



Statutory Advisory Boards

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
Alaska Mental Health Board
Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Alaska Commission on Aging
Alaska Brain Injury Network (non-statutory) *

The statutory **Advisory Boards** participate in planning, advising, educating, and making recommendations to public officials related to issues that affect people with disabilities. Citizen board members include people with disabilities, service providers and other community representatives, and make recommendations to the Governor, state agencies, Alaska State Legislature, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Trust), under the Alaska Department of Revenue, manages the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a state fund dedicated to serving Trust beneficiaries. The Trust receives recommendations from the statutory advisory boards, state and private agencies, the Legislature and the Governor, in its planning and expenditure of funds.

Trust beneficiaries include people with:

- **Intellectual /Developmental Disorders (I/DD).** *Examples include, Cerebral Palsy (CP), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Down syndrome.*
- **Behavioral Health Disorders.** *Examples include, Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorders, Co-Occurring Disorders.*
- **Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD).** *Examples include, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Alcohol-Related Dementia, dementia from head injury, Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus.*
- **Other impairments.** *Examples include, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Complex Trauma Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).*

**The Alaska Brain Injury Network (ABIN) is a non-profit organization that participates in the planning and evaluating of Alaska's programs affecting people with brain injuries.*