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**PRESENTA-
TION:
KEY
CAMPAIGN**

**KEY COALITION OF ALASKA
PRESENTS TO THE
JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

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1. Emily Ennis	Fairbanks
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4. Dayna McGuire	Anchorage
5. Ric Nelson ✓ 25-CP	Anchorage
6. Jim Beck ✓	Anchorage / Palmer
7. Shawn Woodard ✓	Fairbanks
8. Janet Maddox ✓	Fairbanks
9. Michaela Maddox ✓	Fairbanks
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Sen. Ellis
Rep. Cis...
Rep. K...
Sen. Thom...
Rep. Cogh...
Sen. P...
Sen. H...
Rep. H...

Pres of Key Company
of Alaska

Wages - for Direct Service Provider
must adequate
Speakers - Therap.
Chf. Levy
age - 0-3 - needs
2 mil. funds

goals of end
want list for
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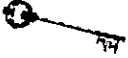

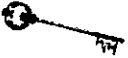
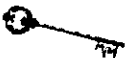
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What is the Key Coalition?

The Key Coalition is a statewide coalition of supporters, friends and advocates for Alaskans and for their families who experience developmental disabilities.

Key Coalition basic beliefs:

-  Community is truly a place for everyone.
-  Individuals who experience a disability have a right and a need to live in community.
-  Children must have the opportunity to live with natural families. Adults must have supports to exercise maximum independence in community.
-  Government has a primary responsibility to provide realistic, non-intrusive, non-segregating, community supports for **ALL** of its citizens.

The **Key Coalition** advocates for equal opportunity, accessibility, and inclusive communities for all Alaskans who experience disabilities. We share the same dream – of a day when no Alaskan has to wait for critical supports, and, a day when our community programs are restored to reasonable health:

Programmatically and Fiscally!

COMMUNITY

And That's what it's all about!

Community services are the most cost-effective way of providing supports

COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE THE KEY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCE A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

Community services support thousands of Alaskans in hundreds of communities throughout our state

Residential Supports

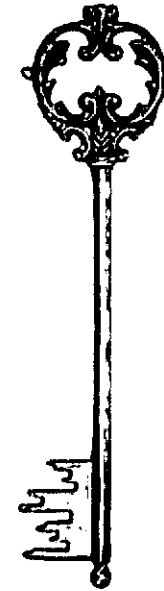
Accessible Housing
Individual Leases/Home Ownership
Low Interest Loans

Employment Supports

Subsistence Activities
Community Jobs
Job Training
Microenterprise

Home Modifications

Ramps/Accessibility
Accessible Bathrooms
Stair Climbers



Family Support Projects

Family Support Program
Short Term Assistance
Crisis Intervention

In-Home Supports

Respite
Personal Care Attendants
Chore Services
Specialized Equipment

TEFRA

Children Staying at Home
Health & Therapeutic Supports

Community services help children remain at home and adults to exercise independence

**Please,
Support the
Key Campaign!**

Community services contribute back to the economy

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Our Top Priorities

Priority 1: Wait List Elimination

Why? 845 Alaskans still remain on a Wait List in 2009. Cost effective community supports provide for local jobs; keep individuals in their communities and with their families; increase productivity and independence; prevent costly institutionalization of human being.

Priority 2: An Annual Statutory Process to Govern and Adjust Rates for Community Services

Why? After five years of a rate freeze, community programs are no longer able to recruit and retain adequate staff; to meet the escalating costs of gas, heating, insurance; to maintain staff benefits. An equal rate process is essential to assure the health of our community programs similar to that afforded hospitals and nursing homes.

Priority 3: Enhancement of Infant Learning Program

Why? Early intervention is efficient offering a critical window of opportunity for influencing positive outcomes. Early intervention works, increasing the likelihood of greater individual income and reducing societal costs. Infant Learning strengthens family as parents learn how to provide individualized interventions that help their children in critical areas of development. It is cost effective.

Priority 4: Formation of a Crisis Response Team

Why? In concert with the "Bring the Kids Home" initiative, the establishment of such a Team will: keep many children from costly, removed out-of-state residential placements; assist parents in maintaining kids at home; develop in-state capacity and trained staff; and re-establish our safety net for community supports.

Priority 5: Increase Living Wages: Direct Service Professionals

Why? High vacancy rates, the inability to recruit & retain; low wages; decreased benefits; five plus years of a rate freeze have all contributed to a workforce crisis in our community programs. Quality of care, health and safety are of paramount concerns. As in 24 other states, implement wage pass-throughs for our critical staff.

In addition, the Key Campaign supports:

- Continuation of the Adult Dental Program
- Raising income guidelines for Denali KidCare
- Funding for the Autism Initiative
- Transition funding for the Rural Transition Project

For 22 years, the **Key Coalition** has united people from across Alaska to wage our **Key Campaign**. We have brought together consumers, families and service providers to advocate for those who still wait for services.

In the beginning we were a mere handful of advocates, but we've grown every year. Today we are considered a small army rising across the face of Alaska. With chapters in rural and urban Alaska, we will continue to travel to Juneau for as long as it takes- for as long as people are forced to wait; for as long as our critical community programs are denied access to a fair, reasonable, and annual process of rate adjustment; for as long as the bureaucracy tolerates the disintegration of our families and the denial of the right to community for all Alaskans. Until that day---

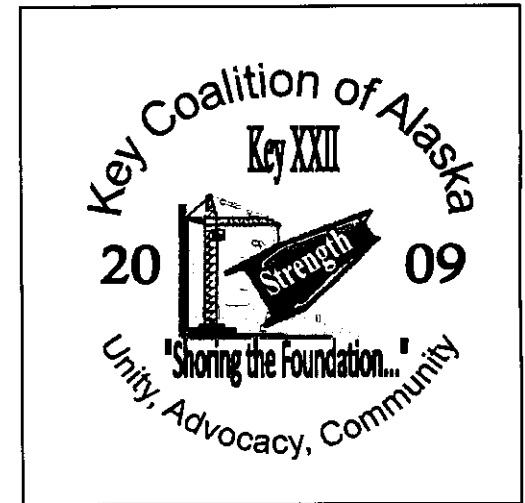


Tell our elected officials that you believe in the dream of the Key Campaign – that **COMMUNITY** is for everyone and that the time to end the waiting and to restore our community programs is now!!!

**Please join us at the
Capitol Steps Rally
February 25, 2009
12:00 NOON**

Key XXII Campaign 2009

"Shoring the Foundation..."



*February 24 and 25, 2009
Juneau, Alaska*

Community is the Key



*For Alaskans who experience
developmental disabilities*

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