



Department of Rehabilitative Services Presentation to the Disability Commission

Commissioner James A. Rothrock,
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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FUNDING

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



- ▶ Since the decade of the 1990s, the availability of Federal Title I Vocational Rehabilitation funding has increased significantly, state funds have been significantly reduced.

Federal Grant Funding

▶ 1991	\$ 29,162,252	
▶ 2011	\$70,577,523	+142%

GF Appropriations

	Available for Match	
▶ 1991	\$ 8,220,004	
▶ 2011	\$ 2,469,894	-70%

- ▶ The current required federal/state matching is 78.7% federal share and 21.3% non-federal matching share, resulting in \$3.69 in federal funds for every dollar of state match.
- ▶ While Vocational Rehabilitation is the Department's largest program and highest prioritized activity, only 11% of the Agency's General Fund (GF) Appropriations remain available for VR Program participation. In 1991, 50% of the Agency GF Appropriation was available for match.



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Summary of SFY 11 General Fund Appropriations



Virginia GA annually authorizes GF appropriations to DRS	22.3m
▶ GF for Federal matching requirements for VR funding	2.4m (11%)
▶ Community based programs for Virginians with disabilities	19.9m (89%)
▶ Supported Employment (EES, LTESS)	37%
▶ Individual and Family Support (CIL, PAS, LTRCM)	38%
▶ Brain Injury Programs	20%
▶ Medicaid Disability Determination Services	5%

VR Problem Statement

The 2.4 million in GF used as match for the Federal VR Grant represents only 14% of what is actually needed in FY 11. 17.1m in GF is needed to match FY 11 Federal VR funding.





How Match Is Met

- ▶ DRS is required to spend 17.1 million dollars of state funds (non-federal share) during the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) from October 1st through September 30th to attain the full FFY 2011 Federal VR funding of 62+ million.

- ▶ Match is derived from program or services that support VR clients:
 - ▶ Dollars spent on those "program related" activities
 - ▶ GF from WWRC of 5 million,
 - ▶ and this year we will start using capital outlay dollars.

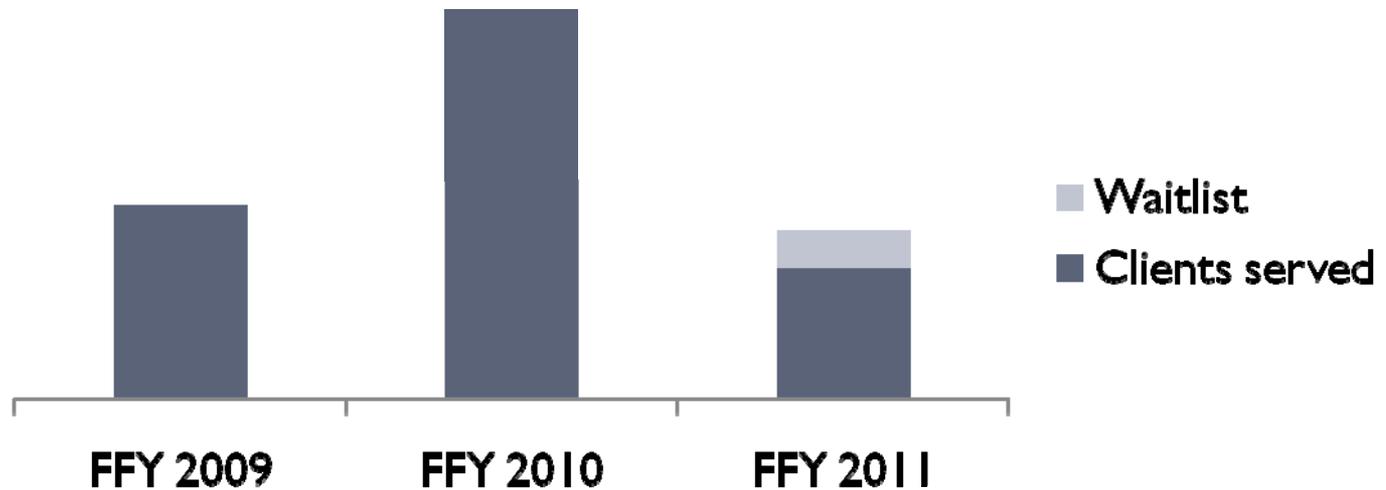
- ▶ With the use of Capital Funds toward match in this State Fiscal Year we are reducing funding to the VR program by over six million dollars due to the reductions in state funding available for match.



Program Overview of DRS VR Program



- ▶ FFY 2009: 29,148 cases
- ▶ FFY 2010: 32,340 cases (largest total in history)
- ▶ FFY 2011: 28,125 cases to date (more than 600 on waiting list)





Clients Served by DRS

Impairment Type	Percent of Cases*
Cognitive/Other Mental Impairments	63.7%
Psychosocial Impairments	36.3%
Physical, Respiratory Impairments	18.5%
Orthopedic, Neurological, mobility/dexterity Impairments	12.3%
Deaf/Hearing Impairments (Includes Deaf-Blind)	5.9%
Communicative impairments Expressive/Receptive	3.4%
Blind/Vision impairments	1.8%

Ages of currently open cases:

- ▶ 51.9% (11094) are transition age, 24 or younger at application.
- ▶ 14.3% (3057) are between 25 and 34 years old at application.
- ▶ 21.3% (4553) are between 35 and 49 years old at application.
- ▶ 12.2% (2607) are between 50 and 64 years old at application.
- ▶ 0.4% (83) are 65 years old or older at application.





Client Outcomes

▶ Successful Rehabilitations –FFY 2010

- ▶ 3390
- ▶ 93% competitively employed (employed in community at or above minimum wage)
- ▶ \$9.40 average hourly wage

▶ Unsuccessful Rehabilitations –FFY 2010

- ▶ 1470 Ineligible for Services
 - ▶ 2595 Unable to Locate
 - ▶ 984 Refused Services
 - ▶ 883 Failure to Cooperate
 - ▶ 1543 Other Reasons
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Budget Restorations due to Appropriations Act (effective July 1, 2011)



▶ LTESS	\$192,372
▶ EES	\$106,328
▶ CILs	\$160,000
▶ Long Term Case Management	\$388, 279*

*of this amount \$188,279 to CM and \$200k to Didlake

