

Work Incentive Narrative Report

Grantee Name: ALASKA DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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Grant Status	<p>The Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, ADVR, has completed all the goals of this project. Transition is has been made to another Federal Grant the ?Customized Employment Grant? that will address services and case management for individuals with disabilities at Job Centers.</p> <p>During this last quarter ADVR and the Alaska Workforce Investment System jointly sponsored an analysis of services for people with disabilities at the Job Centers. The analysis included focus group discussions with agencies, consumers and organizations involved in assisting persons with disabilities to find or maintain employment. The results of the analysis will be used to enhance the employment services available through ADVR and the Job Centers. It was found that those consumers who received a formal orientation demonstrated a better understanding of agency services, expectations and reported a positive image and experience with ADVR. Some consumers voiced a concern that they were not aware of the range of ADVR services and at times they did not discover what was available until after a length of time. The Majority of consumers expressed a positive relationship with their counselor, who was viewed as helpful and encouraging. At each focus group some mention was made about the concerns that transportation services were problematic and caused barriers to consumers participating in training, employment and other necessary services.</p> <p>A resource manual was completed and will be distributed to all Job Centers in Alaska. The purpose of the manual is to provide information related to specific disabilities to people with disabilities and the staff at Job Centers. The manual contains descriptions of various disabilities, gives examples of accommodations and contact information on agencies and individuals that provide services and support to the specific disability groups.</p> <p>Staff conducted numerous training events throughout the state. Training topics included: Ticket-to-Work, hepatitis, investigating work opportunities, internet web, ADA, assistive technology, employment networks, benefit counseling & work incentives, money management, and an overview of the Customized Employment Grant.</p> <p>Grant funds were also expended to purchase computers and other assistive technology devices for Job Centers. An assessment of Job Center technology needs was completed and various equipment was purchased and installed. Staff conducted training on the use and maintenance of the equipment.</p>	
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	<p>Collaborated with Job Center Partners to provide better services to people with disabilities.</p> <p>Provided resources to Job Centers so they can better serve individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Educated consumers and service providers about work incentives and the importance of benefit counseling and analysis for consumers who receive benefits and want to pursue employment.</p>
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Short Term	Grant goals completed.
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