

**State of Alaska
FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Independent Living Rehabilitation
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Independent Living Rehabilitation

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by promoting a philosophy of independent living through peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy in order to maximize the empowerment, independence, employment and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and their integration and full inclusion into mainstream society.

Core Services

The Independent Living Centers address the needs of individuals who have significant disabilities. Due to the extent of their disability, many of these individuals do not possess the skills needed to live independently. A major focus of Alaska's Centers for Independent Living is providing individuals with disabilities the skills and tools necessary to make choices and gain full inclusion and integration into society, employment and independent living. Staff at the Centers work directly with individuals providing skill training, counseling and the purchase of assistive technologies that make it possible for them to live, socialize and work as independently as they are capable. The Centers also advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and collaborate with numerous agencies, boards, and groups to achieve equal access and services for all people with disabilities.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2006 Component Budget: \$1,296,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Independent Living Centers have discovered that many individuals with disabilities who reside in nursing homes are not aware of community based services that would allow them to live in less restrictive and substantially less expensive environments. Centers will conduct outreach to the public and private sector to educate them about the availability of programs that provide alternatives to institutional and nursing facility living thus reducing the number of individuals residing in or being admitted to nursing homes.

Providing services to individuals who reside in rural areas continues to be challenging and expensive. Alaska's Centers for Independent Living will continue to strengthen collaboration with Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs to provide independent living services to individuals who reside in rural areas of Alaska.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

In cooperation with the Alaska State Independent Living Council (SILC), a new three-year State Plan for Independent Living has just been developed and approved by the US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. The SILC and its partners statewide at Centers for Independent Living have ambitious plans for the improved delivery in independent living services to rural and remote areas of the state. These plans are dependent upon development of more resources including federal and private sources of funds. In addition, the SILC in partnership with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation recently launched a three-year federally funded grant to expand Centers for Independent Living information and referral systems to include information on all long-term care options for persons with disabilities and seniors.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

The State continues to collaborate with Centers for Independent Living and the SILC. The Governor appointed four members who are directly associated with the Centers to his Committee on Employment & Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities. This has allowed for better coordination of services, especially transition services provided to youth with disabilities.

Three of the largest Independent Living Centers in the state are now approved to provide services to individuals who are clients of the Division. This is an excellent coordination of services between Centers for Independent Living and the Division for individuals who have recently obtained the skills to live independently and are now preparing to enter the workforce.

Two Independent Living Centers continue to provide benefit-counseling services to clients. Referrals from the Division for highly specialized service that identifies work incentives and provides financial guidance to individuals who receive social security benefits and wish to return to work continue to increase.

Centers continue to improve and refine services to youth with disabilities who are transitioning from school to work. High school High-Tech projects, which provide services aimed at exposing and encouraging students with disabilities to pursue employment and training in scientific and highly technical fields, were also implemented.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:

34 CFR Parts 364 - 367

PL 150 – 220 Title IV

State Independent Living Services Program and Centers for Independent Living Program
Section 410. Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living

Statutory Authority:

AS 23.15

AS 47.80.300

Employment Service – Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Statewide Independent Living Council

Administrative Regulations:

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Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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**Independent Living Rehabilitation
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	3.0	11.6	11.6
73000 Services	0.0	34.0	34.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	1.5	1.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,159.1	1,249.6	1,249.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	1,162.1	1,296.7	1,296.7
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	636.2	770.8	770.8
1003 General Fund Match	58.1	58.1	58.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	467.8	467.8
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	467.8	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	1,162.1	1,296.7	1,296.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	467.8	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		467.8	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	636.2	770.8	770.8
Restricted Total		636.2	770.8	770.8
Total Estimated Revenues		1,104.0	770.8	770.8

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	525.9	770.8	0.0	1,296.7
FY2006 Governor	525.9	770.8	0.0	1,296.7