

**2SSB 5459:** *The task force shall make recommendations on the following and report their recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2012:*

- Development of a System of Services: For persons with developmental disabilities that is consistent with Section 1 of this Act, as summarized here:
  - A developmental disability does not diminish a person's rights or the opportunity to participate in life of the local community;
  - A system for services for persons with developmental disabilities should provide a balanced range of coordinated health, social, and supportive services at home or other residential settings, minimizing cost, service duplication, and eliminating unnecessary organizational complexity;
  - The public interest is benefited by a broad array of services supporting persons with developmental disabilities at home or in the community that promote individual autonomy, dignity, and choice;
  - Persons living in RHCs deserve to continue receiving services that meet their needs if they choose to receive those services in the community setting;
  - RHCs will continue to be a critical part of the state's long-term care options;
  - The state should consider the needs of all persons with developmental disabilities and spend its limited resources in a manner that serves more people, while not compromising the care required.
- State's Long-Term Needs for RHC Capacity: The benefits and disadvantages of maintaining one center in eastern Washington and one center in western Washington;
- Plan for Consolidation: Efficient consolidation of institutional capacity; whether one or more centers should be downsized or closed and, if so, a time frame for closure;
- Savings from Downsizing, Consolidation, or Closure: Mechanisms through which any savings can be used to create additional community-based capacity;
- Use of Surplus Property: Strategies for the use of surplus property that results from the closure of one or more centers;
- Reframing Mission of Yakima Valley School: Strategies consistent with this act that consider:
  - Provision of Medical Services: Cost effective opportunity to provide medical services, including centers of excellence, to other clients served by the department; and

Provision of Crisis Stabilization, Respite, and Specialty Services: A treatment team providing crisis stabilization and short-term respite services, with the long-term goal of adding specialty services such as dental care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care to individuals with developmental disabilities residing in the surrounding community.”