

CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

ALASKA



Improving Health Together through direct funding and national efforts

It is important to ensure babies are born healthy, children reach their full potential, and everyone thrives in Alaska. CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) is committed to supporting Alaska in its efforts to achieve this vision and here is how.



SAVING BABIES

through birth defects prevention and research

Birth defects impact nearly 1 in 33 babies born each year. NCBDDD works with health and medical professionals in Alaska to educate and help prevent alcohol-exposed pregnancies and risky alcohol use that can lead to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Problems caused by fetal alcohol spectrum disorders last a lifetime but are completely preventable if a developing baby is not exposed to alcohol.

NCBDDD leads efforts to understand the impact of substance use during pregnancy on the developing baby. NCBDDD is advancing new methods of preventing fetal alcohol spectrum disorders by equipping healthcare providers with tools and training to identify and help patients who drink too much. NCBDDD funds the University of Alaska Anchorage as a fetal alcohol spectrum disorders practice and implementation center that works specifically with nurses to improve the prevention of and intervention for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.



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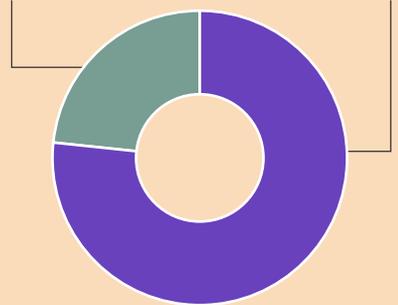
NCBDDD direct funding
in Alaska for
fiscal year 2017

\$644k

Funding Investment

HELPING
CHILDREN
\$150,000

SAVING
BABIES
\$494,200





HELPING CHILDREN

live to the fullest by understanding developmental disabilities

NCBDDD is committed to tracking, researching, and providing useful tools and information on developmental disabilities. NCBDDD's **Learn the Signs. Act Early.** program collaborates with partners throughout Alaska to promote developmental monitoring, identify children with developmental delays, and connect those families with appropriate services and support as early as possible.

NCBDDD's **Early Hearing Detection and Intervention** program in Alaska successfully tested 96.5% (10,860) of newborn babies for hearing loss and identified 19 babies who were deaf or hard of hearing. These babies and their families will benefit from services that will keep their learning on par with their hearing peers.



PROTECTING PEOPLE

and preventing complications of blood disorders

NCBDDD's work to protect the people of Alaska from complications of blood disorders is broad-ranging. It includes understanding preventable blood transfusion complications; developing, implementing, and evaluating programs that help consumers and healthcare providers get critical information on preventing complications of blood disorders; and supporting best practices for blood clot prevention.

NCBDDD also supports one hemophilia treatment center in Alaska through a national program. Hemophilia treatment centers are specialized healthcare centers that provide comprehensive care for patients with hemophilia.



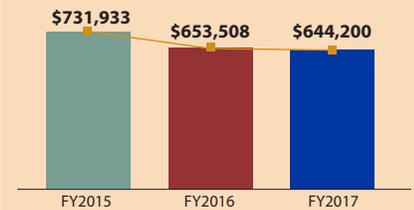
IMPROVING HEALTH

of people with disabilities

More than 1 in 5 (22%) of American adults live with a disability. NCBDDD helps to ensure that individuals with a disability in Alaska have the same opportunity for good health as those without a disability.

Programs funded by NCBDDD are being designed and implemented to improve the health of people with disabilities in Alaska.

Annual Program Funding*



NCBDDD is directly funding

- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (\$150,000)
- University of Alaska, Anchorage (\$494,200)

* More information about NCBDDD and our support in Alaska is available at www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/aboutus/report/index.html

“We have accomplished a lot together, but there is more work to be done.”

Coleen A. Boyle,
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