



Utah State Office of Rehabilitation 2014 Building Block Priority (Ongoing)

1. Vocational Rehabilitation – 3 Rehabilitation Technicians	\$153,000
<p><u>Rationale:</u> Over the past 4 years, VR has seen the number of individuals served increase 29% (22,000 to 31,000). During the same period, additional FTE to meet this need has increased only 3% (274-282). By hiring 3 paraprofessional Rehabilitation Technician positions, we can augment increased Counselor time for clientele and reduce staff expenses for the same staff as Counselors by the amount of \$76,000. These positions will assist 75 to 100 additional individuals each year to become successfully employed.</p>	
2. Independent Living Center Services Needs	\$300,000
<p><u>Rationale:</u> To meet continued and increasing needs provided by the 6 Independent Living Centers (ILC's) that provide services statewide can assist underserved individuals with significant disability to become independent and productive. Requested funding will go to hire ILC staff for provision of life-skill training, acquiring personal care services, accessing affordable housing, assistive technology, nursing home diversion, transition from high school, finding accessible community activities, and serving an increasing demand for those dealing with homelessness.</p>	
3. Assistive Technology at USU and 6 Independent Living Center Needs	\$100,000
<p><u>Rationale:</u> To meet the needs of individuals with disabilities provided by USU and ILC Assistive Technology programs for devices and services to assist them to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The UATF portion of this request is \$30,000 for provision of mini-grants of \$250 or less for qualifying individuals, and the remaining \$70,000 will be divided among the 6 for their respective assistive technology programs.</p>	
4. Blind and Visually Impaired- 1 Certified Rural Rehabilitation Teacher	\$100,000
<p><u>Rationale:</u> To provide for one rehabilitation teacher for provision of outreach skills training in cane travel, home management, adaptive computer technology, and home repair to the approximately 2,000 individuals with blindness and visual impairment in the southern portion of the state that are unable to attend full-time program services in Salt Lake City. This request would cover salary, benefits and expenses for the requested one position.</p>	
5. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Funds	\$50,000
<p><u>Rationale:</u> To meet the current and growing needs provided by hard of hearing specialists that assist individuals with hearing loss to receive needed specialized services for communication and community integration. This request would provide one additional specialist to reduce the overwhelming workload of the 2 current specialists striving to provide statewide services.</p>	

