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INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES PROGRAM

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. Legislation: Part B, Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, P.L. 93-112, as amended (29 U.S.C. 796e-796e-2).	Funding History (\$ in millions)			
	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation
	1985	\$5	2000	\$85
	1990	\$13	2001	\$100
	1995	\$22	2002 (Requested)	\$100

Program Description

The purpose of the Independent Living programs is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and to integrate these individuals into the mainstream of American society. There are three independent living programs: the Independent Living State Grants Program (State Grants), the Centers for Independent Living Program (Center Program), and the Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program (Older Blind Program).

Independent living programs assist states to expand and improve independent living services by improving statewide networks and working relationships of centers for independent living, Statewide Independent Living Councils, Rehabilitation Act programs outside of Title VII, and other relevant Federal and non-Federal programs.

The independent living programs are current-funded, however; grantees can carry over unobligated funds for an additional fiscal year. States participating in the State Grants and Older Blind programs must match every \$9 of Federal funds with \$1 in non-Federal cash or in-kind resources. To be eligible for financial assistance under the State Grant program or Center program, States are required to establish a Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

Approximately 60 percent of State Grant funds are used to provide independent living services, either directly or through a grant or contract arrangement. Frequently, a center for independent living is the recipient of these grants and contracts. The individual services most commonly delivered by States include skills training, communication services, and the provision of assistive devices and equipment.

The Centers program is a formula grant to States also based on State population and determines the amount available to the State for discretionary grants to centers within the State. The 1998 amendments require the Department to award grants to any eligible agency that had been awarded a grant as of September 30, 1997. In effect, all CILs funded by the end of fiscal year 1997 are "grandfathered in" and guaranteed continued funding as long as they continue to meet program and fiscal standards and assurances. The Centers program must use between 1.8 and 2 percent of the funds for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to provide training and technical assistance with respect to planning, developing, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living. Annual performance reports provide information regarding the Centers' and SILCs' most pressing training and technical assistance needs. Each year, the Department must conduct compliance reviews of at least 15 percent of the centers and one-third of the designated State units.

The Older Blind program assists individuals aged 55 or older whose recent severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain, but for whom independent living goals are feasible. Funds provide independent living services, conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals, and conduct activities to improve public understanding of the problems of these individuals. Services help persons to adjust to their blindness by increasing their ability to care for their individual needs.

Program Performance

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</i>						<p>Status: Target is likely to be exceeded.</p> <p>Explanation: Data are gathered from over 312 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor. Since the 2001 target was exceeded in 1998, the 2001 target has been increased to take into account actual performance and the new centers to be established in 2001.</p>	<p>Source: Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) 704 reports (704 Report), annual, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002.</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
	Under 6	6-17	18-22	23-54	55-older			
1998	2,390	7,028	11,755	81,012	53,045			
Total: 185,000*								
1999:	Total: No Data Available							Total: 142,301
2000:	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data			Total: 146,486
2001:								Total: 220,000
2002:								Total: 220,000
*Note: Additional 30,000 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				<p>Status: Progress toward target is likely.</p> <p>Explanation: Data are gathered from over 312 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor.</p>	<p>Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002.</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>
The FY 1998 Goals	Set	Met	Rate		
Self-care:	44,617	31,004	69.4%		
Communication:	21,785	15,985	73.3%		
Mobility:	20,301	13,928	68.8%		
Residential:	24,318	13,102	53.8%		
Educational:	17,295	11,436	66.1%		
Vocational:	17,261	8,104	46.9%		
Other:	44,403	30,035	67.6%		
Total:	189,980	123,594	65.0%		
Year	Actual Performance		Performance Targets		
1997:	62.3% total				
1998:	65.0% total				
1999:	No Data Available		62.5% total		
2000:	No Data Available		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>		<p>Status: Progress toward target is likely.</p> <p>Explanation: Data is in but analysis of data is not yet completed. Projecting analysis will be completed by end of second quarter.</p>	<p>Source: 704 Report and State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), Attachment 16. Beginning in 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002.</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
1997:	85%			
1998:	No Data Available			
1999:	No Data Available			No target set
2000:	No Data Available			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>		<p>Status: Progress toward target is likely.</p> <p>Explanation: Data is in but analysis is not yet completed. Projecting analysis will be completed by end of second quarter.</p>	<p>Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002.</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
1997:	25%			
1998:	No Data Available			
1999:	No Data Available			30%
2000:	No Data Available			50%
2001:				80%
2002:				

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	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Status: Progress toward target is likely. Explanation: Data are gathered from over 312 reporting entities. Data are entered into a data base by a subcontractor. Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002. 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.
	Number of Individuals who Left Nursing Homes/Institutions		Number of Individuals who Remained in the Community		
1998:	1,671		18,343		
1999:	No Data Available	850	Data not yet available	8,500	
2000:	No Data Available	850		8,500	
2001:		900		9,000	
2002:		950		9,500	
* As estimated by RSA staff interviews of CIL executive directors					

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	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Status: Progress toward target is likely. Explanation: Data is in but analysis is not yet completed. Projecting analysis to be completed by end of second quarter. Source: RSA 704 Report, 1998. <i>Frequency:</i> Annually. <i>Next collection update:</i> December 2001. <i>Date to be reported:</i> May 2002. 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.
	Percent CILs > 25%		Percent States Overmatch Part B		
1997:	74 %		80 %		
1998:					
1999:	No Data Available	No target set	Data not yet available	No target set	
2000:	No Data Available	75 %		80 %	
2001:		76 %		80 %	
2002:		76 %		80 %	

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. Frequency: Annually. Next collection update: December 2001. Date to be reported: May 2002. 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:	38,150	28,500		
2000:	No Data Available	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	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
	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	
1998:	87%	No target set	76%	No target set
1999:	No Data Available		No target set	
2000:	No Data Available	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. Frequency: Annually. Next collection update: December 2001. Date to be reported: May 2002. 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:	80%	No target set		
2000:	No Data Available	25%		
2001:		25%		
2002:		80%		