

CENTRIC REPORT 2022

Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID)



MISSION STATEMENT

DISID's mission is 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.

DISID was created by Public Law 24-16, the agency serves as a public service to coordinate and provide comprehensive community 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).

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DIVISIONS

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. The division along with the Director's Office is supported through the General and the Healthy Future Funds. The goal of DSS is to increase the number of individuals served through quality programs and services that promote independence and affirm the dignity of individuals with disabilities.

In June 2021, the service contracts for the Karidat Group Homes (A, B &C), the Community Habilitation Program (CHP), and the Respite and Personal Care Attendant Services was transferred to DISID. The programs are currently servicing individuals with Severe Intellectual and Cognitive Disabilities and their families. The services are being provided by Catholic Social Services.

There were a total of 376 clients served during this reporting period.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has a staff of 12 employees. The primary funding source for this division is the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) grant that is 78.7% federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), with a state match of 21.3%.

The programs under the purview of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) are as follows:

The **State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program** is authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Program Description

The VR Program provides VR services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in competitive integrated employment or supported employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency. To be eligible for the VR program, individuals must have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment and who require and can benefit from VR services to achieve employment and maximize career goals.

There were 16 new applicants who applied for VR services during this reporting period and found eligible. This brought the active caseload to 394 cases being served.

An amount of \$262,369 of VR funds were expended on 28 clients. A total of 81 ongoing cases were closed during this reporting period after receiving services.

Independent Living for Older Individuals who are Blind – (IL-OIB)

The IL-OIB grant is authorized under Title VII, Chapter II of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain but for whom independent living goals are feasible.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Division of Support Services (DSS)

- Recruited and filled three more classified Social Worker I positions
- Assistive Equipment received (Rollators, Walkers, Shower Chairs , and Foldable Canes)
- Provided ADA Compliance support for the implementation of the homeless shelters.
- DISID is working closely with Department of Public Health and Social Services to utilize the GetCare MIS case management system for DSS (an integrated system that co-shares data for closer system of care advances).
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the process of relocating its office to the Division of Support Services area.

CHALLENGES

- The existing VR case tracking system is obsolete, and replacement continues to be a challenge.
- Launched the Personal Care Attendant Service under The Emergency Procurement.
- Assistive Technology Devices & Equipment

Wheelchairs
Adult diapers
Monetary assistance
In-home hospital beds
Shower chairs
Medical supplies (Gauze, medical tape etc.)
Prosthetics



The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Labor worked collaboratively to cross-train staff in the delivery of services to be in compliance with the Workforce Innovative Opportunity Act (WIOA) compliance and continue to do so.

In addition to serving individuals determined eligible for the VR program, DVR also provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (PreEts) to students with disabilities who are potentially eligible for the VR program. DVR engages with employers to increase job opportunities for individuals with disabilities. PreEts enhances the delivery of transition services from secondary education into the workforce or post-secondary education, with primary focuses on professional development training and braiding services with GDOE and other agencies and organizations.

Reestablished the State of Rehabilitation Council as shown below.



ACTION PLAN

- Reintroduce the Division of Evaluation, Enforcement and Compliance Statute.
- Federal counterpart providing technical assistance in procurement of a nationally utilized MIS.

Division of Support Services

GENERAL FUND: \$1,049,028

HEALTHY FUTURES FUND: \$4,060,500

JOB COACH: \$68,738

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

FEDERAL MATCH: \$2,085,461

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