

State of Alaska
FY2007 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

The Independent Living Centers address the needs of individuals who have significant disabilities. Due to the extent of their disability, many of these individuals do not possess the skills needed to live independently. A major focus of Alaska's Centers for Independent Living is providing individuals with disabilities the skills and tools necessary to make choices and gain full inclusion and integration into society, employment and independent living. Staff at the Centers work directly with individuals providing skill training, counseling and the purchase of assistive technologies that make it possible for them to live, socialize and work as independently as they are capable. The Centers also advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and collaborate with numerous agencies, boards, and groups to achieve equal access and services for all people with disabilities.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2007 Component Budget: \$1,446,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Independent living centers have discovered that 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. Although many individuals have been diverted from entering and others have been assisted in leaving nursing homes, this continues to an ongoing challenge due to funding and the significant amount of staff time involved. 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. Additionally the centers will continue to provide training and administer Personal Attendant Care programs. These programs produce the skilled attendants who provide the services that enable many individuals to leave or be diverted from entering nursing homes.

Providing services to individuals who reside in rural areas continues to be challenging and expensive. Due to lack of funding many remote villages in the Alaska have not been visited or served in several years. Individuals needing services have been identified but a lack of funding has made it impossible to deliver ongoing independent living services. Centers will strive to educate existing community service providers who reside in these remote villages enable them to provide and deliver needed independent living services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

The Alaska State Independent Living Council (SILC) and its partners statewide have ambitious plans for the improved delivery in independent living services to rural and remote areas of the state. These plans are dependent upon development of more resources including federal and private sources of funds. In addition, the SILC in partnership with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation recently launched a three-year federally funded grant to expand centers for

independent living information and referral systems to include information on all long-term care options for persons with disabilities and seniors.

The SILC, utilizing the Aging and Disability Resource Center grant, is working with the centers to divert people with significant disabilities from entering institutional care facilities. Contracts with two centers, Southeast Alaska Independent Living Center (SAIL) and the Kenai Peninsula Independent Living Center (KPILC), have been developed and will continue for three years. Additional contracts with the three other centers are being developed.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

The State continues to collaborate with centers for independent living and the SILC. The Governor appointed many new members to the SILC, including three of the four centers' executive directors.

The SILC initiated activities that enhanced outreach to unserved and underserved populations throughout the state. The SILC has been utilizing the Aging and Disability Resource Center grant to market the SILC and centers statewide. There has been ongoing collaboration and outreach by the centers and SILC. Presentations have been made to numerous agencies throughout the state including Senior and Disability Services, Senior Centers and the Senior Advocacy Group. Additionally, several articles have been published in the Senior Voice. Alaska's five independent living centers have continued their efforts to provide services to remote and rural areas of their regions. Access Alaska has contracted the services of an individual who has traveled extensively throughout western Alaska to provide services. The KPILC met with local leaders and consumers in the unserved areas of Kodiak Island, Valdez and Cordova to identify the unmet needs for each community and the individuals with disabilities who reside there. Members from each community have assisted center staff in determining how the communities needs can be met.

SAIL hosted the local Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program for training focusing on mental health and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Outreach was conducted in the communities of Hoonah, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan. To better identify the needs of the Filipino population, meetings were held with the newly elected Filipino Community Leader.

One additional independent living center in the state is now approved to provide services to individuals who are clients of the division. This brings the number of approved centers to four and represents an excellent coordination of services between centers for independent living and the division for individuals who have recently obtained the skills to live independently and are now preparing to enter the workforce.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation refers clients to three independent living centers to receive benefit counseling services. Referrals continue to increase for this highly specialized service that identifies work incentives and provides financial guidance to individuals who receive social security benefits and wish to return to work.

Both the SILC and the centers have continued working toward increasing the employment rate of Alaskans who experience disabilities. The Networking Committee of the SILC held monthly meetings with the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation and developed a joint policy for Social Security Trust Funds and Supplemental Security Income reimbursements.

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:

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Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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**Independent Living Rehabilitation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	11.6	11.6
73000 Services	1.6	34.0	34.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	1.5	1.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,050.4	1,399.6	1,399.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,052.0	1,446.7	1,446.7
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	526.1	770.8	770.8
1003 General Fund Match	58.1	58.1	58.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	467.8	617.8	617.8
Funding Totals	1,052.0	1,446.7	1,446.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	526.1	770.8	770.8
Restricted Total		526.1	770.8	770.8
Total Estimated Revenues		526.1	770.8	770.8

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	675.9	770.8	0.0	1,446.7
FY2007 Governor	675.9	770.8	0.0	1,446.7