

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) is one of three agencies under the oversight of the Office of the State Board of Education. Dr. Michael Graham is the Administrator of the Division. IDVR is charged with several major responsibilities: Management of the State/Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, State Renal Disease Program, and Extended Employment Services.

The Public Vocational Rehabilitation program is one of the oldest and most successful federal/state programs in America. Vocational Rehabilitation serves individuals with severe disabilities that impose significant barriers to gainful employment. The average time needed for a person to complete a rehabilitation plan and become employed is thirty-two (32) months. In FFY 2008, employment of individuals with disabilities resulted in a 323% increase in client weekly earnings and significant decreases in the need for public support.

The structure of IDVR includes a Field Services Bureau as well as the following sections: Human Resources, Program Development, Planning and Evaluation, Fiscal Operations, and Information Technology. There are also three zone managers, as well as six regional managers who supervise field staff in the following regions: Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Boise Corrections, Boise Mental Health/School Work, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and Caldwell.

IDVR is comprised of 151 employees, of which 145 are full time positions serving in forty two offices throughout the state. Offices are located in Boise, Meridian, Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, Lewiston, Orofino, Moscow, Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello, Blackfoot, Preston, Idaho Falls, Salmon, Rexburg, Caldwell, Nampa, Payette, and Eagle. There is one (1) Central Office, nine (9) Regional Offices, eleven (11) general Sub-Offices, seven (7) Mental Health Sub-Offices, twelve (12) School – Work Sub-Offices, and three (3) Corrections Sub-Offices.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Legal Authority for the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is Idaho Code, 33-2301 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 701, and is augmented by regulations promulgated and set forth at 34 CFR § 361.1.

Services that may be available include evaluation of rehabilitation potential, vocational guidance and counseling, physical and mental restoration, vocational, academic and other training, job placement and other services, which can reasonably be expected to benefit the individual in terms of employment.

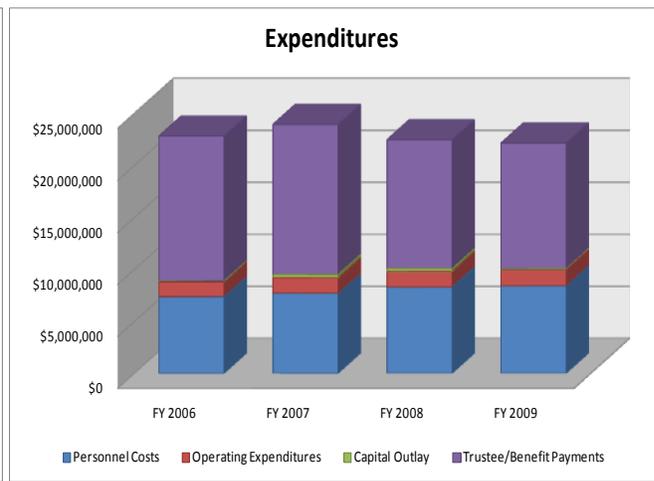
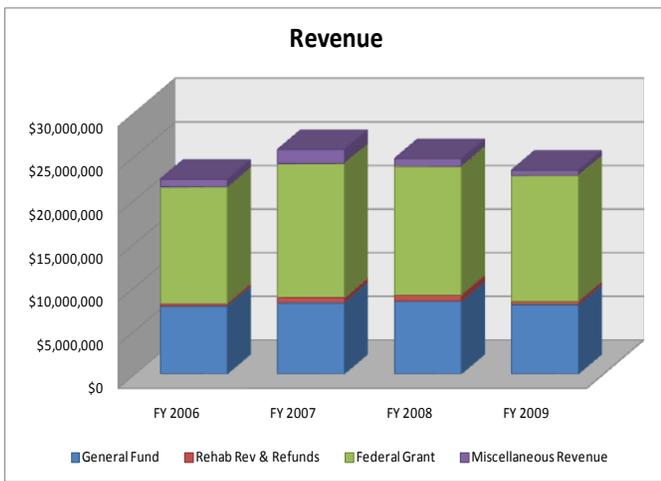
The Division also manages state appropriated funds to assist individuals with chronic renal failure to help cover the catastrophic costs of this serious, life-threatening disease. The Division coordinates the medical management of this program, and coordinates its payments with the client's ability to pay, private insurance payments, and Medicare and Medicaid payments (Idaho Code, Chapter 23, Vocational Rehabilitation 33-2307 – 33-2308).

