Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

JJRA/DVR

DVR CLIENT SERVICES

2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET



Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	(\$589,000)	(\$589,000)	(\$1,178,000)
Total	(\$3,140,000)	(\$3,140,000)	(\$6,280,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by the 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJRA), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is submitting the following reduction option that would reduce GF-State funding in the DVR program by \$1,178,000. By implementing this reduction, JJRA expects to be unable to earn GF-Federal funding in the amount of \$5,102,000. The total reduction in funding of \$6,280,000 would have been used to serve approximately 2,348 individuals.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

To implement this reduction, DVR would reduce the direct client employment services activity. A \$1,178,000 reduction in GF-State will result in the loss of GF-Federal funds in the amount of \$4,352,000 due to an inability to meet the federally required match rate (78.7 percent GF-Federal/21.3 percent GF-State). Additionally, it is anticipated that the reduction in GF-State could result in a \$750,000 GF-Federal penalty due to failure to meet federal Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements. The total loss of funding of \$6,280,000 would mean approximately 2,348 individuals would not be served in the program.

DVR serves clients who receive benefits from other Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) programs and/or other state agencies. These programs include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD), Worker' Compensation, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). DVR provides vocational assistance to these clients enabling them to migrate off public assistance programs. Those clients who do not receive DVR services under this reduction will be less able to leave these public assistance programs.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Clients who do not receive DVR services may impact other public assistance programs, such as TANF, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Medical Assistance, Mental Health, and County School to Work programs.



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To transform lives

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Approximately 5,000 individuals currently served by DVR are receiving assistance from other programs within DSHS. DVR provides vocational assistance to DSHS clients subsequent to placing individuals into community based programs and migrating off of public assistance. DVR provides services which contribute to the success of other DSHS programs that provide pre-employment services and long term employment supports for individuals who require Supported Employment services. DVR coordinates service delivery with DSHS programs by providing job placement and retention services that enable other programs clients to obtain employment. This allows DSHS programs to use their resources to provide the long-term employment support that clients need after their DVR case is closed.

