive program like A.C.I.L. I feel Fairbanks is the location for this program.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I wrote to and gave to Pope John Paul II at the special audience for the handicapped during his recent visit to Anchorage.

1981 has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the Year of the Handicapped.

I want to thank you for concern and attention.

Sincerely,

*Glenda Moore*

Glenda Moore

February 25, 1981

Dearest Pope John Paul II,

I am writing you because of your compassion and concern for the handicapped people around the world. I am 38 years old and have had Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.) since I was sixteen. Social justice, the dignity of the handicapped as Children of God, and our need to contribute in whatever way possible to the community and to society at large have been passionate concerns of mine for my adult life.

Handicapped people are restricted not so much by their disabilities as by their physical and human environment. The pity of others is as much a barrier as our handicaps. We need encouragement and understanding rather than pity.

The environmental barriers which impede our participation in and access to various community activities are a major part of the understanding we need. Although we may not be physically "normal," we do desire to be a part of our communities and not have to fight the daily frustrations which undermine our dignity and self-esteem.

Communities are built for the physically normal, without much consideration for those with various physical disabilities. Our access to shopping, churches, toilets, restaurants, mass transportation, cultural and social events, convenient housing, places of employment is extremely limited. These aspects of normal community life which are taken for granted by others are a continual source of frustration for the physically handicapped.

In regard to the Church in particular, we would like to have access to all of its physical structures, to be able to take part as lay readers, eucharistic ministers, music ministry, etc. We want to be able to participate fully in the spiritual and social life of the Church.

The handicapped are thought of as either holy innocents or something less than complete. With access to our communities and the world community at large people will understand that we have the whole gamut of human emotions and desires and that we can contribute our love and our talents to the betterment of Mankind. Our dignity depends on this.

As our Lord Jesus Christ said, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

"The glory of God is Man fully human, fully alive," said St. Irenaeus. This is what we who are handicapped wish to be.

I will close with the words of Jean Vanier, founder of homes for the handicapped throughout the world.

"The weaker members of society are total human persons, Children of God. They are not misfits or objects of charity. Their weaknesses and special needs demand deep attention, real concern and continuing support. If we listen to their call and to their needs, they will flourish and grow. If we do not, they will sink into depression, sadness, interior revolt and a form of spiritual suicide. And we who carry responsibilities will have closed our beings to love and to a strength which comes from God and which is hidden in the smallest and the weakest."

I love you very much.

*Glenda Moore*

Glenda Moore  
SR70423K  
Fairbanks, Alaska U.S.A.  
99701

Representative Jerry Martin

W H A T   A R E   W E   A S K I N G ?

1. That the State Legislature fund two programs:

Center - based respite	\$364,223.00
Subsidized specialized day care	\$336,199.00

2. That the sum of \$700,422.00 be put into the State Department of HSS budget for the two programs; and that the Municipality of Anchorage receive the funds and administer the programs utilizing the legally prescribed bidding process.

3. <sup>Notes</sup> Municipality of Anchorage <sup>should include</sup> recipient of these bids in finding a temporary building for these programs until such time as a permanent structure can be completed.

A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING SUPPORT  
FOR DAYCARE CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
CHILDREN AND A CENTER-BASED RESPITE PROGRAM

Attached are copies of proposals for funding that if approved by the legislature and funded through the Department of Health and Social Services or the Municipality of Anchorage will aid the many families needing these services. As a further attempt to reduce expenses, a proposed budget for both proposals to be managed together in one location by one management unit is also attached.

A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING SUPPORT  
FOR DAY CARE FACILITIES  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
AGES INFANT THROUGH TWELVE AND  
FOR NON-EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
AGES INFANT THROUGH NINE

Background

A Daycare center for handicapped and exceptional children has been a need required by parents of multi-handicapped children in the urban Anchorage area for many years. Services of this nature were provided in the earlier years by ARCA (Association for Retarded Citizens of Anchorage) and for the last 18 months by ADC (Alaska Developmental Center for Exceptional Children Inc.). Both of these fine organizations have ceased operations for daycare centers because of financial difficulties experienced by the high cost of operations due to the high ratio of children to teachers/aids needed to provide care to handicapped children. There are several daycare centers located in Anchorage to service "normal" children. They are profit motivated and as a result it is not practical for them to accept handicapped children as clients since the student/teacher ratio is about two-thirds higher for normal children than for handicapped children. For example, one teacher can be responsible for five handicapped children or ten "normal" children.

