

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

State FY2011 – Program Highlights

***Mission of DVR:** to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.*

- 569 individuals exited the program successfully employed for 90 days or more with cases open an average of 1.7 years
- The average hourly wage increased from \$3.03 at application to \$14.23 for those exiting employed
- 86% individuals receiving services were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- 20% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 431 different Alaskan employers hired DVR program participants
- 79% were employed in the private sector; 16% were employed in federal, state or local government and 5% were self-employed
- 4,268 individuals participated at various stages of the VR program
- 3,535 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,301 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- \$1,400,000 was spent on training 649 DVR program participants
- \$5,740,000 was spent on direct services for DVR program participants
- DVR participants by ethnicity:
 - Caucasian 74%
 - Alaskan Native 21%
 - Black 8%
 - Spanish or Latino 5%
 - Pacific Islander 2%
 - Asian 2%
- DVR participants employed by occupation:
 - Service occupations 33%
 - Construction 22%
 - Clerical 19%
 - Professional, paraprofessional or technical 18%
 - Sales 8%
- DVR participants by primary disability type:
 - Psychiatric 39%
 - Physical and orthopedic 35%
 - Cognitive 17%
 - Deafness/Hearing Loss 5%
 - Blindness/Visual Impairment 4%

“DVR didn’t change my life; it gave my life back” DVR Client