

Cooperation and Coordination with Other Agencies and Other Entities

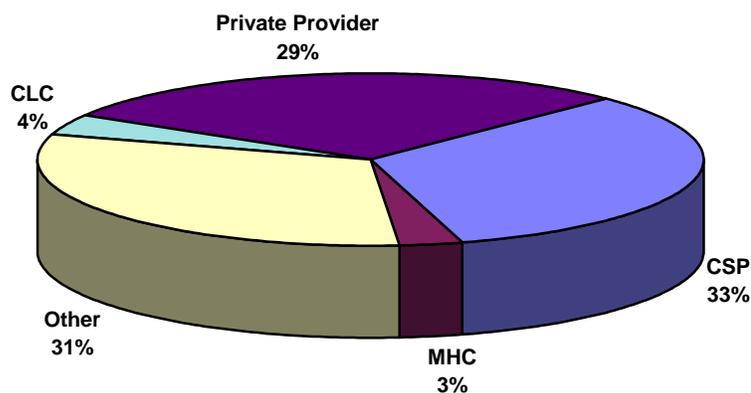
Cooperative Arrangements with Private Non-profit Vocational Rehabilitation Services Providers

Makeup of CRPs

Due to the geographic reality which exists within South Dakota, the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS or Division) recognizes one of the best sources available for the provision of vocational rehabilitation services are Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP). CRPs consist of Community Support Providers, Mental Health Centers, Career Learning Centers, Centers for Independent Living, Communication Services for the Deaf, and the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. These programs are located in local communities throughout the state.

Utilization of CRPs and other Employment Specialists Providers

During Federal Fiscal Year 2015, 28.7% of the Division's client services expenditures (approximately \$1,521,537) was paid to CRP's. Following is a breakdown of the payments for client services made to CRPs and other Employment Specialists Providers during FFY2015.



Manner in which cooperative arrangements are established

The Division utilizes Program Guide DRS/DSBVI-02-04 – Provider Standards to establish approved service providers and procedures to approve service providers. Applicants/eligible individuals are provided choices in available service providers for them to select from. The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor then issue authorizations to the provider for services agreed upon in the Individual Plan for Employment. The scope of services purchased depends upon the individual's needs and employment goal.

Improve capacity and quality of services from CRPs

To help expand the capacity and quality of services from community rehabilitation programs, the Division of Rehabilitation Services offers establishment grants to develop or expand their service capacity. The focus of these establishment grants is to expand supported employment services for youth with disabilities and other individuals with significant disabilities.

The Division continually works on improving the quality of services from CRPs. The Division has provided numerous training initiatives and opportunities for CRP personnel to become a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP). Service providers who become certified and complete a two

day Person Centered Training will receive a 25% increase in their service rates. Maintaining their CESP certification will require the service provider to complete 36 continuing education hours every 3 years.