The Extended Employment Services (EES) program provides funding to individuals with severe disabilities who are determined unable to maintain competitive employment without on-going support. A state financial allotment is provided annually to be allocated by the EES staff to contracted Community Rehabilitation Programs who subsequently provide the long term support to eligible clients.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Fund	\$7,737,900	\$8,113,600	\$8,353,000	7,903,100
Rehab Rev & Refunds	\$238,300	\$621,700	\$621,700	330,800
Federal Grant	\$13,467,000	\$15,372,370	\$14,800,600	14,513,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$870,200	\$1,600,000	\$900,000	601,500
Total	\$22,313,400	\$25,707,670	\$24,675,300	23,349,100

Expenditure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personnel Costs	\$7,383,500	\$7,706,000	\$8,292,700	8,415,700
Operating Expenditures	\$1,418,500	\$1,486,700	\$1,493,400	1,538,900
Capital Outlay	\$95,400	\$309,800	\$299,600	137,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$13,921,600	\$14,438,500	\$12,378,300	12,052,200
Total	\$22,819,000	\$23,941,000	\$22,464,000	22,143,900



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
The Number of Individuals Served by Vocational Rehabilitation	13,191	12,874	12,612	13,136
The Number of Individuals Who Went to Work After Receiving VR Services	1,907	1,996	2120	2083
The Number of Individuals With Chronic Renal Failure Supported	203	207	196	181

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Performance Highlights

In FFY-08, IDVR continued its collaborate with the Department of Corrections and BSU to maintain the special welding training project that was conducted off site. Through collaboration with the Department of Labor, it was determined that a strong market need continued for qualified welders in the state of Idaho. As of this date, twenty one (21) individuals have completed the training and seventeen (17) are currently employed.

Also, IDVR is collaborating with Department of Correction and BSU to establish a heavy equipment operation training project to be conducted at the correctional facility. Training stations enclosed within a mobile unit will be purchased by the agency for this project. It is anticipated that this training will commence in the fall of 2009.

IDVR, through the support of the Idaho legislature, has provided supplementary financial support to Idaho citizens who are financially in need of such assistance in order to obtain life saving end-stage renal services. Historically, this program has proven to be highly successful as a result of the careful administration by IDVR of the limited state resources available.

During FFY2008, IDVR collaborated with Health and Welfare Behavioral Health Services program in an effort to re-establish a consortium in the Twin Falls area. This agreement constitutes the seventh regional consortium between IDVR and H&W and ensures a truly statewide delivery system for vocational rehabilitation to individuals with mental illness.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2006	2007	2008	2009	Benchmark
Number of Individuals Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome	1907	1996	2120	2083	2083
Percentage of Individuals Who Exit the VR Program After Receiving Services Who Are Determined to Have Achieved an Employment Outcome	54.49%	59.0%	65.5%	65.9%	55.8%
Average Hourly Earnings of Individuals Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome During the Current Year	\$8.69	\$9.22	\$9.81	\$10.04	\$10.15
Number of Individuals Involved With the Correctional System Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome	316	337	419	481	485
Percentage of Community Supported Employment clients served through the Extended Employment Services program	51%	52%	53%	52.18%	53%

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes:

The benchmark of 55.8% for individuals who exit the VR program after receiving services who are determined to have achieved an employment outcome is a minimum requirement of the agency set by the Federal Rehabilitation Services Administration.

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