If the cost to the parent is \$200 per month per child, the daycare center will receive \$1,000 of revenue per teacher for handicapped children and \$2500 per teacher for "normal" children.

### The Problem

Since past history has shown that services for handicapped children are substantially higher than normal children, that the personnel caring for these children must have special aptitudes and feeling to dedicate themselves to handicapped children, and that parents of handicapped children already experience higher expenses in the raising of a handicapped child, there is a disparity against parents of handicapped children because they are not able to place their children in daycare centers or find employment to supplement their family incomes. Further, because of financial difficulties experienced by previous providers of this service, the parents and children have been displaced and uprooted every two years or so because the service is discontinued causing major trauma to parents, children and employers of parents since new arrangements must be made to care for the handicapped children.

Therefore, a solution to this problem would be a subsidized daycare center. By subsidizing a daycare center, continuity of programs can be established allowing parents and children to become confident in their setting without the trauma of discontinued service nor the additional financial obligation of paying the true costs associated with a daycare center for handicapped children.

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to provide funding for the required staff, contractual services, commodities and equipment for a daycare center for handicapped and mainstream children that can be competitive for the paying parents with "normal" daycare centers. Currently, the representative group has requested ARCA to build an appropriate building and Catholic Social Services is considering administering the program. The following is a proposed budget for a subsidized daycare center for handicapped and mainstreamed children located in the Municipality of Anchorage:

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Personnel Services

1. Business manager/coordinator	\$ 35,000
2. Personnel/staff trainer	20,000
3. Daycare center staff	
3 ea. daycare supervisor	
at \$1,000 per mo. x 12 x 3	36,000
8 ea. daycare aide @ \$800	
per mo. x 12 x 8	76,800
Overtime at 1½ x 4.62/hrs.	
x 300 hrs. per year to cover	
sick, annual leave and replacement	
of staff	2,079
4. Secretary/receptionist @ \$800	
per mo. \$800 x 12 x 1	9,600
5. Full charge bookkeeper @\$2600 per	
mo. \$2600 x 12 x 1	31,200
6. Fringe benefit (20% of salary	
without overtime \$208,600 x 20%)	<u>41,720</u>
Total Personnel Services	<u>\$252,399</u>

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Travel Expense

30 cents per mile for use of	
employee vehicles during	
business - 1,500 miles	<u>450</u>
Total Travel	<u>450</u>

300

Contractual Services

1. Insurance (building, fire	
liability)	3,000
2. Utilities:	
Gas \$100 per mo. \$1,200	
Electrical \$50/mo. 600	
Telephone \$100/mo. 1,200	
Long distance tele-	
phone \$50/mo. 600	
Garbage/sewer \$50/mo. 600	6,600
3. Independent Quarterly Audit	,000
4. Building Rent/Lease \$4000/mo.	48,000
5. Janitorial \$200/mo.	2,400
6. Postage \$50/mo.	600
Equipment rental	
Coping equipment 150/mo.	1,800
Mag Card 150/mo.	1,800
Maint. of equip. 400/yr.	<u>400</u>

Total Contractual Services \$66,600

400	<u>Commodities</u>		
	Paper supplies, housekeeping supplies		<u>8,000</u>
	Total Commodities		<u>8,000</u>

500	<u>Equipment - one time expense only</u>		
	7 desks @ \$400	\$2,100	
	3 executive chairs @\$200	600	
	4 secretarial chairs @ \$150	600	
	8 reception chairs (side chairs) @ \$80	640	
	3 file drawer legal size file cabinets @ \$150	450	
	3 standard typewriters @\$800 ea.	2,400	
	Toys, training aids, special use educational aids	<u>2,000</u>	<u>8,790</u>
	Total Equipment		<u>8,790</u>

100	Personnel services	252,399	
200	Travel	450	
300	Contractual services	66,600	
400	Commodities	8,000	
500	Equipment	<u>8,790</u>	

\$336,199

Estimated Revenue

Fee Schedule

Part time (up to five hours per day) \$175/mo.  
Full time (over five hours per day plus lunch)  
\$265/mo.

