



# Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Overview

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# THE MISSION

**The Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a federal/state program designed to obtain, maintain, and improve employment for people with disabilities by working with VR consumers, employers, and other partners.**

# Mission and Intent

The purposes of this Act are--

**(1) to empower individuals with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion and integration into society**

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## Purpose of Title 1 of the Act

Assist States in operating statewide comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient and accountable vocational rehabilitation programs each of which is:

an integral part of a statewide workforce investment system and, designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that such individuals may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

# Outcomes – FFY 2011

- **Successful Closures = 2,973**
  - 106.7% of goal
- **Rehab Rate = 58.5%**
- **Hours per week = 26.64**
- **Hourly Wage = \$12.17**
- **Cost of Services = \$25.5 million**
- **Estimated Earnings = \$50.1 million**

# Wait List

**As of October 31, 2011: 3,819**

**Activated November 1, 2011: 785**

- **Application of 6/21/2011**

# Staffing

## In process on October 31, 2011:

- 10 VRCs
- 10 CCCs
- 3 VR Supervisors (WDAs 2, 4 and 11)
- 1 WDA Director

## 95 new staff since October 2010:

- 57 new hires since January 2011
- 3 new WDA Directors (WDAs 3, 5 and 11)

# Thank You!



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