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PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS (PAIR)

Goal: To provide assistance and information to individuals with disabilities eligible for the Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) program and conduct advocacy to ensure the protection of their rights under Federal Law.	Funding History (\$ in millions)			
	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
Legislation: Section 509 of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, P.L. 105-220 (29 U.S.C. 794e).	1985	\$0	2000	\$12
	1990	\$0	2001	\$14
	1995	\$7	2002 (Requested)	\$14

Program Description

The Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) program is part of the protection and advocacy system (P&As) in each state that protects the legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities. The PAIR program serves individuals with disabilities whose concerns are beyond the scope of services provided by the Client Assistance Program (CAP) under Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act and are ineligible for services under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DDA), and the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act of 1986 (PAIMI). The PAIR program must always be housed within the state's P&A agency with the other P&A programs which include the Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities (PADD), PAIMI, and the Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT). In 28 states, the CAP also is a part of the P&A agency.

Each year, the PAIR must develop a statement of objectives and priorities, including a rationale for the selection of the objectives and priorities, and a plan for achieving them. These objectives and priorities will define the issues that PAIR will work on during the year, thus defining the types of cases that PAIR will accept. The PAIR must provide the public an opportunity to comment on their objectives, priorities, activities, and rationales. Over the years, education, transportation, and architectural access issues have been the top priorities for the PAIRs nationwide.

PAIR is a formula grant program that began in FY 1994. The minimum allotment is \$100,000 for states or 0.33 percent of total funds after subtracting the two set-sides, whichever is greater. The outlying areas receive a minimum allotment of \$50,000. Also increases in the minimum allotments for states and outlying areas cannot exceed the percentage increase in the total amount appropriated. States may use these funds to plan for, develop outreach strategies for, and carry out protection and advocacy programs for eligible individuals with disabilities. States and outlying areas may carry over unobligated Federal funds for an additional year.

If the appropriation is equal to or exceeds \$5.5 million, the Secretary must first set aside not less than 1.8 percent and not more than 2.2 percent of the amount appropriated for training and technical assistance to eligible systems established under this program. In addition, the Act requires that in any year, in which the total appropriation exceeds \$10.5 million, the Secretary must award \$50,000 to the eligible system established under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to serve the American Indian consortium. The Secretary then distributes the remainder of the appropriation to the eligible systems within the states and outlying areas on a population basis after satisfying minimum allocations.

Program Performance

OBJECTIVE 1: ADEQUATELY IDENTIFY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES SO THAT PAIR PROGRAMS MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

Indicator 1.1 Percentage of requests for service outside PAIR priorities: The percentage of individuals seeking services whose concerns are not within the PAIR's stated priorities will decrease.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p>Status: No 1999 data are available. Data for 2000 will be available April 2001.</p> <p>Explanation: Uniform data collection instrument was approved by OMB in January 2000. FY 2000 was the first year of collection.</p>	<p>Source: PAIR performance reports <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> January 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> Summer 2001.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Data will be supplied through uniform data reporting. Once data are submitted, appropriate review will be conducted by program specialists.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: The collection instrument does not contain known data limitations.</p>
1999:	No data available	N/A		
2000:	No Data Available	No specific target set		
2001:		Baseline to be established		
2002:				

OBJECTIVE 2: PAIR PROGRAMS MEET EXPECTATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN TERMS OF THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE PAIR SERVICES RECEIVED.

Indicator 2.1 Survey responses: The percentage of PAIR programs achieving or exceeding the client satisfaction baseline will increase.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p>Status: No 1999 data are available. Data for 2000 will be available April 2001.</p> <p>Explanation: FY 2000 was the first year of collection. A client satisfaction baseline along with the targets for the percentage of PAIRs that meet or exceed the baseline will be established once data are available.</p>	<p>Source: PAIR performance reports <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> January 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> Summer 2001.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Same as 1.1.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Same as 1.1.</p>
1999:	No data available	N/A		
2000:	Data Available 4/01	No specific target set		
2001:		Baseline to be established		
2002:				

OBJECTIVE 3: IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS REQUIRING SYSTEMIC CHANGE AND ENGAGE IN SYSTEMIC ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS.

Indicator 3.1 Policy changes: The percentage of PAIRs that report changes in policies and practices as a result of their efforts will increase.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p>Status: No 1999 data are available. Data for 2000 will be available April 2001.</p> <p>Explanation: FY 2000 was the first year of collection. Baseline data in FY 2001.</p>	<p>Source: PAIR performance reports <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> January 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> Summer 2001.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Same as 1.1.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Data will be limited because it is self-reported and in a narrative format. The data submitted will be reviewed by program specialists, but data validity will be unattainable.</p>
1999:	No data available	N/A		
2000:	Data Available 4/01	No specific target set		
2001:		Baseline to be established		
2002:				