# UNDERSTANDING PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measure Requirements

Performance Measure Development

Targets – Met/Not Met

**Strategies to Increase Performance** 



#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE REQUIREMENTS

# **AT Act Requirements**

- "measureable goals . . . related to
  - education,
  - employment,
  - telecommunications and information technology,
  - community living" and
- "how the State will quantifiably measure the goals".



#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEVELOPMENT

# **Development Activities**

- stakeholder group RSA, CSAVR, Family Center on Technology and Disability, RESNA, State AT Programs (2 Directors)
- rejected secondary outcomes like -
  - obtained job subsequent to obtaining AT
  - improved grades/graduated by using AT
  - move to independent living by using AT
- developed concept of "access" and "acquisition"
- ratio measure (percentage) rather than count
  - count favors larger programs, eventually will max out
  - percentage more equitable for all states



#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEVELOPMENT

#### **Access Measure**

- Purpose of device demo and loan?
- Decision-making covered majority of purposes
- N = Demo/loan sufficient to allow decision to be made
- D = All demo/loans reported

# **Acquisition Measure**

- Why is SFA or Reuse program used?
- N = Only way can obtain (affordability/availability)
- N = Could use other program but too complex or long wait
- D = All SFA/Reuse recipients reported.



## **TARGETS**

# **Access Target**

- FY11 set at 70%
- Education 47 of 55 met; 31% lowest reported
- Employment 46 of 55 met; 27% lowest reported
- Community Living 45 of 55 met; 18% lowest reported
- IT/Telecommunications 37 of 44 met; 33% lowest

# **Acquisition Target**

- FY11 set at 75%
- Education 48 of 55 met; 1% lowest reported
- Employment 38 of 48 met; 4% lowest reported
- Community Living 43 of 53 met; 32% lowest reported



#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PERFORMANCE

### Low percentage causes

- No Decision Made (Access) or None of the Above (Acquisition)
- Non Responders (Access and Acquisition)
- Reporting events before complete

## **Strategies**

- Collect Performance Measure data at time of event
- Identify areas (ed, employ) as part of "intake" for event
  - Allows you to report non-respondents accurately
- Do not accept data records without performance measure data
  - In-house data system has a validation rule
  - Data record from contractors rejected without performance measure
- Device Loan Report when all follow-up complete
  - Systematic follow-up, know when 35% allowance is reached
  - Consequences for borrowers not submitting
- Other Ideas?

