

# KENTUCKY OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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## PHILOSOPHY

We recognize and respect the contribution of all individuals as a necessary and vital part of a productive society.

## MISSION

To assist Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.

## VALUES

We value the rights, merit and dignity of all persons with disabilities and the opportunity to pursue employment as an important aspect of a full and meaningful life.

We value all staff, their individual talents, unique abilities and contributions to the agency's mission.

We value collaborative efforts and partnerships which support the agency's mission.



# MESSAGE FROM ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN

As this Annual Report will attest, FY 2012 was again a successful year for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation. The agency continues to maintain high performance levels in key outcome performance indicators while maintaining consistently extraordinary stakeholder satisfaction rates. These accomplishments by staff are remarkable considering the challenges caused by a funding limitations and recovering labor market. OVR maintains its proud tradition of innovation, continuing to develop and pilot projects related to improving services to individuals with mental illness, cooperative projects with businesses and community rehabilitation providers, assistive technology reuse in rural areas, partnerships with the state department for developmental disabilities and asset development for persons with disabilities.

SCVR has completed its triennial comprehensive needs assessment by collecting critical data from various resources, including stakeholders from

across the Commonwealth regarding the service delivery gaps, emerging trends and potential opportunities for growth. OVR has utilized this assessment to guide the development of a three strategic plan to be enacted in FY2013 to address the many complex issues faced by individuals with disabilities seeking employment and independence.

OVR enters FY2013 with a renewed sense of excitement as our agency continues to improve and expand our services to persons with the most significant disabilities. We do this with confidence, because of the well-trained, diligent and creative staff who have dedicated their lives to their craft, ensuring persons with disabilities receive the individualized services necessary to reach their identified employment goals. We are also fortunate to have a passionate and invested group of individuals to serve on the state rehabilitation council. Due to efforts of the aforementioned groups, the past year has seen great strides in the public VR program and we plan to carry this attitude into 2013 and do even better.



*Lee Gordon – Chairperson  
Statewide Council for Vocational  
Rehabilitation*



*Dr. David Beach – Acting Executive  
Director  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Purchased Services FFY2012

Expenditure Service Type	Authorization Amount
Assessment	\$ 3,326,390.21
Diagnosis & Treatment	\$ 2,638,645.10
Training	\$ 6,988,542.14
Maintenance	\$ 187,957.18
Transportation	\$ 188,780.59
Interpreter Services	\$ 96,462.75
Personal Attendant Service	\$ 121,848.16
Rehabilitation Technology	\$ 2,204,422.83
Job Placement	\$ 5,061,836.47
Other Services	\$ 288,924.91
TOTAL	\$ 21,103,810.34



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# PROGRAM SERVICES REPORT



## Demographics of Individuals Served

### Gender

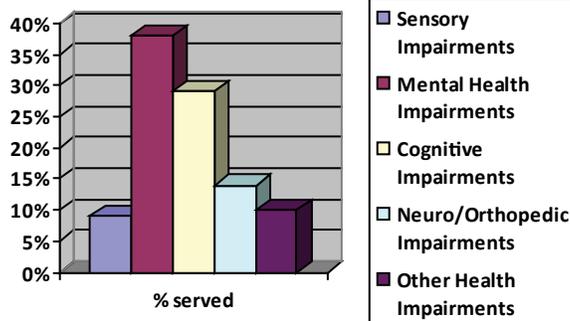
Male	51.2%
Female	48.8%

### Ethnicity

Caucasian	83.7%
African-American	14.8%
All other ethnicities	1.5%

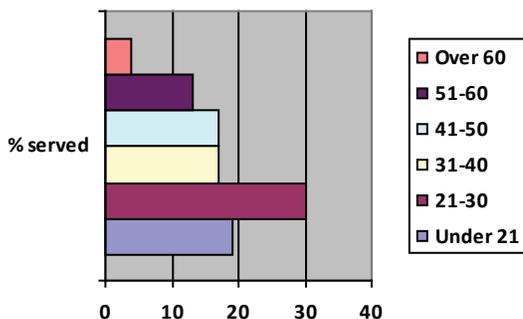
### Disability

Sensory Impairments	9%
Mental Health Impairments	38%
Cognitive Impairments	29%
Neuro/Orthopedic Impairments	14%
Other Health Impairments	10%



