

Archived Information

DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Goal: To expand, improve, or further the purposes of activities authorized under the Act. Legislation: Section 303 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by PL 105-220 (29 USC 773).	Funding History (\$ in millions)			
	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
	1985	\$34	2000	\$22
	1990	\$32	2001	\$21
	1995	\$31	2002 (Requested)	\$16

Program Description

Demonstration and Training programs provide competitive grants or contracts to expand and improve services authorized under the Act or that further the purposes and policies of the Rehabilitation Act. The program supports activities that increase the provision, extent, availability, scope and quality of rehabilitation services, including related research and evaluation activities.

Section 303(b) of the Rehabilitation Act authorizes the support of activities to demonstrate methods of service delivery to individuals with disabilities, as well as activities such as technical assistance, systems change, special studies and evaluation, and dissemination and utilization of project findings.

The majority of projects currently supported are designed to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities by expanding and improving the availability of services.

Entities eligible for grants under this section include state VR agencies, community rehabilitation programs, Native American tribes or tribal organizations, or other public or nonprofit and for-profit agencies or organizations. Competitions may be limited to one or more type of entity.

Program Performance

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	<p>Status: Unable to judge. Data from FY2000 will be used to establish a baseline.</p> <p>Explanation: RSA conducted the external peer review panels in Jan. 2001, and participants reported that final project reports reviewed and analyzed verify that nearly 100 percent of project objectives have been met by all grantees. Another year of data is needed in order to establish a baseline and to set targets.</p>	<p>Source: Final reports, which will be reviewed by external peer review panels. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> Final reports, submitted in FY 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> December 2001</p> <p>Validation Procedure: No formal validation.</p> <p>Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Grantees will begin to report using a new uniform data collection instrument. See 1.2.</p>
1999:	95.6%	N/A		
2000:	No Data Available	No specific target set		
2001:		Baseline		
2002:		Maintain or exceed baseline		
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	<p>Status: Unable to judge.</p> <p>Explanation: RSA, through an external contractor, is currently working to develop a web-based uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees. Instrument is currently at OMB for review.</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 collection update:</i> FY 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> November 15, 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: 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.</p>
1999:	No Data Available	No specific target set		
2000:	No Data Available	No specific target set		
2001:		No specific target set		
2002:		Maintain or exceed baseline		

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.

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, has worked to develop a uniform data collection instrument for use by these grantees. RSA will obtain accurate data from a uniform instrument.</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 collection update:</i> FY 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> November 15, 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:	No Data Available				No specific target set
2000:	No Data Available				No specific target set
2001:					No specific target set
2002:					Maintain or exceed baseline
<i>Presentations</i>					
Year	Actual Performance				Performance Targets
1998:	1,131				
1999:	No Data Available		No specific target set		
2000:	No Data Available		No specific target set		
2001:			No specific target set		
2002:			Maintain or exceed baseline		