

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation State FY2011 – Program Highlights



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

- 569 individuals exited the program successfully being employed for 90 days or more
- The average yearly wage increased from \$6,302 at application to \$29,598 when exiting employed; the average hourly wage increased from \$3.03 to \$14.23
- 86% individuals were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- 20% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 431 different Alaskan employers hired DVR program participants
- 79% (449) were employed in the private sector; 16% (91) were employed in federal, state or local government and 5% (29) were self-employed
- 4,268 individuals participated in the VR program with the average case open 1.8 years
- 3,535 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,301 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- \$1,400,000 was spent on training 649 DVR programs participants
- \$5,740,000 was spent on direct services for DVR program participants
- DVR participants by ethnicity:
 - Caucasian 74%
 - Alaskan Native 21%
 - Black 8%
 - Spanish or Latino 5%
 - Pacific Islander 2%
 - Asian 2%
- DVR participants by primary disability type:
 - Psychiatric 39%
 - Physical and orthopedic 35%
 - Cognitive 17%
 - Deafness/Hearing Loss 5%
 - Blindness/Visual Impairment 4%
- DVR participants went to work in these occupations:
 - Service occupations 33%
 - Construction 22%
 - Clerical 19%
 - Professional, paraprofessional, or technical 18%
 - Sales 8%

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