

most severe disabilities has made the transition from project support.

(2) *Transitional rehabilitation services* means any vocational rehabilitation services available under the State plan for vocational rehabilitation services under 34 CFR part 361 or the State plan for independent living services under 34 CFR part 365 and may also include—

- (i) Jobs search assistance;
- (ii) On-the-job training;
- (iii) Job development, including work-site modification and use of advanced learning technology for skills training; and
- (iv) Follow-up services for individuals placed in employment.

(3) *Youths with disabilities* means individuals with disabilities between the ages of 12 and 26.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 777a(b))

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Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Secretary Assist Under This Program?

§ 376.10 What types of projects are authorized under this program?

(a) This program supports special projects and demonstrations, including research and evaluation, for the following purposes:

(1) To demonstrate effective ways in which to provide job training, placement, and other transitional rehabilitation services to youths with disabilities to prepare them for entry in the labor force, including competitive or supported employment.

(2) To demonstrate service programs for youths with disabilities reflecting cooperative efforts between local educational agencies, business and industry, vocational rehabilitation agencies, community rehabilitation programs, parent groups, public or other non-profit developmental disabilities agencies, organizations representing labor, and organizations responsible for promoting or assisting in local economic development.

(3) To develop and implement new patterns or practices of transitional rehabilitation service delivery and to conduct the field-testing and evaluation

of these patterns or practices to determine the efficacy of their being replicated in other settings.

(b) Research and evaluation activities carried out under this program must be specifically related to a transitional rehabilitation service model under which direct services are provided.

(c) Projects funded under this part must serve youths with disabilities.

(d) A project funded under this part may include dissemination of information on project activities to business and industry.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 311(b); 29 U.S.C. 711a(c) and 777(b))

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Subpart C [Reserved]

Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 376.30 What priorities are considered for support by the Secretary under this part?

The Secretary may select annually in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, one or more of the following priority areas for funding under this program:

(a) *Community-based transitional rehabilitation service delivery.* This priority supports projects that demonstrate exemplary models for developing and establishing community-based transitional rehabilitation service programs that result directly in competitive or supported employment for youths with disabilities within the labor force.

(b) *Statewide transitional rehabilitation service delivery.* This priority supports projects that demonstrate effective Statewide approaches to transitional rehabilitation service delivery for youths with disabilities and demonstrate cooperative efforts between State agencies responsible for service to youths with disabilities including but not limited to, special education, vocational rehabilitation, and day services for adults with developmental disabilities.

(c) *Transitional rehabilitation services for youths with disabilities who have special needs.* This priority supports

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projects that demonstrate transitional rehabilitation service programs focused on meeting the special job training and placement needs of one or more groups of individuals with physical or mental disabilities which present unusual and difficult rehabilitation problems including, but not limited to, blindness, cerebral palsy, deafness, epilepsy, mental illness, mental retardation, and learning disability.

(d) *Transitional rehabilitation services for institutionalized persons.* This priority supports projects that demonstrate effective ways to assist youths and young adults who are institutionalized, including those residing in skilled nursing or intermediate care facilities, to return to community living and competitive or supported employment.

(e) *Transitional rehabilitation services for unemployed youths with disabilities.* This priority supports projects that demonstrate ways to train and place in competitive or supported employment youths with disabilities who were unable to participate in special education programs or who recently graduated from those programs but have been unable to secure and maintain employment.

(f) *Home-based transitional rehabilitation services.* This priority supports projects that demonstrate ways in which youths with disabilities, including those residing in rural areas, who because of the severity of their disabilities are precluded from employment in the community, could be gainfully employed in home settings.

(Authority: Sec. 311(b); 29 U.S.C. 777 (a), (b))

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Subpart E—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

§ 376.40 What are the matching requirements?

The Secretary may pay all or part of the costs of activities funded under this program. If part of the costs is to be paid by a grantee, the amount of grantee participation is specified in the application notice and will not be more

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than 10 percent of the total cost of the project.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 311(b); 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 777a(b))

[59 FR 8340, Feb. 18, 1994]

§ 376.41 What are the requirements for cooperation between grantees and other agencies and organizations?

Each project must be designed to demonstrate a cooperative effort between local educational agencies, business and industry, vocational rehabilitation programs, organizations representing labor, and organizations responsible for promoting or assisting in local economic development.

(Authority: Sec. 311(b); 29 U.S.C. 777a(b))

PART 377—DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO INCREASE CLIENT CHOICE PROGRAM

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