TOTAL Ongoing Funds Requested: \$703,000

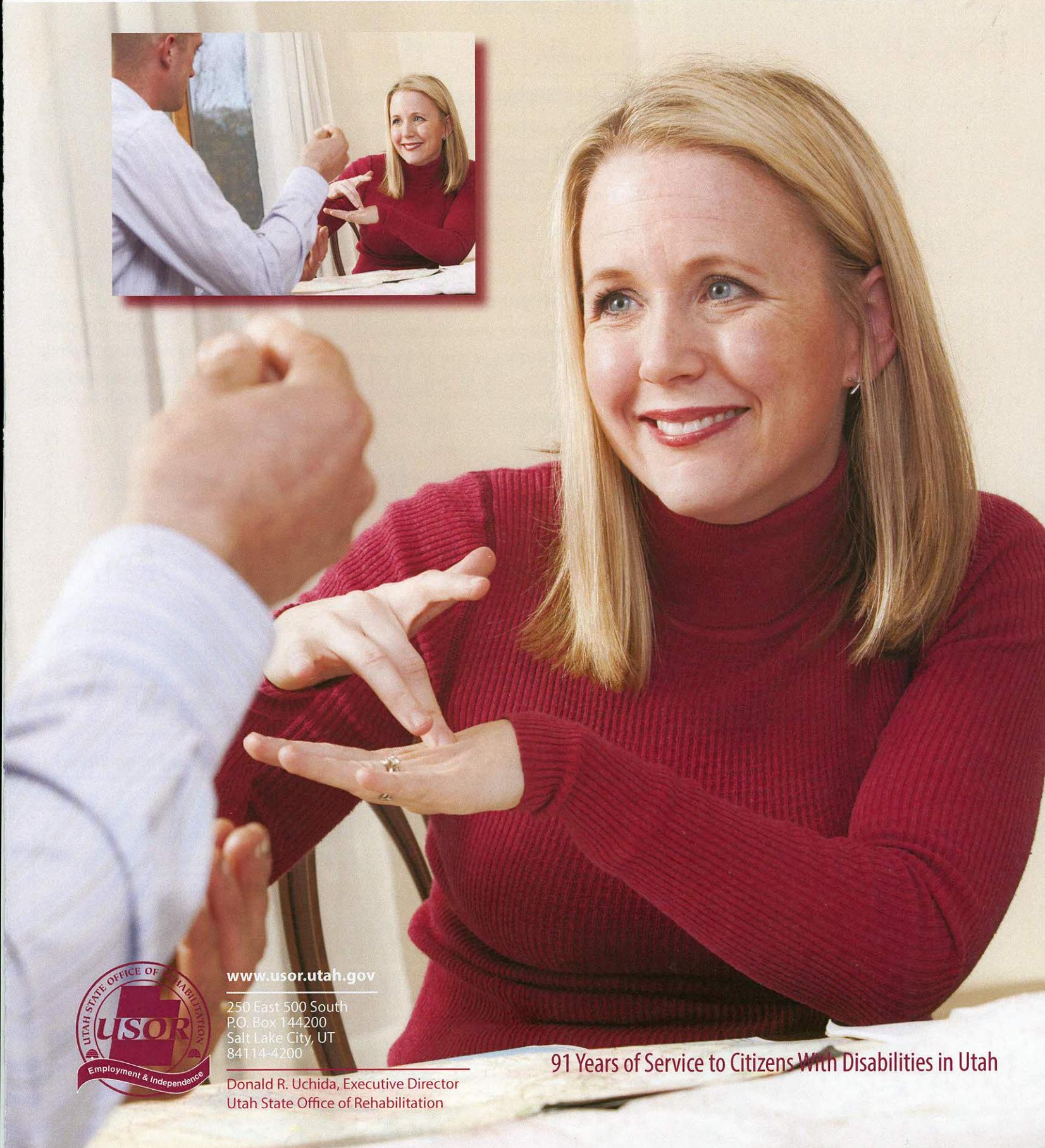
**Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
2014 Building Block Priority (One-Time)**

1. One Time Assistive Technology Funds	\$250,000
<u>Rationale:</u> A waiting list of approximately 102 individuals with disabilities needing \$250,000 to fund assistive technology equipment is anticipated for State FY 2014. These one-time funds will provide funds to eliminate this wait list for the year.	

TOTAL One-Time Funds Requested: \$250,000

Total USOR Funds Requested: \$953,000

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Eligible individuals, in partnership with their Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, assess their rehabilitation needs, establish an employment goal, and develop a plan to reach that goal. The plan includes the following information: services needed to reach the goal, who will provide the services, a time line, and evaluation criteria to measure progress toward the goal.

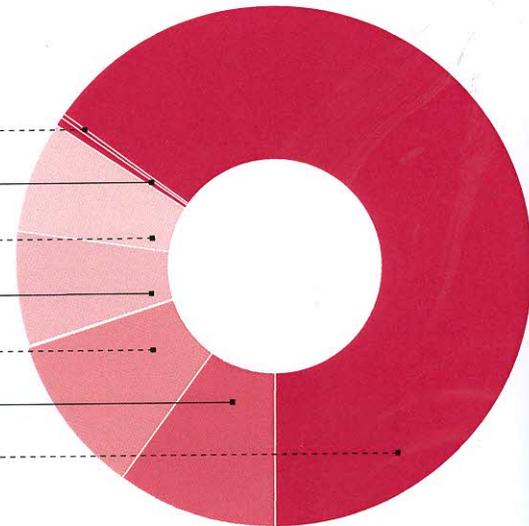
Services are available according to needs, abilities, and choices. These services may include medical restoration and treatment, counseling and guidance, assistive technology, job placement, and follow-up, as well as other services needed to assist consumers to attain their employment goals.

EXPENDITURES

This pie chart shows the percentage of case service funds utilized for services that assisted people with disabilities in preparing for and obtaining employment.

