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RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

Goal: To provide to individuals with disabilities recreation activities and related experiences that can be expected to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration.

Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives: These objectives support the Strategic Goal 3.4 (ensuring access to services that provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to increase their learning experiences over their lifetime).

FY 2000—\$3,521,000

FY 2001—\$2,596,000 (Requested budget)

OBJECTIVE 1: RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE SUSTAINED AFTER FEDERAL FUNDING CEASES.

Indicator 1.1 Project continuation: Recreational programs are sustained after Federal funding ceases. By fall 2000, 86 percent of programs initiated since FY 1993 will be continuing after Federal funding has ended.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	<p>Status: Positive movement toward target.</p> <p>Explanation: On average, projects have had a success rate of sustaining projects after Federal funding ceases.</p>	<p>Source: Quarterly telephone monitoring reports and Annual and Final Performance Reports. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next Update:</i> FY 2000.</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Data collected from reports compared to proposed plans in original application.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Program staff will contact each project to ensure that projects are continuing. Each project will provide specific information (location, number served, types of disabilities). An automated database will be developed to track and maintain contact with projects after Federal funding ceases.</p>
1998:	79%			
1999:	No data available	83%		
2000:		86%		
2001:		86%		

KEY STRATEGIES

Strategies Continued from 1999

To address issues relative to the Recreational Program, the Office of Rehabilitation Services Administration will implement the following strategies--

- ❖ Provide continuous guidance to grantees on the purpose of the program and better ways to respond to program goals.
- ❖ Through national conferences and other means, Rehabilitation Services Administration will provide opportunities for exemplary recreation projects to share information on methods and models for building strong partnerships with other recreational providers and with state Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. Grantees will have an opportunity to present their programs and receive technical assistance from Rehabilitation Services Agency.
- ❖ Conduct quarterly telephone monitoring of all continuing projects to provide guidance and to determine whether the project will continue after Federal funding ceases.
- ❖ Work with other Federal offices (Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Labor, and Department of Education's 10 Regional Offices within and outside the Department) to coordinate activities and provide information regarding recreational services/programs for individuals with disabilities.
- ❖ Contact annually all projects whose Federal funds just ended to determine whether the project is being sustained without Federal support.

KEY STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)New or Strengthened Strategies

- ❖ The Office of Rehabilitation Services Administration has contracted with Research Triangle Institute, Center for Research in Education, North Carolina, to (1) describe the agency's implementation of GPRA performance indicators in 10 programs and the current data collection and analysis systems and (2) assess the need for improved project management tools to facilitate full implementation of GPRA.
- ❖ RSA plans to provide this program's GPRA plan to applicant for their information and use.

HOW THIS PROGRAM COORDINATES WITH OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

- ❖ To ensure that recreational services and issues are identified for individuals with disabilities, the Office of Rehabilitation Services Administration will coordinate with the Department's 10 Federal Regional Offices to identify issues within the state regarding recreational services to individuals with disabilities. Specific solutions to address these issues will be identified. Regional Office staff will be asked to participate in activities regarding the Recreational Program (e.g., attending meetings, teleconferences, reviewing new grant applications). Other Federal agencies with recreational programs will be identified for coordination of activities.

CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOAL

- ❖ Project continuation will depend on individual project's ability to obtain non-Federal funding to sustain projects. Building community support for financial commitment to the project.

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

Adjusted—None.

Dropped

- ❖ Old Objective 2, recreational programs will maintain the same level of services over the 3-year period, along with Its indicator 2.1 (individuals served), was dropped. The objective that recreational programs are sustained after Federal funding ceases is more appropriate for this program.

From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year's)

Adjusted—None.

Dropped

- ❖ Objective 2, ensure that recreational programs will maintain the same level of services, along with its Indicator 2.1 (individuals served), was dropped. The objective that recreational programs are sustained after Federal funding ceases is more appropriate for this program.

New—None.