



The Center Stage

**SOUTH PENINSULA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
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# Moving, Shaking, Influencing

It has been a busy month for SPBHS folks! From groups, and more community education opportunities, to winning national awards and advocating in Juneau.

## SPBHS TL Walk-A-Thon

We are excited for our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser. The Town-Lap Walk-A-Thon. Join us May 29<sup>th</sup> for a walk around Homer as we raise funds to transform our Hillfair Ct property to a Teen Community Resource Center, where teens can get assistance accessing services, and we can also run children's programming from. Tickets are \$35 each, and are available currently at [givebutter.com/tlwalkathon](https://givebutter.com/tlwalkathon)

## Parenting in the Digital Age

We start this reporting cycle with Donna Duncan leading a discussion group at West Homer Elementary School on Technology and Mental Health. Donna was the final speaker for their series Parenting in the Digital Age.

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## Upcoming Events


May 29<sup>th</sup> - SPBHS Town-Lap  
Walk-A-Thon

# CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN!

## BRIAN ORMOND AWARDED ANCOR'S 2025 ALASKA DSP OF THE YEAR

-PRESS RELEASE-

Homer, Alaska –ANCOR, the leading voice in Washington for community-based disability services providers, has announced that Brian Ormond, a direct support professional at South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, has been named the recipient of the 2025 Alaska Direct Support Professional of the year award. Brian joins 53 other honorees in the 2025 edition of ANCOR's annual Direct Support Professional of the Year Awards program. This year's awards garnered over 500 nominations from across the nation, a record-breaking total.



We are so proud of Brian Ormond, who is being recognized today as the recipient of ANCOR's 2025 Direct Service Provider of the Year award! Chosen from a record-breaking pool of more than 500 nominees, Brian was selected for his exemplary dedication, creativity and innovation in providing critical supports for people with disabilities. We cannot wait to see Brian be honored during ANCOR's awards presentation on April 9!

"South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services is so proud of Brian. We are thrilled to celebrate his award, which represents his incredible work. More importantly, we recognize that his dedication enables true community inclusion for the people we support" said Ashley Moore, Development Director, SPBHS. "His supports are an example of the transformative power of community-based, person-centered supports and services. We're grateful that ANCOR has recognized Brian with this national honor."

Since 2007, ANCOR's annual DSP of the Year awards recognize outstanding direct support professionals (DSPs) who deliver long-term services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The awards celebrate the important role DSPs play in ensuring people with I/DD have what they need to thrive and be included in the community.

These awards also seek to raise awareness about a direct support workforce in crisis. Inadequate investments in this essential workforce have led to a decades-long severe shortage of DSPs, which risks being exacerbated significantly as Congress weighs substantial cuts to Medicaid, the program funds most services delivered by the direct support workforce.





## April Anniversaries

2024 - Rhea Simpson

2024 - Ashley Moore

2013 - Mitch Kliemann

2010 - Joe Overdorf

2009 - Bethel Monroe



## 2025 Key Campaign

This year was the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Key Campaign, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Juneau. “Key Coalition of Alaska is a non-profit, statewide advocacy group made up of people with disabilities and their families, friends, and other supporters. Since its beginning in 1988, the goal of the Key Coalition has been to advocate for community-based services for people with disabilities and their families.” - Key Coalition of Alaska Website.

This year, the Homer Delegation included Shane Kilcher, Brian Ormond, Marianthi Basdaras, and Tonya McGee. They were able to visit the offices of legislators and make presentations as well as get updates about relevant legislation currently being worked on.

Over 100 delegates from around the state participated this year and worked in groups according to their appropriate legislative areas, to advocate for the needs of their communities.





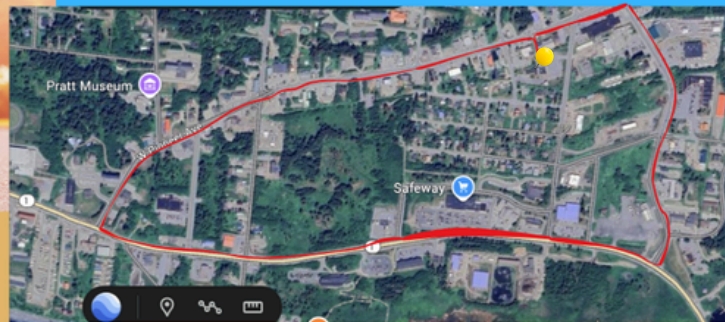
# Town-Lap Walk-A-Thon

Raising funds for a Teen community Resource Center



Thursday  
May 29th, 2025  
5:30 PM  
Fee \$35 Individual \$90 Family

Meeting Point :  
Kenai Peninsula College  
Kachemak Bay Campus



## Taking Steps Helping Teens

- Funds will be used to remodel a building SPBHS currently owns, and repurposing it as a teen and children's program center.

## What To Bring

- Comfortable Walking Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Camera for Memories



Buy your tickets below!



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OR YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS  
AT THE EVENT

## SPBHS

### Our Mission

The Center Partners with individuals, families, and communities to enhance the health, productivity, and social engagement by offering compassionate and evidenced-based services in the areas of developmental disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders.

### Our Vision

A dynamic organization committed to outstanding care with and for communities, valuing integrity, and respect for all.

### We Believe

- In the Individual's right to self-determination
- In the individual's right to be treated with dignity, kindness, and respect.
- In innovative response to obstacles.
- That cooperation is founded on respect, honesty, and forgiveness, as well as the opportunity to change.
- In forging partnerships that create synergy within the community.
- That diverse opinions enrich outcomes.
- In collaboration, commitment, teamwork, and problem solving
- That integrity and personal responsibility are core to ethical behavior.

## SERVICES

**The Center**— Individual, group, couples, and family therapy. For children, young adults, and adults. SPBHS takes all insurance and offers a sliding scale for anyone without. Additionally, medication support, YHDP, ASAP services, case management, and our administrative offices are all housed at The Center.

**Journeys**— Adult mental health rehab services. Individual and group day support across multiple setting including in home, in the community, and at our Parkside Building. Case management, IPS, and other services are also available through Journeys.

**Child and Family Services**— Youth (ages 4-21) mental health rehab services are available for children and families across multiple settings including in home, in the community, in schools, and in our Center offices.

**Pride**— Child and adult Intellectual and Development Disability Services. For any individual with a State Waiver, we offer Day Hab, Supported Living, and Family Hab services across multiple settings in home, in the community and at our Parkside Building.

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