



DEPARTMENT OF
REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

DISABILITY COMMISSION

Order of Selection Update

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Order of Selection- Legal Requirement

An order of selection is required under Section 101(a)(5) of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, if a vocational rehabilitation agency determines that it is unable to provide services to all eligible individuals who apply for services. When an order of selection is established, services must first be provided to individuals with the most significant disabilities before they are provided to other eligible individuals.

History & Priority Categories

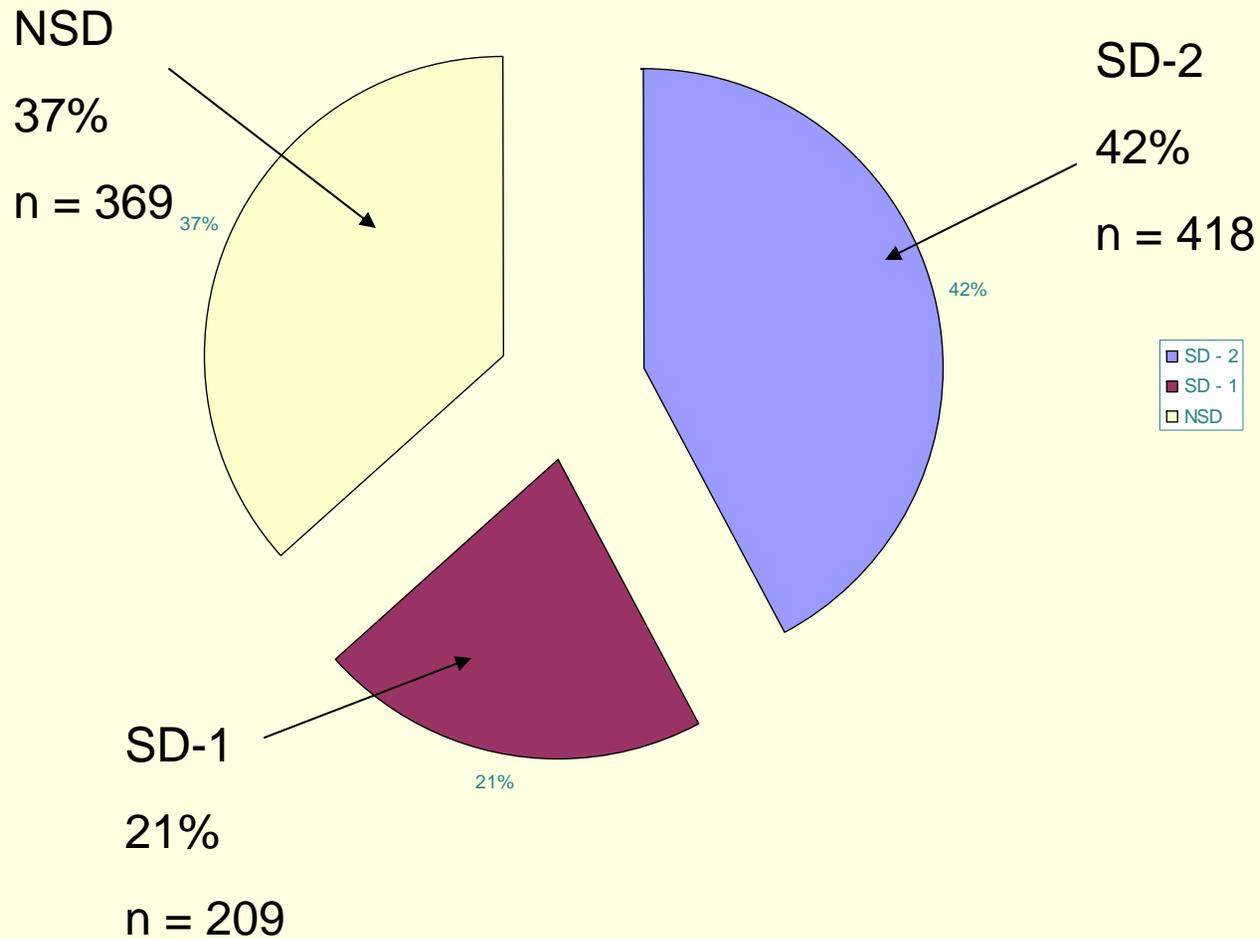
- July 1, 2004: DRS implemented an Order of Selection (OOS). New clients in Priority Categories III and IV were wait-listed.
 - October 5, 2005: Priority Category III opened.
 - August 1, 2006: Offered services to all consumers on waiting list. Priority Category IV remained closed.
 - April 1, 2007: Closed Priority Category II and III; Priority Category IV remained closed.
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- **Priority Category I:** Most Significantly Disabled (MSD): defined as an individual with a significant disability that results in serious limitations in three or more functional capacities
 - **Priority Category II:** Significantly Disabled with Two Serious Limitations (SD-2)
 - **Priority Category III:** Significantly Disabled with One Serious Limitation (SD-1)
 - **Priority Category IV:** All other eligible individuals (Non-Significantly Disabled)

National View of OOS – FY2008

- 44% of Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies are in OOS (35/80)
- Breakdown of Agencies in OOS
 - 58% are General Agencies (14/24), including Virginia DRS
 - 21% are Agencies Serving Blind (5/24)
 - 50% are Combined Agencies (16/32)

OOS Waiting List as of September, 2008

Significance of Disability (N= 996)



OOS Waiting List as of September, 2008

Disability (N=996)

	Frequency	Percent
Physical Impairment	n = 489	49.1%
Cognitive Impairment	n = 436	43.8%
Sensory Impairment	n = 71	7.1%

OOS Waiting List as of September, 2008
Gender (N = 996)

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	526	52.8%
Female	470	47.2%

OOS Waiting List as of September, 2008

Age (N=996)

Age Category	Number	Percent
Age less than 22	230	23%
Age 23-31	112	11%
Age 32-41	199	20%
Age 42-51	251	25%
Age 52-61	173	17%
Age 62-71	29	3%

*Note: Age missing for 1 client and 1 Client > 71 years of age

OOS Waiting List as of September, 2008

Race (N=996)

	Number	Percent
Caucasian	555	55.7%
African American, not Hispanic Origin	405	40.7%
Asian	24	2.4%
Hispanic	6	0.6%
Race not recorded	6	0.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander/ Multiple races	0	0%

Projected Cost of Opening the Waiting List As of
September, 2008
*Life of the Case**

- \$2,303,949 for all 996 clients.

* *Life of the case = application to closure*

Projected Cost to Open Up all Priority Categories in SFY 2009

- \$4,812,858 for first year expenditures
- \$6,931,929 for life of case*

**Life of case = application through closure*

Average Cost and Length of Service For All DRS Clients Closed SFY 2007 – SFY 2008

- The average cost to serve all cases from application to closure: \$2,849.62 *
- The average length of time from application to closure: 16.8 months*

*Data is for state fiscal year 2007 and 2008.