

### 315 - Dept of Services for the Blind

#### A001 Department of Services for the Blind Administration

Staff provide administrative support and management for the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB). Their functions include budget and accounting, personnel, training, and information technology. Support for the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind is also included in this activity. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	13.0	13.0	13.0
GFS	\$64,000	\$66,000	\$130,000
Other	\$1,702,000	\$1,791,000	\$3,493,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,766,000</b>	<b>\$1,857,000</b>	<b>\$3,623,000</b>

**Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals**  
**Statewide Strategy: Return unemployed, underemployed or injured workers to work**

#### Expected Results

Ratio of dollars allocated to direct services over dollars allocated to support services in the Department of Services for the Blind.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	\$5.31		
	7th Qtr	\$5.31		
	6th Qtr	\$5.31		
	5th Qtr	\$5.31		
	4th Qtr	\$5.34		
	3rd Qtr	\$5.34		
	2nd Qtr	\$5.34		
	1st Qtr	\$5.34	\$4	\$(1.34)
2005-07	8th Qtr	\$5.25	\$5.62	\$0.37
	7th Qtr	\$5.25	\$5.6	\$0.35
	6th Qtr	\$5.25	\$4.94	\$(0.31)
	5th Qtr	\$5.25	\$4.17	\$(1.08)
	4th Qtr	\$5.25	\$6.38	\$1.13
	3rd Qtr	\$5.25	\$5.72	\$0.47
	2nd Qtr	\$5.25	\$5.61	\$0.36
	1st Qtr	\$5.25	\$4.42	\$(0.83)
<i>Direct Services is program 100 (Vocational Rehabilitation) while Support Services is program 400 (Agency Administration). Agency Administration includes the expenses of the Director, Information Technology and Fiscal.</i>				

**A006 Telephonic Reading Services for the Blind**

Telephonic Reading Services provides reading services to blind individuals through the use of phone lines. The service is operated by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) in Baltimore, Maryland, and is mandated by RCW 74.18.045. (Business Enterprises Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennial Total
FTE's	0.0	0.0	0.0
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Total	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000

**Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state**

**Statewide Strategy: Ensure access to cultural and recreational opportunities**

**Expected Results**

Number of users of the National Federation of the Blind's telephonic reading services.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	150		
	7th Qtr	150		
	6th Qtr	150		
	5th Qtr	150		
	4th Qtr	150		
	3rd Qtr	150		
	2nd Qtr	150		
	1st Qtr	150	158	8
2005-07	8th Qtr	720	153	(567)
	7th Qtr	720	80	(640)
	6th Qtr	720	67	(653)
	5th Qtr	720	71	(649)
	4th Qtr	720	74	(646)
	3rd Qtr	650	71	(579)
	2nd Qtr	450	68	(382)
	1st Qtr	250	70	(180)
<i>New measure in 05-07 biennium.</i>				

**A007 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services for the Blind**

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The Vocational Rehabilitation program (VR) enables individuals who are blind or visually impaired to become competitively employed by developing their skills, independence, and self-confidence. Federal law mandates that VR provide comprehensive and individualized services to meet each participant's needs and to support each Individual Plan for Employment (IPE). Services include vocational counseling; assistive technology assessment and training; training of adaptive skills of blindness and adult basic skills; transition services; assistance with small business development; mental health counseling; transportation; assistance with job search, development, and placement; workplace accommodations; and employer follow-up.

Both federal and state law give first priority to qualified, legally blind persons for the opportunity to operate food facilities in publically owned buildings. The Vending Facility Program is a federal program funded entirely by revenues received from vending machines in state and federal buildings. The Business Enterprise Program (BPE) trains and licenses legally blind people to manage snack/gift shops, espresso stands, and food service facilities in government buildings. BEP provides ongoing management and assistance and essential food service equipment, and establishes new facilities as opportunities arise.

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>Biennial Total</b>
FTE's	53.5	53.5	53.5
GFS	\$1,641,000	\$1,655,000	\$3,296,000
Other	\$7,100,000	\$7,323,000	\$14,423,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,741,000</b>	<b>\$8,978,000</b>	<b>\$17,719,000</b>

**Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals**

**Statewide Strategy: Return unemployed, underemployed or injured workers to work**

**Expected Results**

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Average hourly wage of successful Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation participant employment outcomes.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	\$15.56		
	7th Qtr	\$15.48		
	6th Qtr	\$15.4		
	5th Qtr	\$15.32		
	4th Qtr	\$15.24		
	3rd Qtr	\$15.16		
	2nd Qtr	\$15.08		
	1st Qtr	\$15	\$16.78	\$1.78
2005-07	8th Qtr	\$11.55	\$16.94	\$5.39
	7th Qtr	\$11.55	\$17.34	\$5.79
	6th Qtr	\$11.55	\$14.85	\$3.3
	5th Qtr	\$11.55	\$10.05	\$(1.5)
	4th Qtr	\$11.55	\$16.61	\$5.06
	3rd Qtr	\$11.55	\$14.65	\$3.1
	2nd Qtr	\$11.55	\$13.52	\$1.97
	1st Qtr	\$11.55	\$12.32	\$0.77
<i>New measure for 05-07 biennium.</i>				

