

PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR FY2024

Name of Agency: Department for the Blind				
Agency Mission: To empower blind lowans to be gainfully employed and live independently.				
Core Function	Performance Measure (Outcome)	Performance Target	Prior Year Actual	Link to Strategic Plan Goal(s)
CF: Vocational Rehabilitation Services & Independent Living				
Desired Outcome(s):				
Increase productivity and independence of blind lowans	Ratio of average VR wage to average state wage as a percentage.82-001	75%	74.43%	Department goal number one as stated in the strategic plan.
Services, Products, Activities	Performance Measures	Performance Target	Prior Year Actual	Strategies/Recommended Actions
1. Org# VOCR A. VR Services	Percentage of closures with an employment outcome after receiving services. 82100-007	40%	28.95%	Vocational rehabilitation counselors meet regularly with rehabilitation teachers, employment specialists, assistive technology specialists, and orientation center instructors to maximize services for each client.
	Percentage of transition age youth who obtain work experience prior to graduation from high school 82100-013	80%	100%	Provide targeted services to youth ages 14 to 21. Services include counseling regarding careers and post-secondary options, work-based learning experiences, work place readiness training, social skills and independent living skills training, and training in self-advocacy, including opportunities

				for peer interaction, mentoring and confidence building activities.
B. Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center	Results on skills and attitude assessments for students who have completed orientation center training. 82100-012	90%	100%	Using the structured-discovery approach to instruction, provide comprehensive residential training to blind adults in the skills of blindness and the development of a positive attitude toward blindness.
C. Business Enterprise Program 82400-001	Average net income to vendors	\$45,000	\$51,223	Provide effective vending management assistance and continually seek new, profitable locations for vending facilities.
2. Org# VOCCR/INDL A. Education and Outreach 82300-004	Number of in-service training sessions conducted for community service providers	37	45	Increase the capacity of community-based service providers to meet the needs of older Individuals who are blind.
B. Education and Outreach	Number of Independent Living Objectives Met 82300-007	900	966	Using the structured-discovery approach to instruction, provide comprehensive residential training to blind adults in the skills of blindness to enable them to live independently in their communities.
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CF – Library services				
Acquires, manages and circulates information to eligible borrowers. Collections may include books, journals, databases, videos, state and federal documents,				

and access to web sites.				
Desired Outcomes:				
That lowans who cannot use standard print have access to printed materials of all kinds in alternative media. 40-001	Number of lowans using services.	6,000		Department goal number three as stated in the strategic plan.
Services, Products, Activities	Performance Measures	Performance Target	Prior Year Actual	Strategies/Recommended Actions
1. Org# LIBR A. Circulation of library materials.	Number of items (books, magazines, and playback units) circulated 40100-001.	360,000	352,745	Provide information and reader advisor services to patrons in person and by telephone; circulate books using automated system. Use qualified staff to perform functions. Receive new equipment from National Library Service (NLS); ship machines and accessories to patrons upon request; receive and clean damaged and returned machines; repair damaged machines. Use staff, volunteers, and prison inmates to achieve goals. Catalog new titles from NLS, locally produced books, and books purchased from other sources. Use automated system and professional librarian with cataloguing skills to perform work. Conduct public service announcement campaign; conduct

				<p>public outreach activities including open houses, speaking engagements, conference exhibits, etc. Make initial contacts with all new patrons to retain or start services.</p> <p>Purchase and distribute sacred texts upon request.</p> <p>Label and ship books and video using automated system to generate mailing cards; receive returned books and magazines; inspect, rewind, repair, and re-shelve returned items; receive, label, inventory and shelve new books; excess and discard obsolete and unneeded volumes; inventory, shift, and maintain entire physical collection. Maintain proper inventory in automated system.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Org # LIBP</p> <p>Access to downloadable books online through BARD (Braille and Audio Recording Download)</p>	<p>Number of items downloaded from BARD. 40100-002</p>	<p>40,000</p>	<p>48,300</p>	<p>As a National Library Service Network Library, provide information and assistance to our library patrons in accessing BARD (Braille and Audio Recording Download) site and accounts. Include informational and account management for library patrons.</p> <p>Library adds locally produced Braille and audio items to BARD.</p> <p>Conduct awareness campaign to inform patrons of BARD access.</p>
<p>3. Org # LIBP</p> <p>Production of materials in alternative media. 40200-002</p>	<p>Number of items produced in alternative media.</p>	<p>1,800</p>	<p>1,722</p>	<p>Use staff, volunteers, and prisons program, record, duplicate, label, package, and ship recorded material to patrons and other requesting agencies.</p>

				Use services of staff, volunteers, and prison program to transcribe printed material into Braille. Emboss, burst, thermoform, bind, label, and ship completed documents to patrons and other requesting agencies.
4. Org # INMC Instructional Materials Center and Braille Production services.	Number of educational requests filled by Instructional Materials Center. 40300-001	1,400	1,283	Work closely with Iowa schools and area education agency personnel to fulfill requests for students' textbooks in alternative media.
	Percentage of Instructional Materials Center requests filled in a timely manner 40300-002	97%	97%	Using services of staff, volunteers, prison programs, and contractors, provide requested textbooks and classroom materials in specialized formats at the same time as sighted peers receive their materials.
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CF – Resource Management (Enterprise or Agency)				
Provides all vital infrastructure needs necessary to administer and support agency operations. Key activities may include financial and personnel services such as payroll, accounting and budget; purchasing of goods and services;				

media management; information technology enhancement, management and support; staff development; leadership; planning; policy development; maintenance of physical infrastructure and governance system development to achieve results for lowans.				
Desired Outcome(s):				
Effective administration of the Department for the Blind.	<p>1. Number of reportable comments in the annual audit. 67-001</p> <p>2. Number of compliance issues raised by federal agency during monitoring visit.</p> <p>67-002</p>	<p>1. 0</p> <p>2. 0</p>	<p>0</p> <p>0</p> <p>0</p>	Supports all four goals in the Department's strategic plan for the period ending June 30
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1. Org# RESM Department administrative services.	1. Percent of compliance with Accountable Government Act 67100-002	1. 100 % compliance with Accountable Government Act	100%	1. Achieve compliance with Chapter 8E and executive orders.