

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; Final Funding Priorities for Research and Training Centers and Notice Inviting Applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 18, 2000 a notice of final funding priorities and a notice inviting applications for new awards for three Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs) for FY 2000 were published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 31752, 31757).

The absolute priority for the Improving Services and Supports for Individuals with Long-Term Mental Illness (84.133B-7) shown on page 31755 was published as incomplete. This notice corrects the absolute priority to include additional requirements and a changed point value for the selection criteria. It is corrected to read:

In carrying out these purposes, the Center must:

(1) Develop measures that can be applied to evaluate self-determination activities in terms of rehabilitation outcomes, quality of services, and availability of community resources;

(2) Identify and assess self-determination direction theories, models, and activities, as well as the barriers to participation in self-determination activities for individuals with disabilities;

(3) Develop and evaluate management tools to enable service providers to support self-determination;

(4) Develop, conduct, and evaluate, training on self-determination and consumer choice to improve understanding and support of self-determination;

(5) Identify factors that prevent access and expanded use of technology to enhance self-determination;

(6) Identify or develop and evaluate self-determination models that integrate technology into activities and services that support self-determination and assess consumer satisfaction and benefits;

(7) Identify and evaluate the extent of knowledge and experience that service providers (*e.g.*, rehabilitation counselors, therapists, job coaches, psychiatrists and psychologists, and other service providers) have using technology to support self-determination; and

(8) Assess policies of service providers and payers in terms of their implications for fostering or impeding self-determination, and identify strategies for policy improvements.

In addition to the activities proposed by the applicant to carry out these purposes, the RRTC must:

(1) Conduct in the third year of the grant, a state-of-the-science conference on self-determination for persons with significant and persistent mental illness and publish a comprehensive report in the fourth year of the grant; and

(2) Address in its research the specific needs of minority populations with LTMI.

This notice corrects the "Maximum Award Amount Per Year" as shown on page 31758 for the Improved Management of CIL Programs and Services (84.133B-1). The published maximum award amount per year reads "\$500,000". It is corrected to read "\$600,000". This notice also corrects the "Maximum Award Amount Per Year" for Improving Services and Supports for Individuals with Long-Term Mental Illness (84.133B-7). The published maximum award amount per year reads "\$550,000". It is corrected to read "\$750,000".

The published point total in the selection criteria for (h) *Collaboration* as shown on page 31759 reads "(2 points total)". It is corrected to read "(3 points total)".

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