

### REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS





## Introduction



#### Samuel Pierre

- PAIR Program Manager
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  - State Liaison
    - Alabama
    - New Mexico B/G
    - Tennessee
    - Nevada
    - Montana





### Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed into law on July 22, 2014
- Increased emphasis on advancement in employment
- The Final Rule for the VR regulations was published in the Federal Register on August 19, 2016
  - Became effective on September 19, 2016
  - Changes that effect the PAIR program can be found 34 CFR Part 381.



### PAIR Program Overview

Appropriation Individuals Served

- FFY 2017 \$17,332,300 10,256
- FFY 2018 \$17,332,300 9,483
- FFY 2019 \$17,332,300 9,700
- FFY 2020 \$17,332,300 ?



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## Remaining Balances



► FFY 2019 - 1,454,158.04

FFY 2020 - 11,880,283.34





# PAIR Leading Problem Areas and Complaints of those Individuals Served 100 in FFY 2019

- ► Education 18%
- ► Housing 15%
- ► Health Care 14%



# PAIR Leading Problem Areas and Complaints of those Individuals Served 100 in FFY 2018

- ► Education-20%
- ► Health Care 16%
- ► Employment- 13%



# PAIR Leading Problem Areas and Complaints of those Individuals Served 100 in FFY 2017

- ► Education-19%
- ► Health Care 15%
- ► Employment- 14%



## PAIR Program Monitoring Initiative

#### Program Monitoring

- Program Performance Reports (PPRs)
- Systemic Issues GPRA Measure
- Narrative Capturing Key Points
- Fiscal Monitoring
  - SF-425 reports



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## Systemic advocacy (GPRA)

- **V**R100
- The percentage of Protection of Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) that reported that their systemic advocacy resulted in a change in policy or practice:
  - Target 91.0%; Actual 93% FFY2014
  - Target 92.0%; Actual 86% FFY 2015
  - Target 92.0%; Actual 84% FFY 2016
  - Target 92.0%; Actual 89% FFY2017
  - Target 88.0%; Actual 76% FFY2018
  - Target 88.0%; Actual 95% FFY2019



## Importance and Use of Reporting

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- Program Performance Reports
- Information is reported annually to Congress
- Used to maintain, increase, decrease annual appropriation
- Information is used during periodic monitoring
- GPRA Measure
- GAO Reviews
- \* Government Performance and Results Act OMB Curricular A-11
- \*\* Government Accountability Office







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