### Age

Under 21	19%
21-30	30%
31-40	17%
41-50	17%
51-60	13%
Over 60	4%



## Individuals Served and Positive Employment Outcome Data

3,512 individuals with disabilities obtained or maintained employment after receiving services from the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2012. Some facts about these individuals:

- Their average weekly earnings went from \$106.66 at application to \$405.98 at closure. This is an increase of \$299.32 in weekly income.
- At application, 867 (25%) reported that their primary source of support was through their personal income. At closure, 3,086 (88%) had personal income as their primary source of support.
- 1,128 (35%) were receiving health insurance benefits through their employer.
- They work an average of 32 hours per week with an average hourly wage of \$12.03.
- As a group, they increased their federal income tax payments by an estimated \$8.2 million, their state income tax payments by an estimated \$3.2 million, and their Social Security tax payments by an estimated \$7.3 million (including employer contributions).

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## CDPVTC – Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center

### News from CDPVTC:

Fiscal Year 11-12 was extremely productive for the Perkins Center. In December, two of the three original elevators were replaced. Dormitory rooms were painted during breaks, and the analog clocks, intercom system, and camera systems were all updated.

Facility enrollment remained consistent with the Center serving 934 Kentuckians during the fiscal year based on 464 referrals made by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors. This number allows for the fact the Center was shut down for approximately 6 weeks in November/December for the replacement of three elevators.

The Center recorded a consumer program completion rate of 94 percent. Fifty percent of OVR consumers

who had been referred for services at the Perkins Center at some point in their rehabilitation program were closed by their counselor as a Positive Employment Outcome (PEO) during the fiscal year.

The Center maintained high levels of customer satisfaction for the year. An internal survey conducted with consumers actively enrolled in a Center program showed that 93 percent were satisfied with the services they were receiving. Additionally, OVR



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counselors were very satisfied with Center services based on the results of an on-line survey counselors are asked complete when the person they refer leaves their Center program. Based on returned surveys, counselors rated the Center at 3.54 on a 4.0 scale for the quality of services provided to their consumers.

In March, 2012, the Perkins Center hosted an accreditation site visit by two surveyors with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The Center was seeking reaccreditation of its vocational evaluation program. The surveyors spent two days reviewing many aspects of facility operations as well as interviewing staff members, consumers, and referral sources. The Center was delighted to learn that CARF reaccredited the program at the three year level—the highest accreditation outcome awarded by CARE.

March was bittersweet in that much of the eastern Kentucky area was devastated by tornados. Students housed at the Perkins Center sheltered in place for several hours on the evening of March 2. While only minimal damage was incurred to Center vehicles and phone lines, neighboring areas were not as lucky. Perkins Center staff and student volunteered in the Johnson, Magoffin, and Morgan county areas to assist with tornado damage clean up.

The staff and students at the Perkins Center continued participation in community events during 2012. Three blood drives were held on-site sponsored by the Kentucky Blood Center that together resulted in a total

of 93 donors and 26 deferments. The Center has either met/exceeded its projected number of donors for each drive. Typically, a mobile unit is only designated for 22 donors. Another blood drive is being scheduled for January, 2013.

Job Placement Month Activities were a hit with students during the month of October. Students learned about appropriate customer service on October 3 and 4 by lunching in the 'Wrong Way Café'. On October 12, unit directors gave a brief overview to the student body of how each respective department contributed to the preparation of consumers for employment and independence. On October 19, staff and students enjoyed themselves while participating in a fashion show on the dos and don'ts of dressing appropriately for work, and October 26, team building activities and games were presented to students.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Perkins Center Student Government Golf Scramble was held July 15. Despite a drenching rain that caused the scramble to be called early, the event netted \$3,810.91 for Student Government to be used for student activities and events.

Staff is looking forward to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that will take place next year with events being scheduled monthly by different Units.

Staff and students once again participated in the annual Jordan Light Foundation 5K held September 22, helping to raise money for this worthwhile cause. These activities have become popular with the students and are a good way to keep them moving both for good causes and good health.

Finally, A flu shot clinic was set up through Rite Aid for the Center which resulted in a big money saver for the Center budget.

## Community Rehabilitation Programs

During FY12, \$2,032,499 was spent on services provided by Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs). The great bulk of this (\$1.97 million) was spent on individualized services resulting in competitive outcomes. This includes any service that was needed by the consumer obtain and maintain employment, such as, work adjustment, job search, job placement and job retention services. These services resulted in 458 positive employment outcomes.