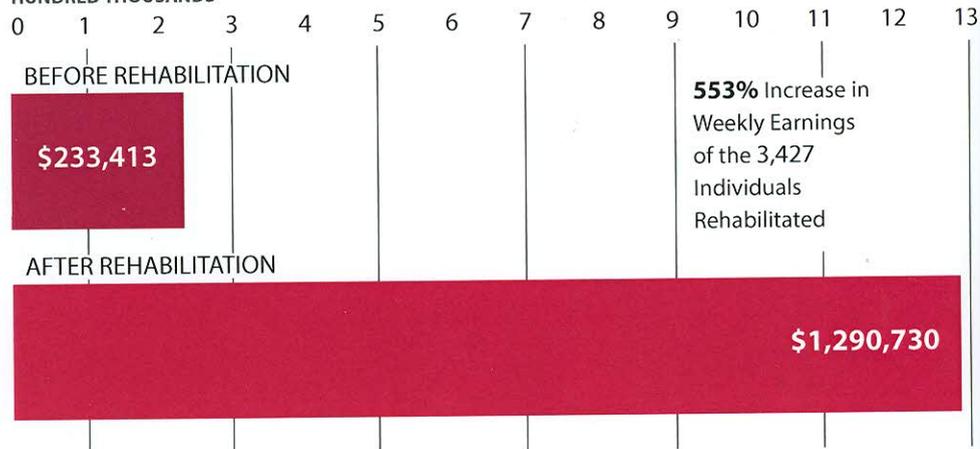
3,427 TOTAL EMPLOYED

Family Members	0.5%
Diagnostic/Evaluation	0.5%
Other Goods and Services	7.0%
Assistive Technology	7.0%
Maintenance/Transportation	10.0%
Physical/Mental Restoration	10.0%
Training	65.0%
Interpreter Services	0.0%

