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Subject: DVR Report to the Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council on Consumers with Learning Disabilities.

Introduction

During Federal Fiscal Year 2008 the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation served 4168 consumers having Specific Learning Disabilities. Consumers with learning disabilities comprise one of the largest disability groups served by the Wisconsin DVR. The 4168 total with learning disabilities constituted 11% of the 37,927 total consumers served during FFY2008.

Among the topics to be covered in this report are:

- ◆ The Number of Applicants
- ◆ Status of Open Cases of Consumers with Learning Disabilities in DVR Workforce Development Areas
- ◆ Location of Consumers with Learning Disabilities
- ◆ Closure Reasons and Closure Types
- ◆ Success Rate of Consumers with Learning Disabilities
- ◆ Cost of Rehabilitation
- ◆ Annual earnings of Rehabilitated DVR Consumers with Learning Disabilities
- ◆ Employment Status of Rehabilitated Consumers with Learning Disabilities
- ◆ Types of Expenditures during FFY08

Applicants

Applicants are new consumers who have applied for vocational rehabilitation services. This is the first step in the VR process. Eligibility determinations for applicants must occur within 60 days following the application date.

As indicated in Table 1, there were 1934 consumers with learning disabilities who applied for DVR services during FFY08. This is 11% of the general caseload applicants' total of 17,339.

Milwaukee County, which is Workforce Development Area #2, has 431 consumers or 22% of all FFY08 applicants having a specific learning disability. WDA 3 follows with 17%. DVR's statewide transition initiative in public schools are a valuable source where many people with learning disabilities are referred to DVR.

Table 1
Applicants during FFY08

Consumer WDA	LD Applicants	% of Total	All DVR Applicants	% of Total
01	172	9%	2030	12%
02	431	22%	3647	21%
03	323	17%	1517	9%
04	164	8%	1386	8%
05	151	8%	1769	10%
06	139	7%	1151	7%
07	105	5%	622	4%
08	102	5%	1285	7%
09	81	4%	808	5%
10	174	9%	2333	13%
11	92	5%	791	5%
Total Applicants	1,934	100%	17339	100%

Case Status of Consumers with Learning Disabilities.

As of January 14, 2009, there are 3233 consumers with learning disabilities on DVR caseloads. This is 14% of the 22,297 open cases in the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Table 2 outlines the progress of consumers with learning disabilities in the VR process.

Table 2
Case Status Count of Current Open Cases
as of January 14, 2009

Case Status	Case Status Code	Consumers with LD	%	All DVR Consumers	%
Applicant	02	17	1%	1886	8%
OOS Waiting List	04	942	29%	6077	27%
IPE Development	10	298	9%	1937	9%
Counseling Only	14	49	2%	455	2%
Physical & Mental Restoration	16	9	0%	177	1%
Training	18	1237	38%	6210	28%
Ready for Employment	20	577	18%	4807	22%
In Employment	22	95	3%	686	3%
Post Employment	32	9	0.3%	62	0.3%
<i>Total Consumers</i>		3233	100%	22297	100%

Location of Consumers having Learning Disabilities

As indicated in Table 3, WDA 2 in Milwaukee County and WDA 3 in Waukesha have 46% of all consumers with learning disabilities. Madison is third with 10% of the statewide total of 3233.

Table 3
Location of Consumers with Specific Learning Disabilities

Location	Consumers with LD	%	ALL DVR Consumers	%	LD % of All DVR Consumers in each WDA
WDA 01 Southeast	210	6%	1635	7%	13%
WDA 02 Milwaukee	787	24%	4837	22%	16%
WDA 03 Waukesha	698	22%	2641	12%	26%
WDA 04 Fox Valley	250	8%	2153	10%	12%
WDA 05 Northeast	256	8%	2202	10%	12%
WDA 06 North Central	166	5%	1342	6%	12%
WDA 07 Northwest	167	5%	785	4%	21%
WDA 08 West Central	138	4%	1368	6%	10%
WDA 09 Western	112	3%	998	4%	11%
WDA 10 South Central/Dane	320	10%	3446	15%	9%
WDA 11 Southwest	129	4%	890	4%	14%
Total	3233	100%	22297	100%	14%

Closure Reasons

During FFY08 the Wisconsin DVR closed 1,715 consumers with learning disabilities listed as the primary or secondary impairment. Closure reasons for these consumers with learning disabilities are shown in Table 4.

