

Advisory Board on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse



Alaska Mental Health Board

**Governor's Council on Disabilities
and Special Education**



The **TRUST**
The Alaska Mental Health
Trust Authority

Joint Advocacy 2009 Priorities

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Alaska Commission on Aging, the Alaska Mental Health Board, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, in collaboration with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the Alaska Brain Injury Network and the Alaska Suicide Council, have identified the following as their top legislative priorities for the 2009 session:

Home and Community-Based Services Rate Reviews. Support the establishment of a regular and periodic schedule of rate reviews for home and community based services. Regular and periodic rate reviews, for both Medicaid and grant-funded services, are imperative to maintaining the systems of care that serve Alaska's most vulnerable populations.

Adult Dental Services. Support the reauthorization of adult dental Medicaid services to avoid costly and potentially catastrophic dental emergencies late in life.

Homeless Housing Initiative. Support line items in the Governor's FY10 budget for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC) homeless services. Affordable housing with adequate support services is key to continued and sustained recovery for many Trust beneficiaries. Current economic trends have made this priority increasingly important for action this legislative session.

Public Transportation. With the establishment of the Governor's Coordinated Transportation Task Force in October 2008, the boards support taking the next step and establishing an Alaska Public Transportation Trust to fund the operations of community-coordinated public transportation systems.