

Archived Information

DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Goal: To expand, improve, or further the purposes of activities authorized under the Act.

Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives: These objectives and strategies are linked to Strategic Goal 3.4 (lifelong learning) so that adults can strengthen their skills and improve their earning power over their lifetime through lifelong learning.

FY 2000—\$21,672,000

FY 2001—\$21,672,000 (Requested budget)

OBJECTIVE 1: EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES THAT LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES.

Indicator 1.1 Expansion: Eighty percent of projects will be judged to have successfully implemented strategies or yielded results that can contribute to the expansion of services for or the employment of individuals with disabilities.

| Targets and Performance Data | | | Assessment of Progress | Sources and Data Quality |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Year | Actual Performance | Performance Targets | Status: Unable to judge. Explanation: RSA, through an external contractor, is currently working to develop a uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees. | Source: Final reports, which will be reviewed by external peer review panels. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next Update:</i> Final reports, submitted in FY 2000. Validation Procedure: No data to validate. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: N/A. |
| 1999: | No data available | N/A | | |
| 2000: | | N/A | | |
| 2001: | | N/A | | |

Indicator 1.2 Impact: The percentage of projects reporting an impact on rehabilitation service providers including state VR agencies, community rehabilitation service providers, and other providers of rehabilitation services will increase.

| Targets and Performance Data | | | Assessment of Progress | Sources and Data Quality |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Year | Actual Performance | Performance Targets | Status: Unable to judge. Explanation: RSA, through an external contractor, is currently working to develop a uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees. | Source: FY 1999 task order will develop and field test a uniform data collection instrument. Findings will be used to establish baseline. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually, once in use. <i>Next Update:</i> FY 2001. Validation Procedure: Data will be supplied by grantees through uniform reporting. No formal verification procedure applied. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may have difficulty in reporting on their impact to an external agency. Numerous external factors may change the provision or methods of rehabilitation services, and grantees may not be able to pinpoint their impact in the process. |
| 1999: | No data available | No specific target set | | |
| 2000: | | Continuous increase | | |
| 2001: | | Continuous increase | | |

OBJECTIVE 2: DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT SUCCESSFUL NEW TYPES OR PATTERNS OF SERVICES OR DEVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND REPORT THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECTS.

Indicator 2.1 Dissemination: The percentage of funded projects that disseminate information to state VR agencies and other funded projects and disability-related organizations will increase and the number of presentations will increase.

| Targets and Performance Data | | | Assessment of Progress | Sources and Data Quality | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>Grantees</i> | | | <p>Status: Unable to judge.</p> <p>Explanation: RSA, through an external contractor, is currently working to develop a uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees.</p> | <p>Source: FY 1999 task order will develop and field test a uniform data collection instrument. Findings will be used to establish baseline. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually, once in use. <i>Next Update:</i> FY 2001.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Data will be supplied by grantees through uniform reporting. No formal verification procedure applied.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: RSA, through an external contractor, is currently working to develop a uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees. Grantees and their activities are extremely diverse. Uniform data collection will be a great improvement over the current method of grantee self-reporting.</p> | |
| Year | Actual Performance | | | | Performance Targets |
| | Grantees | Presentations | | | |
| 1998: | 42 | 1,131 | | | |
| 1999: | Data not available | | | | No specific target set |
| 2000: | | | | | Continuous increase |
| 2001: | | | | | Continuous increase |
| <i>Presentations</i> | | | | | |
| Year | Actual Performance | | Performance Targets | | |
| 1998: | 1,131 | | | | |
| 1999: | Data not available | | No specific target set | | |
| 2000: | | | Continuous increase | | |
| 2001: | | | Continuous increase | | |

KEY STRATEGIES

Strategies Continued from 1999

None.

New or Strengthened Strategies

- ❖ The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will contract with an outside contractor to evaluate grantee best practices and develop a uniform data collection instrument.
- ❖ RSA will provide technical assistance to all grantees in order to promote successful outcomes. Interaction with state VR will be emphasized.
- ❖ Informational memos will identify and disseminate information to other grantees and state VR agencies regarding best practices.
- ❖ RSA will continue to convene annual project directors' meetings to disseminate information.
- ❖ RSA will use print and electronic media to disseminate information, including project directors' reports and presentation, and the contract findings (e.g., Manual of Project Director's meeting and Web sites of RSA and funded projects).

HOW THIS PROGRAM COORDINATES WITH OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Sponsors Interagency Group including Social Security, Department of Labor, Health of Human Services (TANF, HCFA, ADD, and SMHA).
- ❖ Received Interagency funding from Department of Labor for System Change projects.

CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOAL

- ❖ Preparing a uniform data collection instrument to reflect diverse projects and activities – Reauthorization gives specific authority to collect data. Regulations for the program are not yet finished.

INDICATOR CHANGES

From FY 1999 Annual Plan (two years old)

Adjusted

❖ Indicators have been reordered but have remained largely the same.

Dropped—None.

From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year's)

Adjusted

❖ Indicators have been reordered but have remained largely the same.

Dropped—None.

New—None.