Number of Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation clients obtaining employment.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	142		
	7th Qtr	142		
	6th Qtr	140		
	5th Qtr	140		
	4th Qtr	138		
	3rd Qtr	138		
	2nd Qtr	135		
	1st Qtr	135	172	37
2005-07	8th Qtr	31	62	31
	7th Qtr	33	44	11
	6th Qtr	33	42	9
	5th Qtr	33	9	(24)
	4th Qtr	130	79	(51)
	3rd Qtr	75	30	(45)
	2nd Qtr	50	20	(30)
	1st Qtr	20	10	(10)

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Number of Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation clients served.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	1,270		
	7th Qtr	1,260		
	6th Qtr	1,250		
	5th Qtr	1,240		
	4th Qtr	1,230		
	3rd Qtr	1,220		
	2nd Qtr	1,210		
	1st Qtr	1,200	1,194	(6)
2005-07	8th Qtr	1,200	927	(273)
	7th Qtr	1,200	927	(273)
	6th Qtr	1,200	936	(264)
	5th Qtr	1,200	917	(283)
	4th Qtr	1,200	963	(237)
	3rd Qtr	1,100	990	(110)
	2nd Qtr	1,000	983	(17)
	1st Qtr	900	959	59

Number of Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation participants receiving services enrolled in institutions of higher education.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	190	116	(74)
	7th Qtr	190	154	(36)
	6th Qtr	190	129	(61)
	5th Qtr	190	44	(146)
	4th Qtr	190	155	(35)
	3rd Qtr	160	162	2
	2nd Qtr	130	163	33
	1st Qtr	100	86	(14)
<i>New measure in 05-07 biennium.</i>				

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<b>Percentage of employed Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation participants in competitive jobs.</b>				
<b>Biennium</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
2005-07	8th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	7th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	6th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	5th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	4th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	3rd Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	2nd Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	1st Qtr	95%	100%	5%

<b>Percentage of employment outcomes for Department of Services for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation participants at or above minimum wage.</b>				
<b>Biennium</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
2005-07	8th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	7th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	6th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	5th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	4th Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	3rd Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	2nd Qtr	95%	100%	5%
	1st Qtr	95%	100%	5%
<i>New measure in 05-07 biennium.</i>				

**A008 Community Independent Living and Child and Family Programs**

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The Department provides a continuum of care for blind and visually impaired residents of the state. The Independent Living Program teaches recently blinded residents how to continue living in their homes after vision loss. Contractors visit individuals' homes to provide low-cost devices and instruction in blindness techniques, including how to care for self and home, walking with the use of a cane, and how to continue to read and write. While 96,000 people are potentially eligible for these services, the program currently serves 2,000 individuals, most of whom are age 70 and over.

The Child and Family Program provides consultation services to families of blind children, birth to age 13, and to the organizations that serve them, such as preschools and schools. The program provides support, advice, and information to families, teachers, and others about training, educational programs, and resources unique to the developmental needs of blind children. Transitional services are provided to youth aged 14 to 21 in conjunction with the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services Program.

The funding designated for the Deaf-Blind Service Center is administered by DSB. The center facilitates the effective access of deaf-blind individuals and their families to programs and services that meet their independent living and vocational rehabilitation needs. The Center offers a single, central entry point in the greater Puget Sound area, allowing clients to locate and receive a coordinated set of services. Emphasis is placed on services that lead to the competitive employment of deaf-blind individuals in integrated settings and on coordinated services for deaf-blind individuals with developmental disabilities.

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>Biennial Total</b>
FTE's	8.5	8.5	8.5
GFS	\$861,000	\$887,000	\$1,748,000
Other	\$714,000	\$735,000	\$1,449,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,575,000</b>	<b>\$1,622,000</b>	<b>\$3,197,000</b>

**Statewide Result Area: Improve the security of Washington’s vulnerable children and adults**

**Statewide Strategy: Support parent and community connections**

**Expected Results**

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Number of child & family clients served by the Department of Services for the Blind.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	1,240		
	7th Qtr	1,155		
	6th Qtr	1,075		
	5th Qtr	1,000		
	4th Qtr	930		
	3rd Qtr	820		
	2nd Qtr	720		
	1st Qtr	620	668	48
2005-07	8th Qtr	620	633	13
	7th Qtr	620	644	24
	6th Qtr	620	629	9
	5th Qtr	620	653	33
	4th Qtr	620	634	14
	3rd Qtr	610	625	15
	2nd Qtr	600	630	30
	1st Qtr	590	632	42

Number of clients served in the independent living program of the Department of Services for the Blind.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2007-09	8th Qtr	2,000		
	7th Qtr	2,000		
	6th Qtr	2,000		
	5th Qtr	2,000		
	4th Qtr	2,000		
	3rd Qtr	2,000		
	2nd Qtr	2,000		
	1st Qtr	2,000	1,836	(164)
2005-07	8th Qtr	1,700	1,228	(472)
	7th Qtr	1,700	1,257	(443)
	6th Qtr	1,700	1,069	(631)
	5th Qtr	1,700	1,385	(315)
	4th Qtr	1,700	1,312	(388)
	3rd Qtr	1,700	1,516	(184)
	2nd Qtr	1,700	1,421	(279)
	1st Qtr	1,700	1,654	(46)

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**Grand Total**

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>Biennial Total</b>
FTE's	75.0	75.0	75.0
GFS	\$2,566,000	\$2,608,000	\$5,174,000
Other	\$9,556,000	\$9,889,000	\$19,445,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,122,000</b>	<b>\$12,497,000</b>	<b>\$24,619,000</b>