The CRP s completed evaluations/assessment on 789 consumers at a cost of \$377,675. Another \$30,172 was paid to CRPs for other services such as skills training, life skills coaching, as well as transportation. During FY12 3 new CRPs were approved to provide services for consumers.

## Job Placement

Partnership was the operative word for job placement services in 2012 with staff working at the local and state levels to foster new partnerships and strengthen existing ones. Some of themore noteworthy partnerships are included below.

A partnership was developed with White Staffing in Hopkinsville enabled our consumers to take advantage of a new training program in welding

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that uses virtual reality to simulate real welding tasks, producing certified welders who, to date, have all obtained employment as a result of their employment. This training program will be expanded in 2013 to offer industrial painting.

A coalition in the Louisville metropolitan area that was initially developed to supply and support workers with individuals to the Best Buy distribution center in Shepherdsville expanded its activities to include the UPS Worldwide Web in Louisville in 2012. The coalition is composed of KYOVR and numerous community rehabilitation programs (CRPs) in the area, including Southern Indiana. The UPS Web employs over 20,000 people. The coalition will be approaching more large employers in the coming year.

The Job Placement Services Coordinator developed a strong partnership with the Louisville staff of the federal Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP). KYOVR is positioning itself to assist employers if and when new guidelines for federal contractors on hiring individuals with disabilities go into effect.

The Job Placement Services Coordinator participated in the Southeast division of the National Employment Team (NET), a program of the Council for State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR). She partnered with staff from the other Southeastern states to develop a seven-part training module on job placement for job placement staff, counselors, managers, and businesses.

The Job Placement Services Coordinator continued to serve on the Governor's Reentry Task Force and the

state's Mental Health Council, building partnerships to enable the agency to better serve the ex-offender and mental health populations.

Job Placement Month was moved to October of 2013 to coincide with National Disability Employment Month.

## Supported Employment (SE)

In 2012, 688 Individualized Plans for Employment were developed by the OVR Counselors and Consumers who needed Supported Employment Services. Eight of these consumers had no Supported Employment Services available in their areas. More than 80 Supported Employment vendors affiliated with the agency, delivered services for 1,302 individuals, resulting in 503 Positive Employment Outcomes.

The Dartmouth SE Initiative serving OVR consumers in four pilot sites in Paducah, Maysville, Elizabethtown, Louisville, and Covington/Florence had another successful year with approximately 127 job starts. Two new sites were established in Bowling Green and Corbin. This project is a collaborative venture with the KY Division of Behavioral Health and the University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute. Funding for the technical assistance comes from Dartmouth/Johnson and Johnson.

The SE staff continued to work with the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities on the development and submission of a new Medicaid waiver that will enhance Supported Employment Services to consumers. OVR has partnered with DDID to create a funding mechanism

which will allow the shifting of funds from OVR to Medicaid Waiver funding to be as seamless as possible.

## Transition

A total of 8,636 consumers on counselor caseloads in FY 2012 were referred from secondary schools, or 23.5% of the 36,767 consumers. Of the agency's 3,512 PEO's, 622 (17.7%) had been referred by secondary schools.

In FY 2012 OVR continued to provide quality services to transition-aged youth with disabilities in all 174 school districts in the Commonwealth. According to the Kentucky Post School Outcomes Study, OVR once again ranked as the agency that most often provided services to youth with disabilities covered by an Individualized Education Program.

Much of our efforts are enhanced through partnerships with 62 school districts in the Community Based Work Transition Program. Our collaborative efforts were also visible at the state level through our involvement in the Kentucky Interagency Transition Council, the Kentucky Post School Outcomes Project, the State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children, the ARC of Ky-Walmart Transition Grant Advisory Group, the University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute's Post-Secondary Inclusion Project Committee, the Kentucky Partners in Youth Transition Team, as well as the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board Strategic Planning High School Outreach Committee, where we are supporting the Partners in Success Initiative to create seamless transition services for youth in high



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schools to the Kentucky Career Centers.

OVR & the University of Kentucky’s Human Development Institute continued the pilot program, Supporting Higher Education Project, into 2012. This unique project supports transition students graduating from high school and entering a college/ university program by utilizing the guidance of educational coaches. Educational coaches work with the students to assist in the college process and to develop job sites for work experience. The specific supports are developed based on the individual needs of the student. OVR utilizes trained adult supported employment service professionals to organize/ develop the services and suitable supports.

