

CORPORATE GOALS

Goal 1: DIRECT SERVICE

To increase and improve statewide protection and advocacy services for eligible consumers.

Goal 2: PUBLIC EDUCATION

To increase the understanding of rights and responsibilities of consumers, legal professionals, service providers, families, and advocates throughout Alaska.

Goal 3: OUTREACH

To insure that people with disabilities, their families and advocates throughout Alaska know about and have access to the Disability Law Center's services.

Goal 4: SYSTEMS WORK

To increase rights protection of Alaskans with disabilities through impact litigation and by monitoring changes in state laws and regulations that may adversely affect Disability Law Center clients.

Goal 5: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

To increase the Disability Law Center staff's effectiveness by encouraging participation in formal and informal training techniques.

PROGRAM GOALS (Life Domains)

The Disability Law Center does not have unlimited resources and must decide how to help people reach their **GOALS** by carefully listening to people with disabilities and their families when they describe problems in their lives. The following Life Domains reflect fundamental areas of life that affect all people and that we plan to pursue based on public input and historical data.

- **Health Care** – Fully funded, accessible, comprehensive health care. It is an essential life long need for individuals with disabilities.
- **Individual And Community Supports** – As people with disabilities move from large institutions to community, the variety of individual and community support based on individual need is increased.
- **Education** – Children and youth with disabilities need individually tailored education programs to achieve in accordance with their potential.
- **Transportation** – Public transportation needs to be expanded and coordinated to ensure equal access to our communities.

Other “Life Domains” are important but due to restrictive funding and limited agency resources, the Disability Law Center is unable to pursue client grievances beyond information and referral. Two of those are:

- **Employment** – People with disabilities can and want to work. Most are unemployed and underemployed not because of their limitations, but because of physical and attitudinal barriers to equal employment opportunities. Loss of other benefits also contribute to the problem.
- **Housing** – There is a lack of accessible, affordable housing or residential options in all regions of Alaska. Discrimination in banking, real estate and rentals contribute to this shortage.