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Goal 8: To conduct high-quality research that leads to high quality research products.

Objective 8.1 of 4: To support the conduct and dissemination of high-quality research that contributes to improvement in the quality of life of persons with disabilities.

Indicator 8.1.1 of 2: Scientific excellence: Grantee research quality is good or excellent, as reflected in research design and its usefulness to customers.

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Indicator 8.1.2 of 2: Increased publication and citation: Publication of research findings, with the appropriate citation, will increase in refereed journals.

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	<p>2001. Data is reported by calendar year of publication; consequently 2001 is the most recent completed year. Bibliographies reported by each center have been extensively evaluated so that only publication in indexed journals and major published books have been counted. Preliminary evaluation of reports for the first three quarters of 2002 indicates that the number of publications continues to increase.</p>	<p>and RRTC.</p> <p>Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2002 Data Available: April 2003 Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED. Verified by Dept. of Ed. attestation process and ED Standards for Evaluation Program Performance Data. Extrapolated document from NIDRR web based Performance Reporting System.</p> <p>Limitations: Data is based upon reports by the funded centers. Concerns have been raised about the potential for under-reporting. Methods to independently confirm publications are planned. The number of publications using the strict definitions are likely to fairly represent the productivity of centers in areas related to engineering and medicine. However, these definitions may not fully represent the productivity of centers in other areas.</p> <p>Improvements: NIDRR is evaluating methods of assessing productivity that fairly represent all parts of the NIDRR grant portfolio.</p>
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Objective 8.2 of 4: Disseminate and promote use of information on research findings, in accessible formats, to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes.

Indicator 8.2.1 of 1: Information and TA usefulness: Recipients will find the products, information, and technical assistance that they receive from grantees useful.

Targets and Performance Data				Assessment of Progress			Sources and Data Quality
<i>Percentage of recipients responding "yes," "no," and "N/A" to the question on being served adequately</i>				Status: Target exceeded			Source: Other
Year	Actual Performance			Performance Targets			Other: Other.
	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	Additional Source Information: AIMS Survey.
1998	80	15	5				Frequency: Semi-Annually.
2000	95	2	3	83.50			Collection Period: 2001
2001	90	5	5	86			Data Available: January

on this indicator is based on Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs) reporting system ADA Impact Management System (AIMS, data for Year '01 and '02) The AIMS use a Likert Scale.

2002	97	2	1	90	<p>Explanation: The AIMS survey consists of postcard survey that is sent out after a request for information on ADA. The survey is voluntary and in '02, 715 customers completed the required 8 questions. Question #5 refers to the usefulness of materials requested. 97% of respondents rated the information as Very and Somewhat Useful; 2% as Not Very Useful and 1% as Not Applicable.</p>	<p>Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED.</p> <p>Limitations: Sample size is limited.</p>
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Objective 8.3 of 4: Expand system capacity for conduct of high-quality rehabilitation research and services by ensuring availability of qualified researchers and practitioners, including persons with disabilities and other underserved groups.

Indicator 8.3.1 of 2: Contributions of trainees and fellows: Contributions by NIDRR trainees and fellows that apply to study rehabilitation will increase.

Targets and Performance Data				Assessment of Progress		Sources and Data Quality	
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Year	Actual Performance		Performance Targets		Other: Other.		<p>Additional Source Information: AART, NIDRR Annual Performance Management Report</p> <p>Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2002 Data Available: October 2002</p> <p>Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED. Verified by Dept. of Ed. attestation process and ED Standards for Evaluation Program Performance Data.</p> <p>Limitations: Our capacity building data comes from the ARRT training/fellows program. In FY02 there were 15 funded centers, on average each program has 3-4 full-time fellows conducting post doctoral research. NIDRR's reporting system has data on 14 of these centers. These data indicate that 102 publications resulted from the work of the fellows in these centers. An average of 6 publications and 12 presentations per center and 2 per fellow. The number of fellows in each center varies every</p>
	Published Presentations		Published Presentations				
1998	6.70	18.20					
2001	19.70	16.30	22	14			
2002	7	12	6	12			
				<p>The measure is based on the number of fellows surveyed. In FY '01, there were 18 fellows. In FY '02 we based our data on the number of centers funded (15) with an average of 3-4 fellows in each program. The number of fellows varies every year.</p>			

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Indicator 8.3.2 of 2: Researchers with disabilities and from underserved groups: Participation of researchers working in the field who have disabilities or are from underserved groups will increase.																		
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Objective 8.4 of 4: Ensure productivity and management effectiveness.

Indicator 8.4.1 of 1: Usefulness of NIDRR products: The percentage of customers reporting that NIDRR products and information are useful will increase.														
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	<p>Explanation: Ninety-four (94%) of consumers and stakeholders indicated that disability research information was useful. They stated that their preferred means of accessing research information was contacting community service providers (70%), disability research organizations (68%); looking in brochures (56%) and looking on the Internet (54%). Eighty-two (82%) of researchers use the Internet, 66% use brochures and 58% use research journals. Overall consumers used these approaches less frequently.</p>	<p>base in the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation research community regarding dissemination and utilization of research findings. A key component of the research is to gain knowledge on what kinds of disability - related research are key to consumers, how they prefer to learn about this information and how they apply it.</p> <p>Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2003 Data Available: July 2003 Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED. The survey addresses three distinct types of customers - 1) Consumer group - individuals with disabilities and their families participating in Independent Living Centers across the country; 2) Stakeholders- - representatives from various organizations that come in direct contact with consumers and 3) Researchers -- only NIDRR-funded researchers, i.e. grantees.</p> <p>Limitations: Results are based on relatively small samples of the three types of customers.</p> <p>Improvements: Questions on the survey must be refined to look for the usefulness on the information presented (i.e. formats) and access needs.</p>
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