## Training and Development

The following is an outline of the In-Service Training that took place over this past year. This list also includes training opportunities we utilized through partnerships with other agencies and reflects our support of professional associations training conferences attended by our staff.

- Skills Enhancement Training III for New Employees took place at the Carl D. Perkins Center
- Counselor Mentor Training for new mentors and seasoned mentors
- Outreach Services to the Latino Populations of the Bluegrass

– in partnership with the Human Development Institute

- Partner for Success – a training that took place statewide to provide employees with a better understanding of our partner agencies
- Kentucky Association of Persons for Supported Employment Annual Training Conference
- Kentucky Workforce Academy Training Pilot
- Inside/Out: Perspectives on Autism Topics - in partnership with the Human Development Institute
- Skills Enhancement Training I for New Employees
- Job Placement Training for Job Placement Professionals

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- The Impact of Supported Higher Education on Improving the Lives of those with Intellectual Disabilities - in partnership with the Human Development Institute
- Statewide Training Conference
- Supports for Children with ADHD in Home School & Community - in partnership with the Human Development Institute
- Kentucky Association of Higher Education
- Assistive Technology Conference
- Kentucky Workforce Academy Train the Trainer
- Skills Enhancement Training II
- National Association of Deafness Training Conference
- Kentucky Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference

Of particular note from the list above is the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Statewide Training Conference held in March 2012. This was the first statewide conference held in the agency in ten years and was an amazing success. The conference focused on training needs identified through a statewide training needs survey and included such topics as working with Ex-Offenders, Substance Abuse, Customer Service and had an overall focus of consumer success to assist in maintaining the primary focus of our mission.

In addition to the face-to-face opportunities for training listed above, the agency also developed and participated in training offered through distance learning. The agency has developed online training for new employees to assist with early orientation to the agency and state government, offers job placement

training online and is the process of launching a new training on migrant seasonal farmworkers in an online format. The agency also participates in training offered by the Technical Assistance Continuing Education (TACE) established by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. They offer webinar training on a regular basis on current trends and research in the field of rehabilitation and employees are encouraged to participate.

Finally, the agency continues to work toward Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) goals. The agency partners with Master of Rehabilitation Counseling programs to offer learning opportunities to current counselors who do not currently meet the CSPD qualification standards of the agency. This is accomplished by working with the universities who offer tuition assistance through CSPD grants that allow our current counselors



to meet their career goals and the qualification standards as rehabilitation counselors for the agency with little to no cost to them. As a part of building our CSPD support from within the agency there are also opportunities available for non-counselors to obtain their Master of Rehabilitation Counseling degrees through the University of Kentucky accelerated MRC program. In the upcoming year the agency plans to implement a paid MRC internship program to assist with the recruitment of qualified personnel to fill counselor positions.

The agency is committed to having a well-trained staff that provides quality services to consumers and continues to provide opportunities that support this philosophy.

## Social Security

For fiscal year 2012, a total of 723 Social Security recipients obtained employment after receiving services from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Social Security reimbursed OVR for 155 claims totaling \$2,273,614.04.

## Rehabilitation Technology

The Rehabilitation Technology Branch continues to assist consumers reach their vocational goal by assessing, recommending and providing appropriate assistive technology solutions. A total of 1496 consumers received equipment and services that allowed them to successfully prepare for, gain, or maintain employment. Of that number, 101 received modifications to their personal vehicles at a total cost

of over \$1,077,000, 189 individuals received driver evaluations and 105 received driver's training, providing yet another step to successful employment. A total of about \$2,512,400 was spent on assistive technology equipment and services for Office of Vocational Rehabilitation consumers.

In May, 2012, the Rehabilitation Technology Branch was part of a collaborative group that was awarded a \$450,000 grant over a 3 year period to develop Project CARAT, a program to sanitize, refurbish, and redistribute assistive technology in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. The development of sanitizing and refurbishing protocols are well underway, and several items have been donated, sanitized and refurbished, and redistributed to the community.

The Rehabilitation Technology Branch also participates with the Kentucky AgrAbility project. Last year, in collaboration with AgrAbility, we provided services and equipment to 22 Kentucky farmers.

