### Individuals With Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review Report

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### ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGISTRATION AND REVIEW

Under AS 47.80.130 (d), the Department of Health and Social Services is required to maintain a waitlist denoting persons who experience a developmental disability who would be eligible to receive state –funded services. It is further required that an annual Report to the Governor and specified legislative committees be presented when there is not adequate funding to meet the needs of all individuals determined to have a developmental disability. Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) employs the Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) as the waitlist tool to assess an individual's current service needs. Information provided through the DDRR is used to determine who is offered the opportunity to request services through Medicaid's Home and Community Based (HCB) Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) waiver. Additionally, the DDRR also provides predictive information the State of Alaska (SOA) uses for program planning and management.

The DDRR is at its basic a waitlist tool that provides the State and other stakeholders information on the current need and preferences of the individuals and families waiting for expanded supports services and the need for long term planning so all individuals are appropriately supported.

Cost projections included in this report should be considered estimates to use in planning and not a computation of the costs of comprehensive services that may be necessary to meet the needs of each individual on the list.

### THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGISTRATION AND REVIEW (AS 47.80.130(d) (1))

The DDRR is used to select individuals for enrollment in HCB I/DD waiver services when resources are available. Additionally, the DDRR assists Senior and Disabilities Services in planning for the future needs of individuals who have a developmental disability. To ensure SDS has credible information, SDS requests that individuals on the DDRR update information about changes in their condition or family circumstances at least annually.

In order to be eligible to be placed on the DDRR an individual must have a developmental disability as defined under the provisions of AS 47.80.900 (6). "Person with developmental disability" means a person who is experiencing a severe, chronic disability that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: Self care, Receptive and expressive language, Learning, Mobility, Self-direction, Capacity for independent living, Economic self-sufficiency, and;
- Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic assistance, supports, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

### PLACEMENT ON THE LIST AND THE CRITERIA FOR RANKING AND SELECTION (AS 47.80.130(d)(2))

In order for an individual to be included on the DDRR, they must complete an Eligibility Determination application. The application for services provides SDS information needed to make a determination of whether the applicant meets the standard outlined in AS 47.80.900(6). If an individual is determined to have a developmental disability the individual/guardian is notified in writing. The approval letter contains information about current grant supports available and/or the option of registering to be considered for long term care.

The Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) form is available to be completed online or in a paper format. Questions on the form are designed to gather information about an individual's community participation skills, living situation, caregiver needs, and desired services. Answers to questions on the form also provide projected timeframes for the need of a particular service. The DDRR attempts to measure the immediate needs and circumstances of each individual on the list and weighs it against the needs of all applicants.

The registration process can be completed by any participant, their Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) provider, Care Coordinator or designated representative. Again, the DDRR is available to be completed online, by emailing completed forms, or submitting completed paper copies to SDS. Once a DDRR form is received it is scored by a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP formerly known as a QMRP). The applicant or their legal representative is notified in writing of their placement status on the DDRR. If an individual's life situation changes a revised DDRR may be submitted at any time. The Registry is maintained using the SDS data management system referred to as DS3.

#### Scoring Criteria used for Managing the DDRR

After review by SDS, a person's DDRR score is tabulated electronically using the DS3 system. The Registry (Waiting List) Ad Hoc Committee developed the current form in use and assigned a weighted set of possible scores to each question. An individual's standing or rank on the registry is relative to the scores of all of the others individuals on the list. Consequently, an individual's position may change depending on the relative needs of others on the registry. The form uses a numerical assessment of need; consequently the higher the need, the greater the number of points that are given. Individuals receive a written explanation of the scoring system, along with a copy of their submission each time a new DDRR is received and scored by SDS.

#### Selection Methodology for Removing Persons on the DDRR

Selection from the DDRR was traditionally completed quarterly with the selection of at least 50 individuals with the highest need, as evidenced by the highest numerical scores at the time of the draw. In November of 2012 SDS began trying to conduct the selections of "draws" monthly. The rationale for this change was threefold: 1) SDS felt this better managed the needs of the individuals on the list by not making them wait quarterly for the next round of draws, 2) This action should create a more even work flow for care coordinators who must manage the requests for initial services for families, and 3) This should allow the State and providers to respond to requests in a timely way.

Individuals who have been selected from the DDRR are notified via certified mail of the opportunity to possibly utilize HCB waiver services. This notice includes information about the Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) Level of Care (LOC) process.

If an individual is approved for Medicaid waiver supports any funds they might have previously been utilizing to purchase services are reallocated. To insures that all people in need of care in Alaska have access to needed supports the SDS Grants Unit works closely with DD Community Grantee Agencies to quickly redistribute funds.

### BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (AS 47.80.130(d)(3))

The following demographic information represents the status of the Registry population during the State of Alaska fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Since the registry is constantly evolving, this data represents the specified time period and may not reflect the current state of the registry. The historical demand for services reflects minimal variance in population, geographic distribution, and services requests over time. The following data was taken from the DS3 data management system, which is used by SDS to maintain the DDRR.

Number of individuals on the IDD Registry as of 6/30/2012:	652
Number of individuals 22 years old or younger as of 6/30/2012:	466
Number of individuals on the list for 90 days or more:	603
Average length of time for individuals currently on the Registry**:	54 months

<sup>\*\*</sup> It must be noted that while the average length of stay on the DDRR is currently estimated at 4 years many of these individuals have very low scores and are receiving early intervention, school and grant-funded supports, or other community services. They may be on the DDRR for an extended period of time because their need for expanded supports is not acute.

For the individuals removed from the waitlist during FY 2012 (7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012) for the reason of "selected for the waiver" the average number of months on the waiver (number of months from first survey to removed date) is 33 months. Two hundred and seventy –two participants spent less than two years on the DDRR.

For all individuals who were removed from the list during FY 2012 (all reasons, not just selected for waiver) the average stay was 45 months.

Age Range	Number of Individuals	Percentage
0 to 3 years of age	40	6.1
4 to 17 years of age	300	46
18 to 21 years of age	99	15.2
22 to 64 years of age	211	32.4
Over 65 years of age	2	<1
Total	652	100%

Gender	Number of Individuals	Percentage
Male	418	64.1
Female	234	35.9

Total	652	100%
Race & Ethni	city of Individuals	on the IDD Registry

Ethnicity	Number of Individuals	Percentage
Alaska Native	202	31
Asian	28	4.3
Black	24	3.7
Hispanic	30	4.6
Pacific Islander	12	1.8
White	330	50.6
Other	26	3.9
Total	652	100

Geographic Distribution of Individuals on the IDD Registry by Regional Service Area

IDD Service Region	Number of Individuals	Percentage
Anchorage	275	42.1
Interior	89	13.7
Northwest	11	1.7
Southcentral	144	22.1
Southeast	63	9.7
Southwest	70	10.7
Total	652	100

### Services Received by Individuals on the DDRR

Analysis of program data indicates that in FY 2012, 477 individuals 73% on the DDRR received some services through SDS grant funded programs. See attached brochure on grant services.

### NEEDS, PREFERENCES, AND ESTIMATED COST TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS ON THE REGISTRY (AS 47.80.130(d)(4))

One of the functions of the DDRR is to gather information on the services individuals feel they need. This data allows the state to project the cost of serving these individuals and to target registry draws. Most people on the registry request more than one service, although there are some who have not requested specific services.

#### **Projected Annual Cost**

The following annual cost projection represents Senior and Disabilities Services' best estimate to serve all of the individuals on the registry who indicated a service need(s), with the assumption that they would be served in the Medicaid Waiver program. Not all individuals on the registry are eligible for waiver services. For example, approximately 22% of individuals selected in this past year did not end up in active waiver status. There are a myriad of reasons why individuals do not move into waiver services, e.g. they may not qualify for Medicaid, they decline participation, or they do not meet LOC.

However, the Medicaid Waiver program reimbursement rates provide the most accurate cost data upon which to base budget projections. In accordance with state law, SDS attempts to tailor services to meet individual needs. The average annual costs listed in the following table represent an average of the rates for service in FY 2012. Not accounted for in the cost estimates below are costs associated with provider capacity building and infrastructure to support the provision of requested services. There are some service characteristics pertaining to rates that are worth noting:

- 1. The Care Coordination service rate is calculated assuming that an individual receives this service for an entire year.
- 2. Respite and Chore service estimates have been calculated at the maximum allowed cost, and therefore represent a liberal estimate of the cost to provide these services.
- 3. The Environmental Modifications cost represents the maximum allowable cost over three years of service, with the presumption that the entire cost would be granted during the first year of service.
- 4. The Residential Habilitation rate represents an average of the costs for all of the subcategories that fall under this service definition (e.g. Family Habilitation, Group Home, In-Home Supports, Shared Care, and Supported Living).

