

Archived Information

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS

Goal: Individuals with significant disabilities served by the Title VII, Chapter 1, programs will achieve consumer-determined independent living goals, and Independent Living Services will be provided and activities will be conducted to improve or expand services to older individuals who are blind.

Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives: This program supports Objective 3.4 (lifelong learning).
 FY 2000—\$85,296,000
 FY 2001—\$95,296,000 (Requested budget)

OBJECTIVE 1: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES WHO ARE SERVED BY AND BENEFIT FROM THE TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PROGRAMS.

Indicator 1.1 Number of individuals with significant disabilities served grouped by age: The number of individuals who receive individual independent living services will increase in all age categories.

Targets and Performance Data						Assessment of Progress		Sources and Data Quality	
<i>The number of individuals receiving individual independent living services in FY 1997</i>						Status: Progress toward target is likely.		Source: Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) 704 reports (704 Report), annual, 1999. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000	
Year	Actual Performance								
	Under 6	6-17	18-22	23-54	55-older		Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor. Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.		
1997:	1,544	5,831	10,529	77,362	44,245				
	Total: 160,000 *								
1998:	Total: Data not yet available								
1999:	Total: Data not yet available					Total: 142,301			
2000:						Total: 146,486			
2001:						Total: 149,277			
*Note: Additional 20,000 with ages unknown.									

Indicator 1.2: Number of goals set and achieved by consumers: The number of consumer goals set and achieved will increase in all service areas measured.

Targets and Performance Data				Assessment of Progress		Sources and Data Quality	
Actual Performance				Status: Progress toward target is likely.		Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000	
The FY 1997 Goals	Set	Met	Rate				
Self-care:	44,120	28,503	64.6%	Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor. Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.			
Communication:	19,055	12,884	67.6%				
Mobility:	20,211	13,334	65.9%				
Residential:	20,589	12,121	58.8%				
Educational:	19,058	13,754	72.2%				
Vocational:	13,990	7,100	50.8%				
Other:	39,516	22,913	58.0%				
Total:	176,539	110,609	62.3%				

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1997:	62.3% total			
1998:	Data not yet available			
1999:	Data not yet available	62.5% total		
2000:		63% total		
2001:		63% total		
2002:		63% total		

OBJECTIVE 2: INCREASE THE SATISFACTION OF CONSUMERS WHO RECEIVE CHAPTER 1 INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) SERVICES.

Indicator 2.1 Consumer satisfaction with IL services: A consistently high proportion of consumers will report satisfaction with IL services.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>FY 1997 New York State survey: Percentage of consumers who are very or mostly satisfied with services</i>			Status: Progress toward target is likely.	<p>Source: 704 Report and State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), Attachment 16. Beginning in 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.</p>
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor.	
1997:	85%			
1998:	Data not yet available			
1999:	Data not yet available	No target set		
2000:		87%		
2001:		87%		
2002:		87%		

OBJECTIVE 3: IMPROVE ACCESS TO PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES (PAS), HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY-BASED LIVING THROUGH INCREASED ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

Indicator 3.1: Number of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) using effective advocacy techniques: All CILs will have an advocacy program to address at least two of the following areas: (a) community-based personal assistance services (b), accessible/affordable housing (c), accessible/affordable transportation, and (d) options for moving people from nursing homes and other institutions to the community.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Preliminary results FY 1997, New York State: Percentage of CILs with programs in two areas</i>			Status: Progress toward target is likely.	<p>Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000</p> <p>Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.</p>
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor.	
1997:	25%			
1998:	Data not yet available			
1999:	Data not yet available	30%		
2000:		50%		
2001:		80%		

Indicator 3.2: Increased Community-based Living: The number of individuals who leave nursing homes and other institutions for community-based housing and the number of individuals at risk of entering nursing homes and other institutions who are receiving IL services and can remain at home will increase.					
Targets and Performance Data				Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Number of Individuals who Left Nursing Homes/Institutions		Number of Individuals who Remained in the Community		
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	
1998:	800		8,000		
1999:	Data not yet available	No target set	Data not yet available	No target set	
2000:		850		8,500	
2001:		900		9,000	
2002:		950		9,500	
* As estimated by RSA staff interviews of CIL executive directors					
				Status: Progress toward target is likely. Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor.	Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000 Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.

OBJECTIVE 4: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN ADDITION TO TITLE VII THAT SUPPORT CHAPTER 1 GRANTEES.

Indicator 4.1: Increased funding from alternative sources: Up to 76 percent of CILs will have greater than 25 percent of their budget from sources other than Title VII, Chapter 1, and 80 percent of states will contribute more than the required minimum match for Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B.					
Targets and Performance Data				Actual Performance	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Percent CILs > 25%		Percent States Overmatch Part B		
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	
1997:	74 %		80 %		
1998:					
1999:	Data not yet available	No target set	Data not yet available	No target set	
2000:		75 %		80 %	
2001:		76 %		80 %	
2002:		76 %		80 %	
				Status: Progress toward target is likely. Explanation: Data are gathered from over 425 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor.	Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000 Validation Procedure: Program and budget staff or two program staff visually scan data for errors and compare to prior year's data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees may interpret definitions differently. We are providing training and technical assistance.

OBJECTIVE 5: PROVIDE CHAPTER 2 SERVICES TO INCREASING NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OLDER AND SEVERELY VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND INCREASE CONSUMER SATISFACTION.