Throughout 2012, the rehabilitation technology staff has provided comprehensive trainings and technical assistances to external customers, including University of Kentucky Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residents and the Kentucky State University Third Thursday Thing for small and disadvantaged farmers. Presentations were also provided at the National RESNA Annual Conference and the ADED (Driver Rehabilitation) Annual Conference. The branch also hosted the 9th annual "Summer AT Workshop," a two day training on assistive technology. It was attended by over 130 individuals this year.

## Counselor Mentoring Program

The Rehabilitation Counselor Mentoring Program has 27 Mentors participating in the program across the state. This year the Mentoring Leadership team developed a three-day statewide training for the counselors held at the Georgetown Garden Hilton

October 2-5. The Counselors celebrated our ten year milestone of the Mentoring Program during the training! As a nationally recognized and modeled program we are proud of the success of the Mentors in their endeavor to welcome and encourage new counselors.

The current Mentor Leadership team includes: Jodi Harris-Team Leader, Tom Combs-Branch Manager Liaison, Julie Patty-MOTY 2009, Lisa Medley-MOTY 2010, Scott Daniels-MOTY 2011, Susie Edwards-Training Consultant, Erin Hopper-Central Office Administrator, and Carolyn Eirich-Central Office Support

## KATLC - Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation

The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC) had another one of its best years in FFY 2012. It processed 187 applications for assistive technology, approving 108 applications for a total of \$962,699.80. Hearing aids and vehicles with modifications remained the most requested items.

The program enables qualified applicants to borrow funds for the

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purchase of assistive technology. The impact it has on an individual's life is reflected in this comment received from one borrower: "We purchased the new technology in hearing aids. My social life with family and friends has gotten to be a lot better due to being able to hear and understand. My depression is better due to being able to get out and not having to have someone with me to hear or understand for me, especially medical situations."

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

The DHHS Branch of KY OVR consists of a Branch Manager who functions as Statewide Coordinator for Deaf Services, A Statewide Coordinator of Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Services and a Statewide for DeafBlind Services. There is an

Administrative Assistant that works with the three administrators named above. In addition to these individuals, there are 7 full-time Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf (5 of whom are deaf), who work under the supervision of the Branch Manager and serve those consumers for whom sign language is the primary mode of communication. There are 9 staff interpreters and one interpreter/supervisor who serve the RCDs and their consumers. There are 40 Communication Specialists statewide who work under Branch Managers of the field offices and who have received extensive training in working with individuals who are hard of hearing, late-deafened or oral-deaf.

The RCDs and Communication Specialists served a total of 3,280 individuals this past year and helped 766 of them obtain and/or maintain

employment. This represents 23% of those served that had Positive Employment Outcomes. Placements were down in numbers due to the slow economy and tough job market, however, this is still a significant accomplishment considering that these individuals are among those with the most significant disabilities.

## Migrant Farm Workers

The Migrant Farmworkers with Disabilities Employment Partnership (MDEP) was established in 2007 with a five-year grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to increase the capacity of OVR to identify and provide services to the migrant and seasonal farmworker communities in Kentucky. Two outreach workers funded by MDEP provide extensive outreach and education in eight Central Kentucky Counties. In federal fiscal year 2011, 833 hours of outreach were performed.

The outreach workers made 3,051 individual contacts and conducted 136 interviews to determine interest in OVR services. Thirty seven new referrals were made to OVR. In the four years of the project to date, 15,537 individual contacts have been made with 1,086 interviews conducted and 288 individuals being referred to OVR. Outreach workers have made 2,463 professional contacts.

The principal partners involved with MDEP are the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute, Goodwill of Kentucky, Kentucky AgrAbility and OVR.

