Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

State FY2012 – Program Highlights

Our mission: *To help individuals with disabilities obtain and maintain employment*

- 637 individuals exited the program successfully employed for 90 days or more, up from 569 in 2011.
- The average hourly wage increased from $3.71 at application to $14.10 for those exiting employed
- 94% individuals receiving services were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- 21% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 420 different Alaskan employers hired DVR program participants
- 82% were employed in the private sector; 12% were employed in federal, state or local government; and 6% were self-employed
- 4,103 individuals participated at various stages of the VR. Cases were open an average of 1.4 years
- 3,197 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,240 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- $1,058,120 was spent to train 494 DVR program participants

DVR participants by ethnicity	
Caucasian	65%
Alaskan Native	19%
Black	8%
Spanish or Latino	4%
Pacific Islander	2%
Asian	2%
DVR participants employed by occupation	
Service occupations	36%
Construction	23%
Clerical	17%
Professional, paraprofessional or technical	16%
Sales	8%
DVR participants by primary disability type	
Psychiatric	40%
Physical and orthopedic	33%
Cognitive	19%
Deafness/Hearing Loss	5%
Blindness/Visual Impairment	3%

"DVR didn't change my life; it gave my life back"

- DVR Client at Public Testimony