20 students (part time x 9 mos. (school year) x \$175 per mo.)	\$ 31,500
35 full time students x 9 mos. (school year) x \$265 per mo.	83,475
55 full time students x 3 mos. (summer months) x \$265 per mo.	<u>43,725</u>
Total Estimated Revenue	<u>\$158,700</u>

Notes

Personnel services based on average of seven students per aide and five students per supervisor for a total of 71 students. Aides and supervisors would only be hired as the population of clientele demanded.

Revenue based on 35 full time and 20 part time students to start. If the program does not exceed revenue estimates, approximately \$63,360 in personnel services would lapse and return to the State at the end of the fiscal year.

Funds requested for rent of a building would lapse if ARCA is successful in its attempt to acquire funds to build a unit designed especially for a daycare center. Building rent would only be an interim expense until the new building would be occupied.

A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING SUPPORT  
FOR CENTER BASED RESPITE FACILITIES  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Background

Parents of handicapped children have accepted their responsibilities by providing home care for these children, rather than making them wards of the State. Besides the higher expense associated with the rearing of these children, there is a basic need to get relief from the responsibilities of these children for short periods of time by the parents.

For the past 18 months a successful center based respite program has been operated by Alaska Development Center for the exceptional children. On April 1, 1981, they ceased operations and closed their doors because of financial difficulties with other programs offered by A. D. C.

Problem

With the loss of center-based respite care, the cost of providing the service goes up substantially to the State, and the parents are greatly inconvenienced and reluctant to use the in-home respite care that is now being offered on an interim basis. With center-based respite, two aides can care for five to seven children at a time in a location that is equipped to handle the problems associated with multi-handicapped children. With in-home respite the aide must go to the children, work in unfamiliar surroundings, "invade" the privacy of the family and increase the cost and reduce the efficiency of the service.

Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to provide funding for the required staff, contractual services, commodities and equipment for a center-based respite program for handicapped children. With the closing of the A. D. C. program the continuity of the program has caused emotional trauma for the parents, teachers and children serviced by the program. Right now, if an emergency came up with any one of the families formerly serviced by center-based respite care, they could not get immediate care for their handicapped children so that they could take care of the emergency. The Anchorage School District has identified 483 multi-handicapped children who would be potential clients of center-based respite services. The following is a proposed budget for center-based respite care.

BUDGET PROPOSAL  
CENTER-BASED RESPITE CARE

100 Personnel services

1.	Business manager/coordinator		\$ 30,000
2.	15 each aides @ \$1,100 per mo.	\$198,120	
	Mid-shift differential @ 3.75%	2,477	
	Grave shift differential @ 7.5%	4,954	
	Overtime for holiday coverage	<u>6,858</u>	
			212,409
3.	Fringe benefits (20% of salary without overtime)		<u>45,624</u>
	Total personnel services		<u>288,033</u>

200 Travel expense

Total travel expense

300 Contractual Services

1.	Insurance (building, fire, liability)		3,000
2.	Utilities		
	Gas @ \$100 per mo.	1,200	
	Electrical @ \$50 per mo.	600	
	Telephone @ \$50 per mo.	600	
	Garbage, sewer @ \$50 per mo.	<u>600</u>	
			3,000
3.	Independent quarterly audit		5,000
4.	Building rent/lease @ \$4,000 per mo.		48,000
5.	Janitorial @ \$200 per mo.		2,400
6.	Postage @ \$20 per mo.		<u>240</u>
	Total contractual services		<u>58,640</u>

400 Commodities

Paper supplies, housekeeping supplies

Total commodities

8,000

8,000

500	Equipment - one time only expense		
	2 standard typewriters @ \$800 ea.	\$ 1,600	
	3 desks @ \$400 ea.	1,200	
	3 executive chairs @ \$20 ea.	<u>600</u>	\$ 3,400
	Respite care furniture		4,000
	1 five-drawer, legal size file cabinet @ \$150	150	
	Toys, training aids, special use educational aids	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,150</u>
			\$ <u>9,550</u>

100	Personnel services	\$288,033	
200	Travel	0	
300	Contractual services	58,640	
400	Commodities	8,000	
500	Equipment	<u>9,550</u>	
	Total Proposed Budget		<u>\$364,223</u>