Type of Service Requested	Average	Number of	Projected Cost
	Annual	Requests	
	Cost		
Family Habilitation	\$43,973.08	91	\$4,001,550
Group Home	\$110,876.34	87	\$9,646,241
In-Home Support	\$13,813.22	378	\$5,221,396
Shared Care	\$11,335.84	54	\$612,135
Supported Living	\$47,951.26	184	\$8,823,032
Total Cost for Residenti	al Rehabilitation	Services	\$28,304,354
Respite	\$6,178.27	476	\$2,940,858
Supported Employment	\$15,335.26	261	\$4,002,503
Day Habilitation	\$21,520.82	512	\$11,018,662
Care Coordination	\$2,597.70	551	\$1,431,333
Intensive Active Treatment	\$6,217.51	166	\$1,032,107
Transportation	\$2,998.07	291	\$872,439
Environmental Modification	\$5,141.88	143	\$735,288
Chore Services	\$3,906.57	72	\$281,273
		Total Cost	\$50,618,817
Total	State Cost with	FMAP at 50.53%	\$25,041,130

<sup>\*\*</sup> The source of data for the average cost per individual comes from STARS(Services, Tracking, Analysis & Reporting System) for Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)). The source of data for the number of individuals on DDRR who are requesting the services is from the DDRR application with data stored in DS3.

### Number of Individuals Selected or Removed from the Registry $$_{\rm FY12}$$ (AS 47.80.130(d)(5))

Reason for Removal	Number of Individuals
Needs met by another IDD program	144
Selected for waiver services	283
Deceased	7
Moved to another state	13
Non-responsive to request for information	149
Requested to be removed from list	4
Not eligible for IDD services	26
Total	626

<sup>\*</sup> It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep SDS informed of their current contact information. Should someone be selected from the Registry for comprehensive services and fail to respond to notification, they can be removed from the list. If these applicants eventually contact SDS they may, with submission of a new DDRR form, be placed back on the list.

### NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON DDRR FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS AND SDS REVIEW PROCESS FY12

(AS 47.80.130(d)(6))

Of the 652 individuals who were on the DDRR during the time period being reviewed 531 were on for more that 90 days. The average length of time on the waitlist of those removed was 45 months.

SDS takes aggressive steps to regularly review each individual's status while waiting for services or supports. Through community providers families and participants are reminded they can update their profile as many times as needed. Yearly, SDS sends notices to participants who have not recently (in the last 12 months) updated their profile.

Additionally, SDS attempts to update participant's eligibility status as identified in their original determination letter. If a participant does not reapply for services or is determined ineligible they are removed from the list.

### Number of Students with Developmental Disabilities in Special Education (AS 47.80.130 (d)(7))

It is important to note that Special Education and the services provided through the IDD Waiver Program are different. Special Education provides specially designed instruction by in a school setting. Local education authorities under the purview of the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) administer these programs.

The IDD Waiver Program provides for services and supports in the home or community to assist the individual and their family to participate in community life and avoid institutional placement.

Another key distinction between special education and the I/DD Waiver program is that, for those who qualify, Special Education is an entitlement; but the I/DD Waiver Program operates within the limits of annual legislative appropriations and the capacity of the state and community to provide the desired supports.

According to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), as of October 1, 2011 there are about 18,055 students ages 3 to 22 in Special Education. Among these Special Education students, approximately 2,139 (11.85%) may have developmental disabilities. Individuals with the following types of developmental disabilities may be receiving special education services across the state: Intellectual Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Seizure Disorder. Similarly, children with other conditions or presentations may qualify as having a developmental disability if they experience substantial limitations in three functional areas. (Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Special Education Child Count by District. Retrieved from <a href="http://education.alaska.gov/stats/">http://education.alaska.gov/stats/</a>)

### COPIES OF REPORTS, POLICIES, MANUALS, AND PROCEDURES (AS 47.80.130 (d)(8))

Copies of this report and the forms used to manage the IDD Registry are available on the Website of the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services at:

### http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/dd/default.htm

Copies of this report, policies, and forms used to manage the Registry may also be obtained by requesting them from the Senior and Disabilities Services at the following address or phone number:

Senior and Disabilities Services 550 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 269-3666 or Toll Free at 1-800-478-9996

