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Government of Guam

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Department / Agency Narrative

**FUNCTION:** Services to Individuals with Disabilities and their Families **DEPT. / AGENCY**: Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID)

# MISSION STATEMENT:

# “To improve services for persons with disabilities by serving as a single point of entry to provide, promote, and ensure a full continuum of lifelong programs and services that allows for independence, productivity, and inclusion into the community. DISID shall also build partnerships with local and federal governments and recognize the efforts of all organizations and agencies associated with providing quality services to persons with disabilities.”

# As per Public Law 24-16, DISID serves as a public service to coordinate and provide comprehensive community services and vocational rehabilitation services for eligible individuals with disabilities. As such, two Divisions were established: the Division of Support Services (DSS) and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

# DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS):

# The Division of Support Services (DSS) is responsible for the development of a community service delivery system which includes the design, implementation, administration, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of programs and services for persons with disabilities within the limits of Local and Federal resources that are allocated.

# Programs under DSS include, but are not limited to:

# (1) Referral for evaluation of persons with disabilities;

# (2) Development and provision of service programs in the public or private sectors for persons with disabilities;

# (3) Establishment of a continuum of comprehensive services and residential alternatives in the community so as to allow individuals with disabilities to live in the least restrictive, individually appropriate environment.

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

## DSS Goal 1: Increase the number of individuals served through quality programs and services that promote independence and affirm the dignity of individuals with disabilities

### Objective 1.1: To establish and support the Division of Support Services for Individuals with Disabilities Council (DSSIDC) as mandated by PL 24-16 to ensure that key stakeholders have a voice in the development of programs, policies, and procedures for support services for individuals with disabilities

### Objective 1.2: To collaboratively work with GHURA, Guam Housing Corporation (GHC) and the Homeless Coalition to establish residential alternatives in the community

# DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR):

# The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is Federally funded to administer the Vocational Rehabilitation Program Services to eligible individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with significant disabilities, to obtain, secure, or maintain an employment outcome. DVR serves as the Designated State Unit (DSU) to administer the state plan for vocational rehabilitation services and for the blind.

## DVR Goal 1: Increase the employment and independent living outcomes for persons with disabilities that are seeking employment or self-employment and independent

## living through the delivery of a cost-effective and efficient Vocational Rehabilitation Program services.

### Objective 1.2: To increase the total number of successful case closures for DVR Clients who qualify for the Basic VR Program Services, Supported Employment, Independent Living, and the Independent Living Older Blind Programs.

### Objective 1.3: To improve case management/tracking system.

### Objective 1.4: To improve VR Transition Services for Youth with Disabilities who are in High School and preparing to transition into the workforce.

### Objective 1.5: To enhance Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP) service delivery system through greater outreach, training, evaluation, and development of new CRPs.

### Objective 1.6: Promote and market Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living and Independent Living Older Blind Program Services to the community.