State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Independent Living Rehabilitation Component Budget Summary

Component: Independent Living Rehabilitation

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by promoting a philosophy of independent living through peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy in order to maximize the empowerment, independence, employment and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and their integration and full inclusion into mainstream society.

Core Services

- Administer federal and state grant funds to Centers for Independent Living.
- Administer grants to provide services to older Alaskans who are blind or visually impaired.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results				
FY2010 Component Budget: \$1,689,100	Personnel: Full time	0		
	Part time	0		
	Total	0		

Key Component Challenges

Many individuals who are disabled, especially those in villages, are forced to move and live elsewhere due to a lack of services such as Hospice, medical support and transportation. These individuals require several supports such as housing access, housing weatherization, chore services and overall security/safety services (especially for elders with Alzheimer's), to remain in their communities.

Providing services to individuals who reside in rural areas continues to be challenging and expensive. For example, fuel costs have increased significantly during this past year. Likewise, increased freight costs have made it unfeasible to ship building materials needed to build ramps or weatherize homes in rural locations.

Throughout the years Centers for Independent Living have been able to secure funding from other funding sources. However, once the funding has ended, it has been difficult and at times impossible to continue the projects and services.

Funding has not been adequate to serve all individuals especially those with cross and multiple disabilities. These groups include individuals with severe mental illness, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and those who are blind and deaf. Further impacting this is that the largest mental health provider in Anchorage stopped accepting referrals of new patients and many individuals have chosen to receive clinical and counseling services at Centers for Independent Living. The challenge has been an increase in the demand for services with limited funds available.

Another challenge is to provide information about services to individuals in rural areas who don't have computers or access to the Internet.

Independent living centers are aware of many individuals with disabilities who reside in nursing homes are not aware of community based services that would allow them to live in less restrictive and substantially less expensive environments. Centers will continue to conduct outreach to the public and private sector to educate them about the availability of programs that provide alternatives to institutional and nursing facility living.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The Centers for Independent Living are providing training to numerous service providers throughout the state on the Network of Care Program. This will enable multiple providers to coordinate services that are needed by individuals served through the independent living program.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

There was a significant increase in services delivered to the youth this past year. One Center for Independent Living, Access Alaska located in Fairbanks, started a parents' advocacy group that focused on transition services for students with disabilities. This group also interfaces weekly with school district special education coordinators and collaborates for improved services.

A Center for Independent Living, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), opened an additional office in Haines. They now have a physical, year-round presence in four communities in southeast Alaska. In part due to SAIL's physical locations, 35% of the consumers served in southeast were Alaskan or American Natives and a total of 17 communities were served.

Presentations were made to numerous service providers throughout the state on the Network of Care website. This site provides a lengthy description of services and service providers available throughout the state. This will greatly assist in providing outreach and information to many individuals and agencies statewide.

Training to students and businesses was conducted throughout southeast communities. This resulted in over 1,000 students who received information about various disabilities.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:

34 CFR Parts 364 - 367 State Independent Living Services Program and Centers for

Independent Living Program

PL 150 – 220 Title IV Section 410. Independent Living Services and Centers for

Independent Living

Statutory Authority:

AS 23.15 Employment Service – Vocational Rehabilitation Program

AS 47.80.300 Statewide Independent Living Council

Administrative Regulations:

8 AAC 98 Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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Ind	ependent Living Rehabilitat	ion		
Co	omponent Financial Summa	ry		
	All dollars shown in thousand			
	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009	FY2010 Governor	
	Management Plan			
Non-Formula Program:				
Component Expenditures:				
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	
72000 Travel	1.2	11.6	11.6	
73000 Services	0.0	34.0	34.0	
74000 Commodities	0.0	1.5	1.5	
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,442.1	1,642.0	1,642.0	
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Expenditure Totals	1,443.3	1,689.1	1,689.1	
Funding Sources:				
1002 Federal Receipts	594.5	770.8	770.8	
1003 General Fund Match	58.1	58.1	58.1	
1004 General Fund Receipts	790.7	860.2	860.2	
Funding Totals	1,443.3	1,689.1	1,689.1	

Estimated Revenue Collections							
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor			
Unrestricted Revenues							
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0			
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0			
Restricted Revenues							
Federal Receipts	51010	594.5	770.8	770.8			
Restricted Total		594.5	770.8	770.8			
Total Estimated Revenues	<u> </u>	594.5	770.8	770.8			

Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor All dollars shown in thousands						
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds		
FY2009 Management Plan	918.3	770.8	0.0	1,689.1		
FY2010 Governor	918.3	770.8	0.0	1,689.1		