

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation State FY2009 – Overview



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Jobs are Alaska's Future

Mission: to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.

- 342 different Alaskan employers hired DVR clients
- 549 individuals exited the program successfully employed for 90 days or more
- 27 individuals exited as self-employed
- 3,921 individuals participated in the VR program
- 3,004 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,097 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- 18% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 83% of the individuals were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- Average yearly wages increased from \$4,300 at application to \$27,000 for those completing VR employed; The average hourly wage increased from \$2.08 to \$12.98
- For every dollar spent, \$10.03 will be returned as client income
- \$1,560,000 was spent on training 538 individuals
- A total of \$5,200,000 was spent on direct services to clients
- DVR clients by primary disability type:
 - Physical and orthopedic 38%
 - Psychiatric 36%
 - Cognitive 16%
 - Deafness/Hearing Loss 5%
 - Blindness/Visual Impairment 4%
- DVR clients went to work in these jobs:
 - Service occupations 33%
 - Professional, paraprofessional, or technical 22%
 - Construction 19%
 - Clerical 19%
 - Sales 8%

*“DVR didn’t change my life; it gave me my life back”
- DVR Client*