BUDGET PROPOSAL  
 CENTER-BASED RESPITE  
 DAY CARE CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
 AND NON-EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

100	<u>Personnel Services</u>	
	1. Business manager/coordinator @ \$3000/mo.	\$ 36,000
	2. Full-charge bookkeeper @\$2,600 per mo.	31,200
	3. Personnel/staff trainer @\$1,660 per mo.	19,920
	4. 15 each respite aides @ \$1,100 per mo.	\$198,120
	Mid-shift differential @ 3.75%	2,477
	Graveyard shift differential @ 7.5%	4,954
	Overtime for holiday coverage	<u>6,858</u>
	5. 3 each day care supervisor @ \$1,000 per mo.	36,000
	8 each day care aides @\$800 per mo.	76,800
	Overtime @ 1½ x \$4.62 hr. estimated 300 hrs. per yd. to cover annual leave, sick leave and replacement of staff	<u>2,079</u>
	6. Secretary/receptionist @\$800 per mo.	9,600
	7. Fringe benefits (20% of salary without overtime \$415,071 x 20%)	<u>83,104</u>
	Total Personnel Services	<u>\$507,022</u>

200	<u>Travel Expense</u>	
	30 cents per mile for use of employee vehicle during business - 1,500 miles	450

300	<u>Contractual Services</u>	
	1. Insurance (building, fire, liability)	3,000
	2. Utilities	
	Gas @ \$120 per mo.	1,440
	Electrical @ \$60 per mo.	720
	Telephone @ \$100 per mo.	1,200
	Long distance telephone @\$50 per mo.	600
	Garbage, sewer @ \$50 per mo.	<u>600</u>
	3. Independent quarterly audit	5,000
	4. Building rent/lease @ \$6,000 per mo.	72,000
	5. Janitorial services @ \$300 per mo.	3,600
	6. Postage @ \$50 per mo.	600
	7. Equipment rental	
	Copier equipment @ \$150 per mo.	1,800
	Mag Card typewriter @ \$150 per mo.	1,800
	Equipment Maintenance	<u>400</u>
	Total Contractual Services	<u>\$ 93,660</u>

400	<u>Commodities</u> Paper supplies, housekeeping supplies, office supplies		\$ <u>10,000</u>
500	<u>Equipment - one time expense only</u>		
	8 desks @ \$400 ea.	\$3,200	
	4 executive chairs @ \$200 ea.	800	
	4 secretarial chairs @ \$150 ea.	600	
	8 reception/side chairs @ \$80 ea.	640	
	3 standard typewriters @ \$800 ea.	2,400	
	4 five-drawer legal-size file cabinets @ \$150 ea.	600	
	respite care furniture	4,000	
	toys, training aids, special use education toys	<u>2,500</u>	<u>14,740</u>
	<b>Total Equipment</b>		\$ <u>14,740</u>

Budget Recap

100 Personnel Services	\$ 507,022	
200 Travel	450	
300 Contractual Services	93,660	
400 Commodities	10,000	
500 Equipment	<u>14,740</u>	
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>		\$ <u>625,872</u>

# MEMORANDUM


State of Alaska

TO: Helen D. Beirne  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Health &  
Social Services

DATE: March 18, 1981

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM:   
Allen Korhonen  
Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Health &  
Social Services

SUBJECT: Alaska Developmental  
Center Status Report

The Alaska Developmental Center, Inc. (ADC) operates three programs for handicapped children and their families in the Anchorage area. Two of these are assisted by grants and contracts of the Department of Health and Social Services.

- 1) Infant Learning Program is funded by a grant from the Section of Family Health of the Division of Public Health. The grant award for FY-1981 is \$162,000 of which \$121,500 has been awarded to date.
- 2) The Respite Care Program is funded through a contract administered by the DD Section of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. The contract award for FY-1981 is \$249,369 of which \$165,160.44 has been paid to date.
- 3) The Day Care Program for non-handicapped as well as handicapped children is privately financed, with DCRA reporting that only two of the individuals and families using the day care program are eligible to receive day care subsidy.

