

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation FY2008 – Overview



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Jobs are Alaska's Future

Mission: to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.

- 402 different Alaskan employers hired DVR clients
- 529 individuals exited the program successfully employed for 90 days or more
- 30 individuals exited as self-employed
- 3,725 individuals participated in the VR program
- 2,718 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,164 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- 17% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 85% of the individuals were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- Average yearly wages increased from \$6,300 at application to \$28,400 for those completing VR employed; The average hourly wage increased from \$3.10 to \$13.65
- For every dollar spent, \$7.65 will be returned as client income
- \$1,420,000 was spent on training 585 individuals
- A total of \$4,600,000 was spent on direct services to clients
- DVR clients by primary disability type:
 - Physical and orthopedic 39%
 - Psychiatric 34%
 - Cognitive 18%
 - Deafness/Hearing Loss 6%
 - Blindness/Visual Impairment 3%
- DVR clients went to work in these jobs:
 - Service occupations 32%
 - Professional, paraprofessional, or technical 22%
 - Construction 19%
 - Clerical 16%
 - Sales 11%

*“DVR didn’t change my life; it gave me my life back”
- DVR Client*