

# MISSOURI STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL



## 2019 | ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the members of the Missouri State Rehabilitation Council, I am proud to present this summary of the Council's annual report for 2019. Each Council member has unique experiences in advocating for the rights of our fellow Missourians whose physical or mental disabilities may pose barriers to productive employment. Through our quarterly meetings and committee deliberations, we have given our support to Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to empower individuals with disabilities and to encourage decisions that lead to greater self-sufficiency. It has been my great privilege to work with members of the Council as well as with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing our citizens with the opportunity to make choices in obtaining meaningful employment.

Respectfully,



Bob Hosutt, Chairperson

## COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) was first authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1998. Section 105 of the Act requires the state vocational rehabilitation agency to establish a council. The SRC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) regarding its performance on such issues as eligibility; the extent, scope and effectiveness of services; and any other functions affecting people with disabilities.

During 2019, the SRC was actively involved with VR in the activities below:

Provided recommendations to VR on policy revisions and rule changes

Attended and participated in VR public hearings to provide input on the combined state plan

Evaluated and provided recommendations on the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation services and satisfaction with those services

Assisted VR staff in preparing the SRC's annual report for the governor and the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation services in Missouri

Reviewed and provided recommendations to VR regarding the combined state plan's comprehensive statewide needs assessment, goals, priorities, performance accountability measures and comprehensive system of personnel development

## VR HIGHLIGHTS



**28,764** individuals worked with VR counselors.



**4,589** individuals achieved successful employment outcomes.



**1,858** youths reached successful employment outcomes.



**1,505** successfully employed individuals received supported employment services.



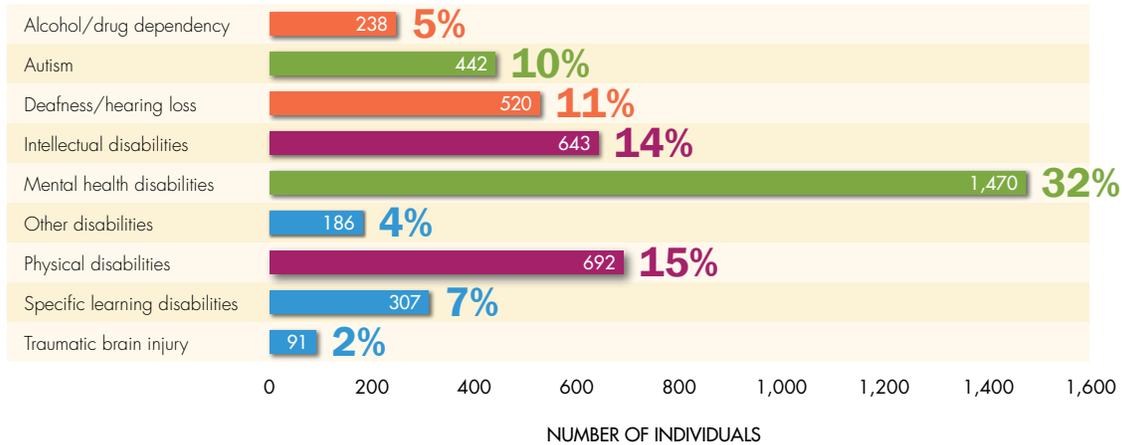
**523** successfully employed individuals received Individual Placement and Support services.



**\$66,577,212** was the total annual increase in earnings for individuals with successful outcomes.

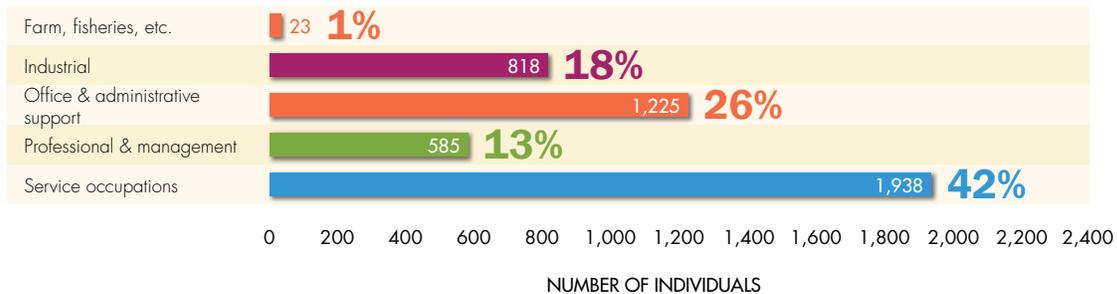
## Disability Categories – 4,589 individuals with successful employment outcomes (PY 2018)

### TYPE OF DISABILITY



## Occupations – 4,589 individuals with successful employment outcomes (PY 2018)

### OCCUPATION



## Characteristics

Individuals with successful employment outcomes (PY 2018)

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	2,632	57%
Female	1,934	42%
Did not wish to self-identify	22	<1%
Did not answer	1	<1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>100%</b>

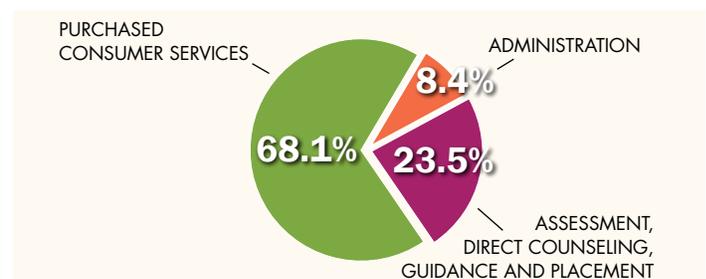
Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White	3,512	77%
African-American	843	18%
Hispanic	124	3%
American Indian	65	1%
Asian	35	<1%
Pacific Islander	10	<1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>100%</b>

Age	Number	Percent
Less than 25 years	1,617	35%
25 – 34	914	20%
35 – 44	693	15%
45 – 54	645	14%
55 – 64	522	12%
65 and over	198	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Impact of VR Services – PY 2018



## Expenditures – PY 2018



# MISSION STATEMENT

## Missouri State Rehabilitation Council

### OUR VISION

The Missouri State Rehabilitation Council envisions a society that values all of its members equally and provides opportunities so that all people are able to meet their needs, fulfill their dreams and participate in society.

### OUR MISSION

To ensure that persons with disabilities have opportunities to be as productive as possible by advising Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided to persons with disabilities are:

- of the highest quality.
- consumer directed.
- responsive to consumer choice.
- effective.
- individualized.
- culturally specific and relevant to labor market trends.

### OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

To work in partnership with Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation to achieve positive outcomes for persons with disabilities by:

- providing input on the state plan, policies and practices affecting services to persons with disabilities.
- obtaining and interpreting consumer input.
- identifying corrective action consistent with that input.
- advocating for adequate resources to ensure that the rehabilitation needs of all Missourians are met.
- identifying strategies to address the needs of people who are not being served or who are being underserved.

To support Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation in complying with applicable laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

*(Adopted Nov. 4, 1999)*

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*The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is funded, in part, with a federal grant awarded by the Department of Education. In FFY 2019, the program received \$61,980,296 of federal funds and \$16,715,882 of state funds for VR services. Total funding of \$78,696,178 was comprised of 78.7% federal monies and 21.3% of state matching funds. The Supported Employment (SE) program is funded, in part, with a federal grant awarded by the Department of Education. In FFY 2019, the program received \$271,772 of federal funds and \$14,592 of state funds for SE services. Total funding of \$286,364 was comprised of 95% federal monies and 5% state matching funds.*