Closure reasons for all DVR consumers are also included for comparison. Reviewing percentages shows consumers with learning disabilities have no remarkable differences when compared with the general DVR caseload. With 31% of consumers with learning disabilities closures being rehabilitated, this exceeds the total DVR caseload which was 23%.

Table 4 Closure Reasons FFY08

Closure Reason	LD	%	All DVR	%
All other reasons	201	12%	2,715	17%
Client institutionalized	16	1%	115	1%
Death	2	0.1%	80	1%
Disability too severe/unfavorable med prognosis	5	0.3%	85	1%
Does not require VR Services	13	1%	216	1%
Extended Employment	1	0.1%	27	0%
Extended Service not available	2	0.12%	27	0%
Failure to cooperate	363	21%	3,439	22%
No impediment to employment	3	0.2%	191	1%
No impediment to employment	16	1%	253	2%
Refused services or further service	344	20%	3,471	22%
Rehabilitated	537	31%	3,641	23%
Transferred to another agency	8	0.47%	96	1%
Transportation not feasible or available	2	0.12%	18	0%
Unable to locate or contact or moved	202	12%	1,439	9%
Total Consumers Closed in FFY08	1,715	100%	15,813	100%

Success Rates

Consumers with learning disabilities represented 15% of all rehabilitations for the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation during FFY08. The success rate was 49% which exceeds the general DVR caseload rate of 47%

Table 5

Success Rates

Case Status	Case Status Code	LD Consumers	All DVR Consumers
Closed Rehabilitated	26	537	3641
Closed Not Rehabilitated (after IPE initiated)	28	559	4126
<i>Success Rate</i>		49%	47%

Rehabilitation success rates are the total of consumers closed rehabilitated divided by the total consumers closed with Individual Plans for Employment:

$$\text{Rehabilitated} / (\text{Rehabilitated} + \text{Closed while receiving services}) = \text{Success Rate}$$

Employment Status of Rehabilitated Consumers with Learning Disabilities

Employment status identifies the status of a job. An example of an employment status would be those who earn at least minimum wage and have full time employment without supports or a supported employment position *with* supports which requires job coaching or close supervision. Employment Status outcomes for consumers with learning disabilities, and all DVR consumers, are listed in Table 7.

Table 7

Employment Status FFY08	LD	%	All DVR	%
Employment Without Supports in Integrated Setting	496	92%	3133	86%
Self Employment	3	1%	91	2%
Business Enterprise Program	0	0%	2	0%
Homemaker	0	0%	1	0%
Unpaid Family Worker	0	0%	0	0%
Employment With Supports in Integrated Setting	38	7%	414	11%
<i>Total</i>	537	100%	3641	100%

Salaries and Economic Dividends

The 537 consumers with learning disabilities who were rehabilitated by the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation during FFY08 will have cumulative annual earnings of \$9,134,216 against rehabilitation costs of \$3,755,357.

Average costs are shown in Table 8.

Table 8
FFY08 Averages based on all cases with expenditures over \$1

Cost of Rehabilitation	Closure Total Cost of Rehabilitation	Employment Outcomes	Average Rehabilitation Cost
Consumers with LD	\$3,755,357	537	\$6,993
All Consumers	\$30,298,303	3,641	\$8,321

Expenditures for Consumers with Learning Disabilities

As mentioned previously, consumers with learning disabilities comprise 11% of DVR consumers served during FFY08. The following table shows the cost and type of services these consumers received.

Table 9 Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Expenditures for Consumers with Learning Disabilities

