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TO: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
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PROGRAMS (RRCEPS)
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: Caseload Statistics, State Vocational Rehabilitation
Agencies, Fiscal Year 1992

CONTENT: The accompanying report is being forwarded for your information. It contains detailed data on caseload activity at the State agency level for FY 1992 and historical trends nationally over many years. The activity described in this report occurred prior to the passage of the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1992. Some historical caseload patterns are expected to change as a result of these amendments. This report, then, both updates caseload trends for another year, and provides benchmark data from which the effects of the 1992 and 1993 amendments may later be gauged.

FY 1992 brought a continued expansion in the number of persons in State agency caseloads whose cases were active or pending. The total agency workload of applicants and clients rose to 1,514,477, the highest such figure in 11 years. Similarly, a 12-year high was reached in the number of cases in all statuses on the last day of a fiscal year (917,143 persons on September 30, 1992). Clients actively in receipt of services (persons served) during FY 1992 numbered 949,053, more than in any year subsequent to FY 1982.

In the presence of expanding caseloads, the number of persons rehabilitated in FY 1992 (191,890) decreased for the sixth year in the last seven falling below 200,000 for the first time in 25 years. Accompanying this trend was the continuing increase in the proportion of State agency clientele with severe disabilities (now at about 70 percent in all statuses), and the decrease in the rehabilitation rate to 58.0 percent, the lowest rate of "success" in over 40 years.

It should be noted that National summaries are the net effects of caseload activity in all State agencies and may not reflect trends in particular agencies.

The source document for all data in this report is the Quarterly Cumulative Caseload Report, Form RSA-113. The cooperation of State VR agencies in providing the information is appreciated.

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