Indicator 5.1: Increased number of individuals served: The number of older and severely visually impaired individuals served will increase annually.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Individuals receiving services</i>			Status: Target met. Explanation: Target revised because of increased program budget in FY 2000.	Source: Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (7-OB Report), 1997. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000 Validation Procedure: Research and Training Center and program staff review data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Targets based on estimates of program funding level.
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1994:	14,968			
1995:	22,103			
1996:	26,846			
1997:	31,460			
1998:	36,280			
1999:	Data not yet available	28,500		
2000:		35,000		
2001:		40,000		
2002:		41,000		

Indicator 5.2: Increased consumer satisfaction: The satisfaction rate in consumers' confidence in ability to perform activities that were "given up" as a result of vision loss will increase, and the percentage of consumers who feel more in control in making decisions on important issues will increase.					
Targets and Performance Data				Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Satisfaction Rate in Consumers' Confidence in Ability to Perform Activities "Given Up" as a Result of Vision Loss		Percent of Consumers Who Feel More Control in Making Decisions on Important Issues		Status: Progress toward target is likely. Explanation: Overall satisfaction rates are not budget dependent. Source: Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (7-OB Report), 1997. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000 Validation Procedure: Research and Training Center and program staff review data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Targets based on estimates of program funding level.
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	
1998:	87%	No target set	76%	No target set	
1999:	Data not yet available		No target set		
2000:		89%		79%	
2001:		90%		80%	
2002:		90%		80%	

OBJECTIVE 6: INCREASE FUNDING FOR CHAPTER 2 PROGRAMS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TITLE VII, CHAPTER 2.

Indicator 6.1: Increased funding from alternative sources: An increasing percentage of states contribute more than the minimum match amount.				
Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets	Status: Progress toward revised target likely. Explanation: Grantees must match FY 1999 (discretionary) and FY 2000 (formula) funds during FY 2000. States can make their discretionary match at anytime during FYs 2000 and 2001 because of our extension of their budget period. This is a one-time event caused by the transition from discretionary to formula funding.	Source: 7-OB Report. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually <i>Next Update:</i> February 2000 Validation Procedure: Research and Training Center and program staff review data. Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Lowered over match targets for FY 2000 and FY 2001 because of dramatic one-time increase in required state match.
1997:	75%			
1998:	77%			
1999:	Data not yet available	No target set		
2000:		25%		
2001:		25%		
2002:		80%		

KEY STRATEGIES

Strategies Continued from 1999

None.

New or Strengthened Strategies

- ❖ Develop technical assistance action plans to assist grantees that are performing below standards and indicators of compliance.
- ❖ Identify and disseminate information regarding best practices for helping individuals with disabilities to achieve appropriate independent living outcomes.
- ❖ Develop a monitoring and technical assistance plan for states and CILs, taking into consideration performance on the indicators, requests for assistance, date of last on-site review, and annual financial audit.
- ❖ Identify and assist low-performing service providers and CILs.
- ❖ With training and technical assistance providers, provide coordinated assistance to CILs on advocacy techniques and strategies.
- ❖ Present information at national meetings of CIL directors on the importance of facilitating community change.
- ❖ Present national experts on affordable/accessible housing and transportation, personal assistance services, and community-based living arrangements at Regional Services Administration National DSU & SILC Meeting to focus emphasis and encourage new state and local efforts.
- ❖ Identify and publish potential funds availability, increase grantees' capacity to obtain grants, and identify and share replicable model local and state resource development techniques and strategies.
- ❖ Identify significant outcomes of the Chapter 1 programs and disseminate results to grantees and other potential funding sources.
- ❖ Provide technical assistance at national project directors' meeting on the most successful strategies and techniques for increasing and improving service.
- ❖ Conduct an independent consumer satisfaction review of all grantees.
- ❖ Identify and assist state agencies and CILs with low consumer satisfaction rates.
- ❖ RSA will aggregate and share with grantees innovative methods of supporting Chapter 2 activities from sources other than Chapter 2.
- ❖ RSA will aggregate examples of outcomes of the Chapter 2 program and share them with grantees and other potential funding sources.

HOW THIS PROGRAM COORDINATES WITH OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Chapter 1 programs coordinate with HUD, DOL, USDA, HHS, HCFA, and DOT staff. Chapter 2 program coordinates with CDC, HHS, DOL, NIH (NEI, NNAP), DOT, USDA, FDA, HRSA, HCFA, SSA.

CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOAL

- ❖ Chapter 1 IL goals (1.2) are personal to the consumer and therefore vary tremendously in how difficult they are to achieve and how much time is necessary to achieve goals. There is no national, state, or local standard for goals that would allow exactly similar national grouping of goals. As consumer-based program-serving consumers from cradle to grave with all types of disabilities and virtually unlimited possible goals, it would not be appropriate to establish national standards for goals.

INDICATOR CHANGES

From FY 1999 Annual Plan (two years old)

Adjusted—None.

Dropped

- ❖ Indicator 6.2 and Objective 7 and its indicator were dropped.

From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year's)

Adjusted

- ❖ The targets in Indicator 3.1 were decreased.
- ❖ In Indicator 5.1, the performance target for 2000 increased from 35,000 to 40,000 because of an increase in program funding from the projected amount.
- ❖ Indicator 5.2 has been modified, and a performance target for 2000 was created where there previously was none.
- ❖ Because of the substantial increase in the amount of minimum required state match in FYs 2000 and 2001, the target for Indicator 6.1 (the percentage of states contributing more than the required state match) has been lowered.

Dropped—None.

New—None.