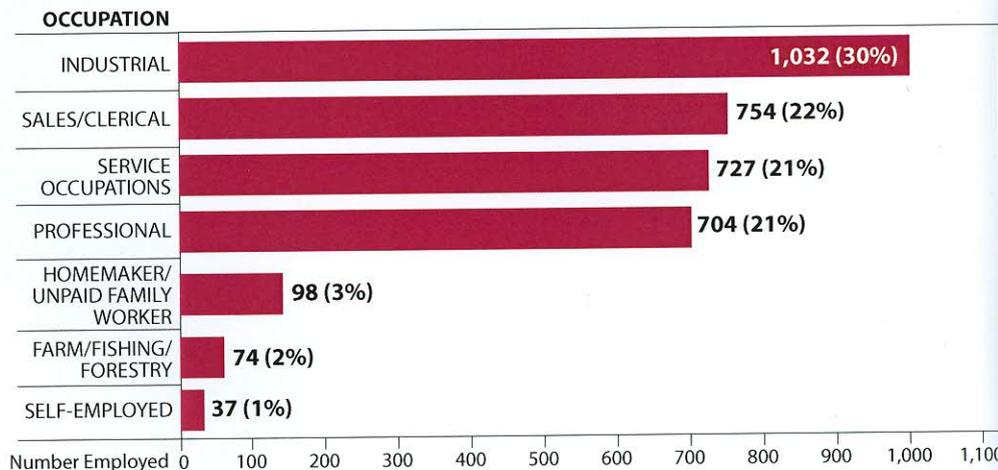


ECONOMIC IMPACT *After Rehabilitation Services*

HUNDRED THOUSANDS



OCCUPATIONS *of the 3,427 Individuals Rehabilitated*



UTAH'S 10-STATE COMPARISON STUDY *for FFY 2012*

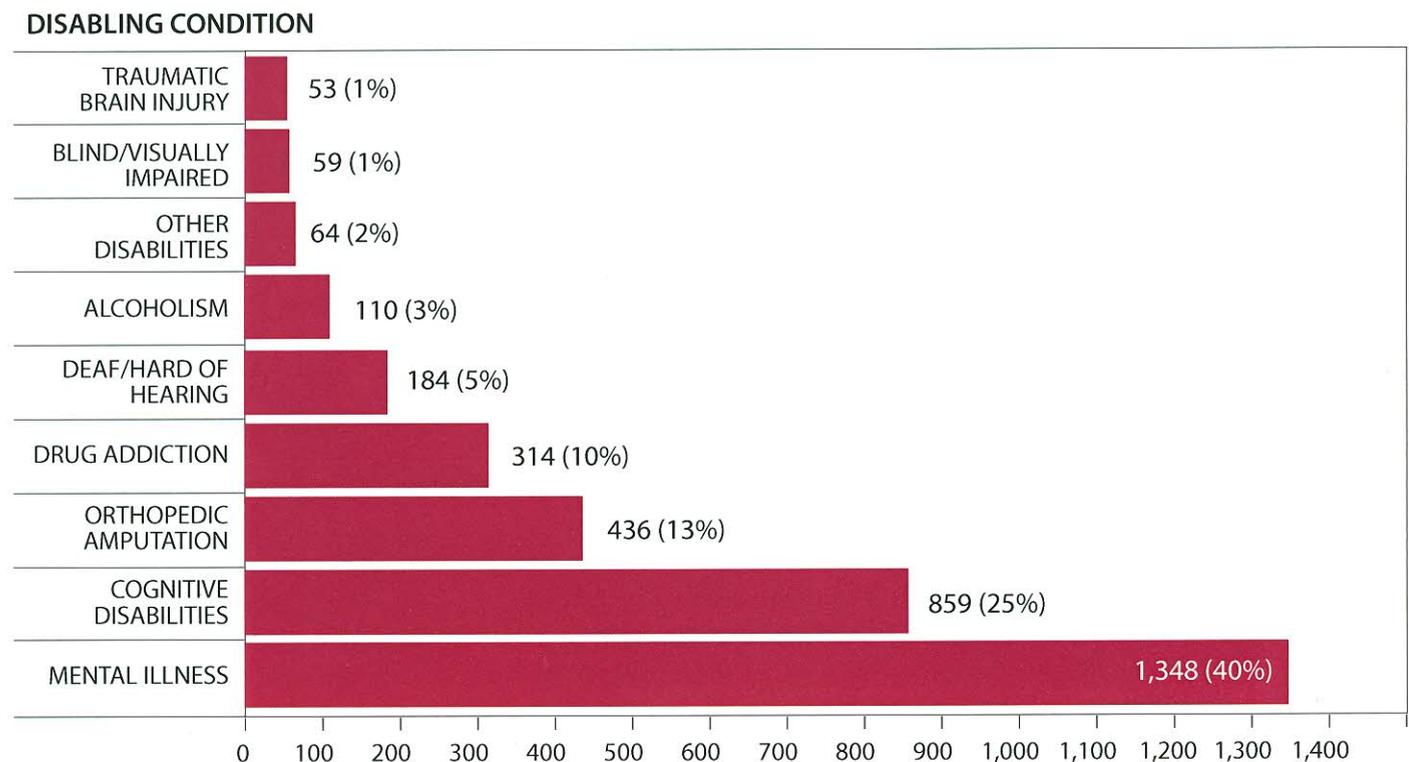
	UTAH	Colorado	Idaho (General)	Montana	Nevada	North Dakota	Oregon	S. Dakota (General)	So. Dakota (Blind/Visually Impaired)	Wyoming
Number of Clients Placed in Jobs	3,427	2,496	1,814	830	852	708	2,032	823	120	678
Average Number Placed in Jobs per Counselor	27	20	25	20	19	17	17	21	17	23
Cost per Client Rehabilitated	\$10,760	\$16,245	\$8,966	\$16,239	\$14,596	\$14,519	\$19,368	\$10,039	\$19,419	\$13,650
Average Caseload Size	230	157	182	194	130	139	124	147	81	190

HIGHLIGHTS

The following information demonstrates the individual and program success Vocational Rehabilitation achieved during 2012:

- **3,427** individuals with disabilities were successfully employed.
- **30,853** individuals were provided with vocational rehabilitation services.
- **99** percent of those employed were severely disabled.
- **146** public assistance recipients were successfully employed.
- **671** Social Security Disability Insurance recipients were successfully employed.
- **59** individuals were successfully employed through supported employment services.
- **\$15,437,130** in estimated annual taxes were paid by **3,427** employed individuals after vocational rehabilitation services were provided.