The following points summarize the current status of ADC:

1. The most reliable information indicates that losses in the Day Care Program coupled with lack of information and timely action on the part of the previous Executive Director and Board of Directors are largely responsible for present difficulties.
2. ADC claims to need \$65,000 in addition to current revenue to meet obligations until June 30, 1981. Also, ADC claims a need of \$250,000 in addition to anticipated revenue to continue operations in the three areas listed above for FY-1982, and to meet past obligations.
3. Meetings with officials of the Municipality of Anchorage have led to a grant of \$25,000 by the municipality. Mr. Lee Reynolds, ADC Board Chairperson, indicates that this grant will enable continued operations only through March 31, 1981.

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Center Status Report

4. State funds for the Infant Learning Program and the Respite Programs are adequate to meet the services needed and should not be increased.

5. In the event that ADC ceases operation on March 31:

- a. The Infant Learning Program and the Respite Care Program can continue by means of contracts with other private providers. Administrative steps have been taken to develop alternate contractors for the Infant Learning and Respite Programs. An ATN has been signed by the Department of Administration to allow contracting with alternate private organizations.
- b. The continuity of the specialized Day Care Program for families with handicapped children is unlikely. Specialized day care for severely handicapped children is non-existent in the State, except for the St. Jude Center in Juneau.

The Municipality of Anchorage does have a Day Care Assistance Program at 325 East 3rd Avenue. Parents can contact this office for information on 136 day care centers and homes in the Anchorage area.

Basically it will be up to parents to arrange for their own day care needs.

✓ It may be that a private provider may enter into the specialized day care business if demand is sufficient.

Recommendation:

Because the State's responsibilities can be fulfilled by contracting with other agencies, it is recommended that the Department not try to assist ADC in paying past debts or to continue operation. Past experience has shown that we have no legal authority to use current money to pay for prior debts. Given the indebtedness of ADC, it is unlikely that we can be assured any additional funds would result in continued delivery of infant learning or respite care services. Our most wise course of action is to develop other contractors so that we can assure continuity in service to those families and children who are now receiving service through the ADC. Reprogramming funds will give us enough money to assure continued

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Center Status Report

service for the balance of the fiscal year.

I also recommend that Dr. Gregovich go to Anchorage next week to personally supervise the transition in services to new contractors. He will also coordinate with the Municipality and the ADC to assure a smooth transition.

If necessary individual families using the infant learning and respite care services can be contacted and informed of the service alternatives that will be available to them.

As we develop new contractors, every effort will be made for the continuity in employment for the current employees of the ADC.

### Legislative Requests

1. That the amount presently placed in the state HESS budget for respite care be raised to \$364,223 from the current figure of \$264,000.
2. That the language of the grant be changed from "in-home" respite to "in-home and center-based" respite care; and that the 19 year age limit be deleted.
3. That the sum of \$336,199 be placed in the state HESS 81/82 budget to fund a subsidized specialized day care to be located in the Anchorage Area.
4. That the sum of \$700,422 (specialized day care and respite total cost) be placed in the state HESS budget with the directive that the money be sent to the municipality of Anchorage who will administer the bidding procedure and supervise the execution of the grants.
5. That 1.9 million dollars be appropriated so as the municipality can purchase the Carriage House.
6. That the age restriction placed on day care placement be changed from 12 to 21 for handicapped children, same as Anchorage School District Special Education program.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

SUMMARY BY HANDICAPPING CONDITION  
January 12, 1981

Mentally Retarded	247
Learning Disabled	1,998
Emotionally Disturbed	88
Orthopedically Handicapped	59
Speech Impaired	977
Visually Impaired	10
Health Impaired	38
Hard of Hearing	57
Deaf	41
Gifted & Talented	1,490
TOTAL	5,005

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BRIEFING

2/12/81

Dr. Barton - U.A.

34,000 student pop. -  
91,000  
125,000 total student pop

many financial aid programs  
life styles - active participating people  
ex military  
pb potential -

HESS COMMITTEE Room 112, Capitol 3:00 p.m.

February 16- Monday: - *Leg. Council maybe*  
open agenda

February 17- Tuesday:  
*1:30 - WICHE - Dr Jensen.*  
HB 26 Displaced homemakers

February 18- Wednesday:  
HB 32 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Loans  
HB 42 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Loans  
SSHB 32 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Loans

February 19- Thursday:  
HB 17 Older Alaskans Commission

February 20- Friday:  
HB 110 WICHE student exchange  
HB 139 WICHE student exchange