

# Archived Information

## MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKERS PROGRAM

**Goal: To increase employment opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers who have disabilities.**

**Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives:** These objectives support the Strategic Plan Goal 3.4 (ensuring access to services that provide adults with disabilities the opportunities to increase earning power over their lifetime).

FY 2000—\$2,350,000

FY 2001—\$2,850,000 (Requested budget)

OBJECTIVE 1: ENSURE THAT ELIGIBLE MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKERS WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR) SERVICES AND ACHIEVE EMPLOYMENT.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p><b>Status:</b> No FY 1999 data yet.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Migrant and Seasonal farmworkers are served through both the Vocational Rehabilitation State grants program and through projects supported by this program. Actual 1998 data shown were obtained through grantee project performance reports and do not include those individuals served solely through the VR State grant program. Future data will be uniformly collected through the R-911 report and will be used to establish baseline. FY 2001 will be the first year of collection on this element.</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> FY 1998 data collected from grantees' final performance reports. Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) state data from the R-911 and grantee project performance reports. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next Update:</i> FY 2001.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedure:</b> The R-911 is verified by the ED attestation process and ED <u>Standards for Evaluation Program Performance Data</u>. Grantee performance reports have no formal verification procedure applied.</p> <p><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Inconsistent state Vocational Rehabilitation agency reporting. To ensure consistency across states, Rehabilitation Services Agency has modified this reporting element to clarify that states must report on all migrant and seasonal farmworkers served through either program.</p>
FY 1998:	9,200*			
<b>FY 1999:</b>	<b>No data available</b>	<b>Continuing increase</b>		
FY 2000:		Continuing increase		
FY 2001:		Continuing increase		
<p>* Data from the 14 projects indicate that more than 9,200 migrant and seasonal farmworkers were served through direct and outreach services.</p>				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual Performance</b>	<b>Performance Targets</b>	<p><b>Status:</b> No uniform 1999 data.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Actual 1996 data shown were obtained through R-911 before changes were made on the R-911 and may include some individuals served through projects. Future data will be uniformly collected through the R-911</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> Rehabilitation Services Agency state data from the R-911 and grantee performance reports. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next Update:</i> FY 2001.</p> <p><b>Validation Procedure:</b> The R-911 is verified by the ED attestation process and ED <u>Standards for</u></p>
FY 1996:	1,073*	No target set		
<b>FY 1999:</b>	<b>Not available</b>	<b>Continuing increase</b>		
FY 2000:		Continuing increase		
FY 2001:		Continuing increase		
<p>* Based on inconsistent data from R-911 for the number of migrant and seasonal farmworkers achieving employment.</p>				

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	report and will be used to establish baseline. FY 2001 will be the first year of collection on this element.	<p data-bbox="1478 159 1953 240"><u>Evaluating Program Performance Data.</u> Grantee performance reports have no formal verification procedure applied.</p> <p data-bbox="1478 266 1953 451"><b>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Inconsistent state VR agency reporting on this element. To ensure consistency across states, RSA has modified this reporting element to clarify that states must report on all migrant and seasonal farmworkers served through either program.</p>

**KEY STRATEGIES**

Strategies Continued from 1999

- ❖ Continuous guidance to grantees on the purpose of ED program and ways to respond better to program goals. Ongoing technical assistance is provided to grantees who demonstrate difficulty or noncompliance with program standards.
- ❖ Coordinate grantee activities with the state Vocational Rehabilitation agency. Through national conference and other means, opportunities are provided for exemplary migrant projects to share information on methods and models for building strong partnerships with state Vocational Rehabilitation and other migrant programs.
- ❖ Conduct telephone monitoring to all continuing projects to assess program activities and provide technical assistance.
- ❖ Conduct an internal review of performance reports to determine the effectiveness of the program in meeting its stated objectives. Working with other Federal offices within and outside the Department, Regional Services Administration will identify and provide opportunities for grantees to identify and exchange information addressing work disincentives affecting unemployed migrant workers with disabilities.

New or Strengthened Strategies

- ❖ Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has created an OSERS-wide Migrant Workgroup that include representatives from OSERS' three components (Regional Services Administration, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), Office of Special Education Programs(OSEP)) and a representative from the Office of Assistant Secretary. The goal is to identify and develop resolutions to issues impacting migrant and seasonal farmworkers.
- ❖ The Office of Rehabilitative Services Administration is a member of the Migrant Interagency Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss and coordinate issues relevant to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The Committee members include representatives from Federal agencies (Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, Department of Agricultural, Census Bureau) and other related organizations. The Committee meets quarterly.
- ❖ Rehabilitation Services Administration has contracted with Research Triangle Institute, Center for Research in Education, North Carolina, (1) to describe the agency's implementation of GPRA performance indicators in 10 programs and the current data collection and analysis systems and (2) to assess the need for improved project management tools to facilitate full implementation of GPRA.

**HOW THIS PROGRAM COORDINATES WITH OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ To identify issues concerning migrant and seasonal farmworkers. RSA's Program Manager for the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program has Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services representatives on the Migrant Interagency Committee which includes representatives from other Federal agencies such as Department of Labor, HHS, Department of Agricultural, Census Bureau, and Departmental Regional Offices to ensure that proper and timely services are being provided to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Meetings with these other Federal agencies are held to collect information and discuss issues regarding migrant and seasonal farmworkers. National conferences are sponsored by different agencies, and activities are coordinated between the various agencies to ensure information is disseminated regarding migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

**CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOAL**

- ❖ High mobility of migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

**INDICATOR CHANGES**

**From FY 1999 Annual Plan (two years old)**

Adjusted—None.

Dropped

❖ Objective 2 and its indicator were retained as internal measures.

**From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year's)**

Adjusted—None.

Dropped—None.

New—None.