Type of Purchase	Amount	% of Total
ASSESSMENT	\$544,591	10%
BLIND: LOW VISION AIDS / ADJUS	\$5,582	0.10%
BLIND: O&M SERVICES	\$0	0.00%
BLIND: READER/DRIVER	\$450	0.01%
COUNSELING	\$14,594	0.27%
DEAF: INTERPRETER/NOTES	\$2,695	0.05%
FAMILY MEMBER SERVICES	\$7,467	0.14%
JOB REFERRAL	\$1,950	0.04%
MAINTENANCE	\$21,837	0.40%
MATERIAL/TOOLS: WORK-RELATED	\$97,446	1.80%
OTHER SERVICES: ALL	\$213,960	3.95%
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE	\$2,020	0.04%
PLACEMENT	\$1,162,314	21.48%
POST-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	\$1,400	0.03%
REHAB TECH: ASSIST TECH DEVICE	\$13,671	0.25%
REHAB TECH: ASSIST TECH TRAINI	\$40,236	0.74%
REHAB TECH: ORIGINAL DESIGN	\$4,450	0.08%
REHAB TECH: OTHER - NEC	\$242,623	4.48%
REHAB TECH: VEHICLE MODS	\$5,420	0.10%
RESTORATION: OTHER - NEC	\$25,990	0.48%
RESTORATION: PROFESSION CLINIC	\$19,537	0.36%
RESTORATION:SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$0	0.00%
RESTORATION:SURGERY/THERAPY	\$4,792	0.09%
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES	\$14,435	0.27%
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:ALL	\$236,942	4.38%
TRAINING: ADJUSTMENT	\$197,169	3.64%
TRAINING: BOOKS/OTHER SUPPLIES	\$100,972	1.87%
TRAINING: BUSINESS//VOCTL SCHO	\$553,642	10.23%
TRAINING: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	\$728,509	13.46%
TRAINING: ELEM/HIGH SCHOOL/GED	\$2,675	0.05%
TRAINING: ON-THE-JOB	\$27,492	0.51%
TRAINING: OTHER	\$441,851	8.17%
TRANSPORTATION: OTHER-NEC	\$115,344	2.13%
TRANSPORTATION: PUBLIC	\$71,109	1.31%
VEHICLES: PURCHASE/RENTAL	\$82,226	1.52%
WORK EXPERIENCE	\$405,509	7.49%
Total	\$5,410,900	100%

All DVR Consumer Expenditures

Type of Purchase	Amount	% of Total
ASSESSMENT	\$3,560,774	7.05%
BLIND: LOW VISION AIDS / ADJUS	\$302,715	0.60%
BLIND: O&M SERVICES	\$184,460	0.37%
BLIND: READER/DRIVER	\$18,363	0.04%
COUNSELING	\$268,596	0.53%
DEAF: INTERPRETER/NOTES	\$272,912	0.54%
FAMILY MEMBER SERVICES	\$255,600	0.51%
JOB REFERRAL	\$6,650	0.01%
MAINTENANCE	\$428,432	0.85%
MATERIAL/TOOLS: WORK-RELATED	\$1,801,928	3.57%
OTHER SERVICES: ALL	\$2,105,414	4.17%
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE	\$90,937	0.18%
PLACEMENT	\$7,851,051	15.54%
POST-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	\$24,553	0.05%
REHAB TECH: ASSIST TECH DEVICE	\$1,719,264	3.40%
REHAB TECH: ASSIST TECH TRAINI	\$599,255	1.19%
REHAB TECH: ORIGINAL DESIGN	\$480,488	0.95%
REHAB TECH: OTHER - NEC	\$3,120,742	6.18%
REHAB TECH: VEHICLE MODS	\$1,139,979	2.26%
RESTORATION: HOSPITALIZATION	\$29,319	0.06%
RESTORATION: OTHER - NEC	\$983,764	1.95%
RESTORATION: PROFESSION CLINIC	\$253,507	0.50%
RESTORATION:SUBSTANCE ABUSE	\$2,599	0.01%
RESTORATION:SURGERY/THERAPY	\$100,329	0.20%
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES	\$1,608,590	3.18%
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT:ALL	\$2,683,728	5.31%
TRAINING: ADJUSTMENT	\$1,314,015	2.60%
TRAINING: BOOKS/OTHER SUPPLIES	\$445,931	0.88%
TRAINING: BUSINESS//VOCTL SCHO	\$4,210,331	8.33%
TRAINING: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	\$4,903,492	9.71%
TRAINING: ELEM/HIGH SCHOOL/GED	\$25,049	0.05%
TRAINING: ON-THE-JOB	\$217,757	0.43%
TRAINING: OTHER	\$3,089,269	6.11%
TRANSPORTATION: OTHER-NEC	\$1,065,164	2.11%
TRANSPORTATION: PUBLIC	\$689,186	1.36%
VEHICLES: PURCHASE/RENTAL	\$1,714,184	3.39%
WORK EXPERIENCE	\$2,951,882	5.84%
Total	\$50,520,209	