MAJOR DISABLING CONDITIONS *of the 3,427 Individuals Rehabilitated*



SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE



MELY HAVEY

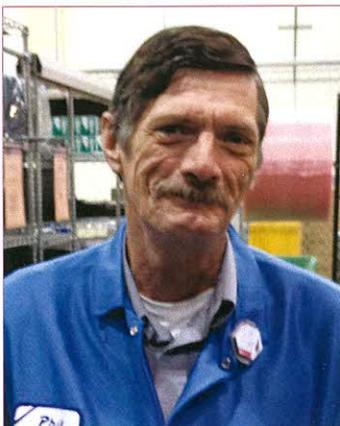
As told by client Mely Havey

"This letter is about my story of getting a second chance in life, and that is what I got when I came into Vocational Rehabilitation for my orientation. I remember not knowing what type of commitments I was going to have to make for myself. I was not even really sure what the program was all about, other than the fact that I was needing to make some changes in my life. The first year was like placing a puzzle together; I had all the pieces but I could not find where they went or why they belonged in my life. None of them made sense. I was frustrated and confused. I did not want to accept all of my problems, because I felt I had none. A little at a time, working with all of the opportunities that VR had to offer, I started to recover from my multiple challenges and started to live a better life with my family and with my career.

"I started VR in 2005, when I was 21 years old. I had different counselors that were all very caring and always making sure I was staying on track—from setting me up with appointments to getting good grades in college, looking for a job, seeing my therapists, going to meetings for recovery and more. After just two years, I encountered the love of my life and had two children. If it were not for my family and this program I would never have become who I am now and completed college. It took about five years to get my degree and graduate as a secondary education teacher. I've worked with teenagers at two different private schools and in other successful customer service jobs. I feel that the things that I have recovered from in my life lead me to work and be an advocate for these kids, just like the people who helped me in this program as I was growing up to become a mother, a teacher, a wife and hopefully one day a wise grandmother.

"I want to continue to expand my career and enjoy my life. It has been about two years since I graduated, and I am already looking at what I can do next to become a better teacher and advocate for others. I want to say thank you to everyone at VR that has helped me, from the secretaries to the sponsors. I will never forget any of my counselors and assistants. I feel like I have a life that I deserve, and I have finally finished my puzzle."

Mely worked hard to complete her education and become a successful teacher. She has learned that her disability does not need to keep her from achieving her goals in life.



PHILLIP WATTS

Phillip Watts says that he has been on SSI disability since 2004. Without the help, support, and funding provided by the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, he would still be receiving instead of giving back as a taxpaying, contributing member of society. He wants to thank his VR counselor for his help and patience in assisting him through the VR process. He feels that his counselor's expertise and knowledge are unmatched in his field.

Philip received training at the School of Applied Technology's Electronics Technician Program, in conjunction with a credit degree in electronics technologies from Salt Lake Community College. He was able to gain employment with GE Healthcare in Salt Lake City as a field service quarantine test technician. (This is a fancy way of saying that he repairs the circuits and components related to C-arm X-ray machines and fluoroscopic X-ray tables.) This is a very technical and detail-oriented job. Philip has not let his disability hold him back. He has worked hard to achieve his credit degree and has said that, considering all that Vocational Rehabilitation has done for him, it is his pleasure to be highlighted in our annual report as a testament to a program that helps people with disabilities succeed in the workforce.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WAIT LIST

