

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation State FY2015 – Program Highlights



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

- 607 individuals exited the program employed with an average hourly wage of \$14.61
- 95% individuals receiving services were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- 1,758 new individuals applied for services; an additional 2,810 individuals received information and referral services
- 25% of the applicants were youth (through age 24)
- 369 Alaskan employers hired DVR program participants
- 84% of the individuals were employed in the private sector, 11% were employed in federal, state or local government and 5% were self-employed.
- 3,802 individuals received services from the VR program
- \$999,974 was spent to train 398 DVR program participants

• **DVR participants by ethnicity: (Participants may choose more than one ethnic group)**

- Caucasian	73%
- Alaskan Native	22%
- Black	9%
- Hispanic or Latino	5%
- Asian	3%
- Pacific Islander	2%

• **DVR participants employed by occupation:**

- Service occupations	44%
- Construction	17%
- Clerical	17%
- Professional, paraprofessional, or technical	14%
- Sales	7%
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and related	1%

• **DVR participants by primary disability type:**

- Psychiatric	20%
- Physical and orthopedic	33%
- Cognitive	34%
- Communication Impairments	2%
- Deafness/hearing loss	6%
- Blindness/visual impairment	5%

“DVR didn’t change my life; it gave my life back” –
DVR client at public testimony