# MORE ABOUT PEOs



## Positive Employment Outcomes by County

COUNTY	PEOs	COUNTY	PEOs	COUNTY	PEOs
ADAIR	5	GRAVES	24	MENIFEE	3
ALLEN	33	GRAYSON	11	MERCER	19
ANDERSON	21	GREEN	7	METCALFE	5
BALLARD	1	GREENUP	27	MONROE	8
BARREN	20	HANCOCK	2	MONTGOMERY	19
BATH	11	HARDIN	104	MORGAN	5
BELL	17	HARLAN	36	MUHLENBERG	18
BOONE	77	HARRISON	24	NELSON	46
BOURBON	10	HART	5	NICHOLAS	2
BOYD	55	HENDERSON	41	OHIO	24
BOYLE	41	HENRY	8	OLDHAM	16
BRACKEN	4	HICKMAN	7	OWEN	7
BREATHITT	9	HOPKINS	36	OWSLEY	1
BRECKINRIDGE	2	JACKSON	3	PENDLETON	8
BULLITT	40	JEFFERSON	508	PERRY	26
BUTLER	16	JESSAMINE	59	PIKE	94
CALDWELL	6	JOHNSON	24	POWELL	12
CALLOWAY	27	KENTON	140	PULASKI	35
CAMPBELL	92	KNOTT	20	ROBERTSON	1
CARLISLE	4	KNOX	17	ROCKCASTLE	3
CARROLL	15	LARUE	5	ROWAN	34
CARTER	27	LAUREL	20	RUSSELL	6
CASEY	10	LAWRENCE	16	SCOTT	67
CHRISTIAN	49	LEE	4	SHELBY	27
CLARK	23	LESLIE	8	SIMPSON	11
CLAY	4	LETCHER	19	SPENCER	16
CLINTON	1	LEWIS	13	TAYLOR	21
CRITTENDEN	4	LINCOLN	23	TODD	3
CUMBERLAND	3	LIVINGSTON	2	TRIGG	7
DAVISS	101	LOGAN	9	TRIMBLE	7
EDMONSON	10	LYON	1	UNION	10
ELLIOTT	3	MADISON	54	WARREN	141
ESTILL	11	MAGOFFIN	12	WASHINGTON	10
FAYETTE	393	MARION	14	WAYNE	5
FLEMING	10	MARSHALL	8	WEBSTER	16
FLOYD	50	MARTIN	7	WHITLEY	34
FRANKLIN	49	MASON	16	WOLFE	8
FULTON	5	MCCRACKEN	64	WOODFORD	24
GALLATIN	8	MCCREARY	1	Out of State	11
GARRARD	8	MCLEAN	3	Total	3512
GRANT	11	MEADE	14		

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## SCVR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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# 2012 SCVR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



*Members of the 2012  
Statewide Council for  
Vocational Rehabilitation*

In Fiscal Year 2012, the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation engaged in the following activities:

- Sent a letter to the Medical Review Board (the entity in Kentucky that reviews drivers' license applications from individuals with physical disabilities) asking it to consider input from the agency's rehabilitation technology program on the form development and to consider adding to the Board a non-voting member who was a certified driver rehabilitation specialist.
- Participated in planning for an Asset Development Summit to bring together members of the asset building community and members of the disability community to begin the dialogue on how the two communities can work together to build the economic self-sufficiency for persons with disabilities.
- Reviewed and approved:
  - The agency's proposed service fee memorandum on the purchase of communication assessments;
  - The agency's proposed service fee memorandum on low vision service providers;
  - The agency's proposed service fee memorandum on communication and occupational skills classes for

individuals with autism spectrum disorders;

- The agency's proposed service fee memorandum on the new target wage for bonuses for community rehabilitation program outcomes;
- The agency's proposed service fee memorandum on a new fee schedule for benefits analysis services;
- The agency's proposed service fee memorandum new fee schedule for community rehabilitation program (CRP) placement services, including changing to a milestone payment system;
- The agency's proposed service fee memorandum increase in the hourly rate for supported employment services;
- The agency's proposed changes to the application form;
- The agency's proposed changes to the case review form.
- Recommended the agency conduct public forums in Frankfort and at the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center in the fall of 2012.
- Recommended the agency maintain an on-line survey for the public to use to

provide input for the state plan.

- Recommended the agency send an 'e-mail blast' to consumers who have authorized the agency to use their email as a means of communication to notify them of the public forums and the on-line survey. The e-mail went to over 4,000 consumers.
- Approved the agency's plan to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for the state plan.
- Continued to monitor the agency's changes in Order of Selection (OOS);
- Recommended all consumers have equal access to job placement services directly provided by the agency.
- Continued to pursue a Business Leadership Network in the state.
- Conducted a second annual joint meeting with the Statewide Independent Living Council in September and discussed asset development for individuals with disabilities and transportation initiatives.
- Honored four regional employers for their exemplary efforts in employing individuals with disabilities: Thompson Services in Bowling Green, Robley Rex Veterans Administration Medical Center in Louisville, Lakes Funeral Home in Berea, and Comfort Suites - Newport, KY.

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