

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. Don Alveshire 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 2010, employment of individuals with disabilities resulted in a 283% 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, Planning and Evaluation, Fiscal Operations, and Information Technology. There are also three zone managers, as well as five regional managers who supervise field staff in the following regions: Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Boise Mental Health/School Work, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and Caldwell.

IDVR is comprised of 150 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, and Payette. There is one (1) Central Office, eight (8) Regional Offices, eleven (11) general Sub-Offices, seven (7) Mental Health Sub-Offices, eleven (11) 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.

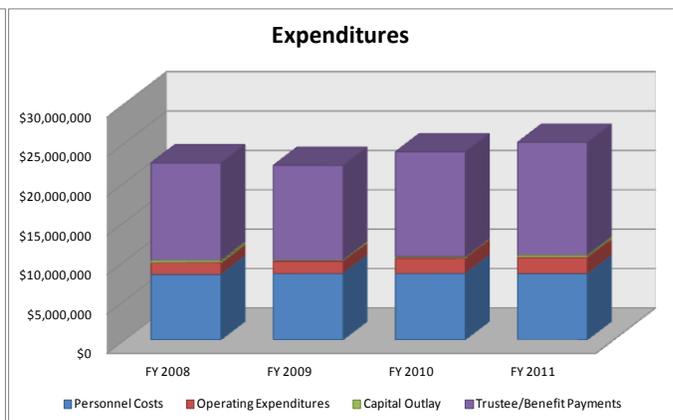
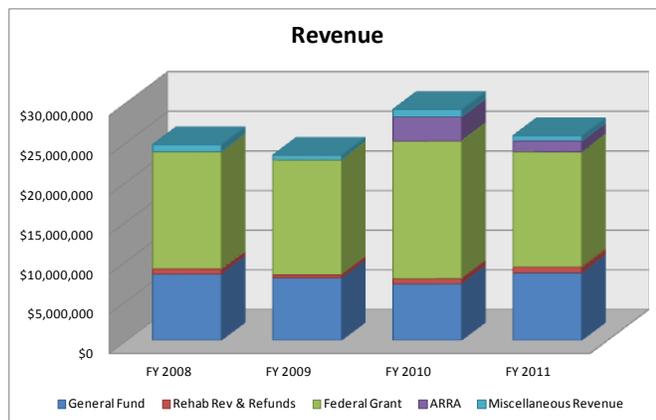
Services that may be available include evaluation of rehabilitation potential, vocational guidance and counseling, physical and mental restoration, vocational, academic and other training, job placement and other services, which can reasonably be expected to benefit the individual in terms of employment.

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 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Fund	\$8,353,000	\$7,903,100	\$7,113,600	\$8,496,300
Rehab Rev & Refunds	\$621,700	\$330,800	\$651,900	\$720,000
Federal Grant	\$14,800,600	\$14,513,700	\$17,375,300	\$14,558,800
ARRA			\$3,037,300	\$1,350,100
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$900,000	\$601,500	\$944,200	\$688,700
Total	\$24,675,300	\$23,349,100	\$29,122,300	\$25,813,900
Expenditure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personnel Costs	\$8,292,700	\$8,415,700	\$8,411,800	\$8,395,700
Operating Expenditures	\$1,493,400	\$1,538,900	\$1,935,200	\$2,029,000
Capital Outlay	\$299,600	\$137,100	\$203,500	\$287,600
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$12,378,300	\$12,052,200	\$13,312,500	\$14,351,000
Total	\$22,464,000	\$22,143,900	\$23,863,000	\$20,063,300



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
The Number of Individuals Served by Vocational Rehabilitation	12,612	13,136	13,631	14,128
The Number of Individuals Who Went to Work After Receiving VR Services	2,120	2,083	1,857	1,896
The Number of Individuals With Chronic Renal Failure Supported	196	181	196	189

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Performance Highlights

In an effort to enhance the transition to employment outcomes for the deaf and hard of hearing students affiliated with the Idaho Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Blind (IESDB) in Gooding, Idaho, IDVR and IESDB engaged in a financial matching arrangement. For the second year of a two year plan, IDVR has agreed to finance the salaries of two IESDB counselors providing outreach services statewide to IESDB students who are eligible for IDVR services. These counselors work in concert with IDVR counselors across the state to identify and serve students in this targeted population more efficiently and effectively by combining "pure state" resources contributed by IESDB with enhanced federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) dollars that will be made available to IDVR.

This arrangement not only maximizes the working relationship between the two programs but also provides additional financial resources that can be directly invested in client service outcomes.

The recession and subsequent lack of substantial job creation in the market place continues to negatively impact IDVR. In FY 2010, the number of successful rehabilitations increased slightly to 1896 from the previous low mark of 1857 in 2009. While this is a respectable gain, IDVR is striving to increase capacity by developing new strategies for future success.

Based on a job club model that was piloted in 2008/2009 with great success, IDVR and Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL) are in the final stages of creating an agreement that will establish a job club in the Treasure Valley area to specifically address the needs of individuals with disabilities in their search for employment. This will be accomplished by effectively by combining "pure state" resources contributed by IDOL with enhanced federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) dollars that will be made available to IDVR. At the end of the first year, an assessment will be made to determine the feasibility of expanding this strategy to other areas of the state.

IDVR experienced a great deal of staff turnover in key positions this past year. A new Administrator, Don Alveshire, joined the agency August 1, 2011. He is in the process of replacing key positions within the agency as well as becoming acquainted with all aspects of IDVR.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2008	2009	2010	2011	Benchmark
Number of Individuals Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome	2120	2083	1857	1896	1950
Percentage of Individuals Who Exit the VR Program After Receiving Services Who Are Determined to Have Achieved an Employment Outcome	65.5%	65.9%	64.8%	63%	55.8%
Average Hourly Earnings of Individuals Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome During the Current Year	\$9.81	\$10.04	\$10.24	\$10.66	\$10.15
Number of Individuals Involved With the Correctional System Exiting the VR Program Who Achieved an Employment Outcome	419	481	461	418	485
Percentage of Community Supported Employment clients served through the Extended Employment Services program	53%	52.18%	53.49%	48%	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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