

SB

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Municipality of Anchorage



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Representative Johnny Ellis, Chair
House Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Ellis,

The Municipal Health and Human Services Commission wishes to lend their full support to the passage of SB19. Child abuse and neglect is ranked as the top mental and behavioral health problem priority in the Anchorage Health and Human Services Plan (January 1988).

The establishment of a trust fund for grants to community-based programs for child abuse prevention, intervention and education programs is consistent with the child abuse recommendations contained in Volume 3 of the plan, Policy Recommendations and Objectives for Anchorage's Service Delivery System. In particular, objectives #3 and #5 support the need for additional funding as follows:

3. The Municipality of Anchorage should urge the Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS), who has the legal responsibility for child abuse services, to give more recognition to the idea that primary prevention services are an integral part of the continuum of child abuse services. The Municipality should coordinate with DFYS, United Way, and other resources providers to ensure adequate primary prevention services are available in Anchorage. As part of this, the Municipality work with other funding sources, such as United Way and DFYS, to adequately fund these primary prevention services.
5. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) should urge the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), the Alaska Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) and the Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS) to determine how the state through CDVSA

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and/or MHDD and/or DFYS is going to provide adequate funds for the treatment of victims of child physical and/or psychological abuse and neglect. The MOA should coordinate with other funding providers to ensure adequate funding of treatment services for child physical and/or psychological abuse and neglect victims and their families.

Passage of SB19 would facilitate the implementation of both objectives.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. You can reach me at 562-2828 or our staff staff at 343-4674.

Sincerely,



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