#### Additional Information/Attachments

#### AS 47.80.130 (d)

- (d) When state funding is not adequate to meet service needs, the department shall establish a waiting list for persons with developmental disabilities who would be eligible to receive state-funded services under AS 47.80.100 47.80.170 if adequate state funding were available. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the waiting list and submit a report to the governor containing the information required under this subsection. The department shall send a copy of the report to the persons chairing the house and senate finance committees and the persons chairing the house and senate health, education and social services committees and shall notify the full legislature that the report is available to all legislators. The report must
- (1) describe the purpose for the waiting list and the strategies used to notify persons about the waiting list, and must include a copy of the information used by the department to inform individuals and families about their rights and responsibilities under AS 47.80.100 - 47.80.170;
- (2) explain how an individual is placed on the waiting list, what criteria determine rank on the list, and how the waiting list is used to select individuals equitably and fairly across the state;
- (3) give the basic demographic information across all regions about the age, sex, and racial and ethnic background of the individuals on the waiting list;
- (4) identify the level of need and preferences of the individuals and families on the waiting list for the services and the supports that may be necessary to meet their needs and project an annual cost to meet this need;
- (5) identify how many individuals were removed from the waiting list during the 12 months covered by the report, why they were removed from the list, and how long the individuals had been waiting for services or supports before they were removed from the list;
- (6) list the number of individuals who have been on the waiting list for 90 days or more with an account of the department's steps to regularly review each individual's status while waiting for services or supports;
- (7) report annual data from the Department of Education and Early Development about the number of students in special education with developmental disabilities graduating from high school, dropping out of high school before reaching age 22, or reaching age 22 without graduating from high school; and
- (8) indicate that written or electronic copies of policies, manuals, and procedures used by the department to implement AS 47.80.100 47.80.170 are available

### STATE OF ALASKA

### DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF SENIOR AND DISABILITIES SERVICES

SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

550 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: (907) 269-3666 Fax: (907) 269-3639

Enter Date

Participant/Guardian Name and Address

Dear Name:

Re: Eligibility Determination and Request for Services Approved

Participant Name DOB: Participant DOB

DSDSID Number: Copy from DS3

Name's application for services from Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) and the attached documentation have been reviewed. Based upon the documentation provided, I find that Name experiences a substantial developmental disability as defined by Alaska Statute 47.80.900. Therefore, she/he is eligible to receive services through Senior and Disabilities Services until she/he is XX years of age (participant birth date at stated age). At that time she/he will need to submit a new application with updated documentation.

Please note that with this determination you/ your child/ward (or name) is eligible to receive grant funded services as available. Please consult the DD provider list included with this approval letter for possible resources.

If you find that grant funded services do not meet your needs and would like to pursue access to the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Waiver or other possible long term care supports for *Name*, then a Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) request form needs to be completed. This information will allow *her/his* name to be added to the DDRR for consideration of IDD Waiver services or other Long Term Care supports as funding is made available.

To join the DDRR you need to return the enclosed form to the address listed at the top of this letter, or complete it online at: <a href="https://www.partners.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/ddwaitinglist">https://www.partners.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/ddwaitinglist</a>. To complete the form online, you will need the DSDSID Number listed at the top of this letter. Please be advised that it may time before Name's name is selected for more comprehensive services as there is waitlist. You may obtain assistance in completing this form from a STAR representative near you.

Although I recognize you are already associated with *Agency Name*, I have enclosed a listing of developmental disability services providers. I strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the resources in your community.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 269-3666.

Sincerely,

HPM Name
Health Program Manager XX
Developmental Disabilities

cc:

Enclosure: DD Grant Provider List

DDRR form

<b>Explanation of Developmenta</b>	l Disabilities Re	of Developmental Disabilities Registration & Review Scoring System	Scoring System
Review of Life Concerns	Item Number	Score Multiplier*	Possible Points**
Community Participation Concerns			
	1	6	27
	2	7	21
	က	7	21
	4	00	24
	2	9	18
	9	7	21
Living Situation Concerns			
	7	11	33
	8	7	21
	6	7	21
	10	9	18
	11	6	27
Caregiver Concerns			
	12	10	30
	13	7	21
	14	ro	15
		Total Possible Score	318

\*The score multiplier is the weight each question is given as determined by the Waitlist Ad Hoc Committee and Senior & Disabilities Services.

\*\*Possible points is the highest number of points possible for a given question. The points given for a question is determined by multiplying the level of need by the score multiplier: 1. = No need/Not Applicable

2. = Minor need

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# Grants that provide services to seniors and family caregivers continued:

## Family Caregiver Support

Services provided to the caregiver of anyone 60 and older or grandparents raising grandchildren who are 55 and over. Services include caregiver support groups, caregiver education and training, counseling, respite and information and assistance accessing services.

## ADRD Mini-Grants

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. ADRD mini-grants are distributed through the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska (ADRAA).

# Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

One stop information and referral source for seniors and individuals with disabilities seeking longer term care services stateside. This program is intended to link consumers, providers and state resources through the use of an electronic database, hard copy service directory, face to face referral, and integration of the newly adopted statewide 211 Social Services Information directory. (See Kjersti for details)

# State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Division of Senior and Disabilities Services



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# State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

### Bridging the Gap

### with Grants

### An Overview of DSDS Grants



## General Information

Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) distributes and manages grant funds to provide community based services to families and individuals experiencing Developmental Disabilities (DD), Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD), seniors aged 60 and over, and /or frail or disabled seniors who need assistance in the home.

Grant funds are available to persons who are waiting or do not qualify Home and Community Based services under the Medicaid Waiver program, or who only require minimal supports that can be provided by the grants.

# What services are offered and who is eligible?

Grants are categorized by the populations they serve and the services they provide. Grant funds are awarded to provider organizations throughout the state who are in turn responsible for providing community based services to families and individuals as identified in their grant proposal. Grants are awarded every three or four years through a competitive process.

# Grants fund services to families and individuals experiencing developmental disabilities

## The STAR Program

Short-Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) programs are available to individuals entering the developmental disabilities system. STAR program specialists assists families and individuals with applications, accessing available services and resources in their community, and/or limited assistance in crisis situations.

## **DD Community Grants**

Statewide grants that address the needs of individuals and their families by providing a flexible menu of "habilitation" services or respite. Services that a person may receive vary depending upon the person's age and unique needs and include supported employment, care coordination, day habilitation, supported living skills or other. Specialized services include legal assistance, recreational habilitation, and behavior risk management.

## **DD Mini-Grants**

Statewide grants that provide a maximum benefit of \$2500 per year per individual to pay for supplies or services that are not covered by other sources. DD mini-grant applications are reviewed and funding distributed through select STAR programs throughout the state.

# Grants provide services to seniors and family caregivers

Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services

Statewide services provided mainly through local senior centers. Services are available to individuals 60 and older and include congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, homemaker, health promotion activities, legal services, statewide media services and community service programs such as Retired Senior Volunteers, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents/Elder Mentor programs.

## Senior In-Home Services

Statewide services that provide a flexible menu of services designed to meet the individuals and family needs. Service include care coordination, chore, respite and extended respite.

## Adult Day Services

Day care services provided for adults primarily with ADRD in a group setting. Adult day services provide a variety of program activities designed to meet the individuals needs and interests of the participants.

# ADRD Education and Support

Information provided to family members and individuals experiencing dementia. Services are provided by the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Mat

Sec. 47.80.900, Definitions.

In this chapter,

- (1) "council" means the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education created by AS 47.80.030;
- (2) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;
- (3) "facilities for persons with disabilities" means publicly or privately operated facilities, or specified portions of facilities, designed primarily for the delivery of services to those persons; the term includes residential facilities;
  - (4) "habilitation" means education or training for persons with disabilities to enable them to function better in society;
- (5) "least restrictive setting" means a residential or other setting for meeting the needs of a person with a disability that requires the least amount of restriction of personal liberty by enabling the person to function in as normal an environment as possible and to live as normally as possible, within the limitations of the disability;
  - (6) "person with a developmental disability" means a person who is experiencing a severe, chronic disability that
  - (A) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
  - (B) is manifested before the person attains age 22;
  - (C) is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (D) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency; and
- (E) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;
- (7) "person with a disability" means a person with a developmental disability as defined in (6) of this section or a person who is hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, visually impaired, seriously emotionally disturbed, orthopedically or otherwise health impaired, or who has a specific learning disability; the term includes a child with a disability as defined in AS 14.30.350;
- (8) "residential facility" means a publicly or privately operated facility that provides 24-hour care for four or more persons with disabilities, excluding family, foster family, or adoptive homes;
- (9) "substantial disability" means a disability that prevents or substantially impedes the person's participating in and benefiting from the social, economic, educational, recreational, or other opportunities generally available to peers in the community who are not similarly disabled.

Chapter 47.90. DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

Sec. 47.90.010. Program established.

- (a) The commissioner, in consultation with state and local government agencies, community groups, and groups concerned with displaced homemakers, may
- (1) contract with eligible private profit and nonprofit corporations for multipurpose service centers for displaced homemakers; contracting under this paragraph is governed by AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code); and
  - (2) coordinate existing state programs for displaced homemakers.
- (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations prescribing the standards to be met by each multipurpose service center for displaced homemakers in accordance with the policies established in this chapter.
  - (c) [Repealed, Sec. 67 ch 106 SLA 1986].
- (d) To be eligible for an award of a contract under this chapter a private profit or nonprofit corporation must be governed by a board of directors whose membership is broadly representative of the community in which it operates as determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 47.90.020. Services provided by centers.