CO CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMOUNT P	VENDOR
15	516 turney seat		5500	0 biddable
15	516 suitcase ramp		377	0 medsource
11	512 batteries		202.92	0 petersen med
7	511 scooter		2499.99	0 petersen med
4	516 scoota trailer		2635	0 freewheel mob
8	517 bellevita bath lift		990	0 nat'l seating
15	517 rehab show/comm/ch		999	0 medsource
13	513 porch lift		5700	0 biddable
15	511 lynx 3 wh scooter		782	0 medsource
12	516 power lift seat		5800	0 biddable
19	513 stair lift		4790	0 able access elev
19	516 curbsider veh lift		3110	0 mob solutions
3	517 lift chair		1580	0 petersen med
17	517 hospital bed		900	0 petersen med
15	510 manual wheelchair		393	0 medsource
3	502 hearing aids		1250	0 adv hearing
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2	512 batteries		360	0 carter install
17	502 hearing aids		2711.5	0 precision hearing
12	510 bariatric w/c		500	0 petersen med
12	511 pride power chair		4711	0 petersen med
9	517 lift chair		975	0 carter inst
3	514 trekker gait trainer		2913.03	0 nat'l seating
11	512 batteries/arm rests		624.08	0 aamco
3	512 roho cushion		353.76	0 nat'l seating
12	517 lift chair		1199.99	0 petersen med
12	517 lift chair		1200.99	0 petersen med
17	517 lift chair		949.99	0 petersen med
2	517 emer call sys		329	0 home tech syst
2	513 porch lift		7585	0 biddable
2	516 harmer w/c lift		2500	0 action med
3	502 hearing aids		1794	0 intermtn aud
11	513 ramp		3590	0 accessible sys
1	516 van conversion		19500	0 biddable
15	514 walker		140.25	0 nat'l seating
3	510 manual wheelchair		594.99	0 petersen med
11	517 cutting board		80	0 petersen med
15	513 porch lift		6270	0 biddable
3	511 scooter		2100	0 aamco
15	511 power chair		18187	0 medsource
15	513 ramp		2985	0 mob solutions
11	502 hearing aids		2590	0 precision hearing
11	512 batteries		248.4	0 aamco
4	517 bath lift chair		1909.32	0 nat'l seating
15	517 stander/bed cane		98	0 medsource
15	517 reacher		28	0 medsource

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WAIT LIST

15	517 toilet safety frame	45	0 medsource
15	517 folding stocking aid	19	0 medsource
15	511 lynx 3 wh scooter	782.65	0 medsource
4	517 bellevita bath lift	1000	0 petersen med
4	511 copay/jazzy p/ch	614.94	0 nat'l seating
4	517 bellevita elec bath lift	1000	0 petersen med
4	511 co-pay jazzy w/c	614.94	0 nat'l seating
19	517 bed cane	239.26	0 aamco
19	517 grab bars	60.52	0 aamco
19	517 easy leg lifter	75	0 medsource
19	517 transfer bench	204.03	0 aamco
19	517 guardian alert	244	0 medsource
9	513 porch lift	9325	0 biddable
2	507 video magnifier	2795	0 rocky mtn low vis
12	512 batteries	399.98	0 petersen med
2	511 scooter	2696.38	0 aamco
7	502 hearing aids	2800	0 hearing and bal
20	502 hearing aids	3150	0 fam audiology
15	517 transfer bench	156.4	0 nat'l seating
15	510 manual wheelchair	393	0 medsource
16	510 manual wheelchair	3067	0 medsource
17	502 hearing aids	2710	0 precision hearing
2	511 scooter	2696.38	0 aamco
2	517 lift chair	975	0 carter install

Equipment to date (1/15/13)	Cost to date (1/15/13)
70 pieces of equip	161850.69

502 8 hearing aids
 507 1 video magnifier
 510 5 manual wheelchairs
 511 10 powerchairs and scooters
 512 6 wheelchair accessories
 513 7 porch lifts / ramps
 514 2 walkers
 516 7 vehicle modifications
 517 24 aids to daily living

total consumers to date 54

CLIENTS FROM INDEPENDENT LIVING RECEIVING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The numbers for those going from IL AT to VR:

2009 = 56

2010 = 51

2011 = 48

2012 = 47

2013 = 31 (as of 01/15/2013)

The number of those IL AT Clients who achieved employment:

2008 = 1

2009 = 1

2010 = 10

2011 = 2

2012 = 4