

Program Overview



September 28, 2017

**National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
(NIDILRR)
Administration for Community Living**

NIDILRR Now Part of HHS

- ▶ As a result of the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* passed in FY 2014, the agency has been transferred from the Department of Education to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and our name has changed from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), to the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

NIDILRR's Mission



- ▶ To generate knowledge and to promote its effective use to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community; and
- ▶ To expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities.

NIDILRR's Core Outcome Areas



- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Community Living and Participation
- ▶ Health and Function
- ▶ Cross-Cutting Responsibilities
 - Technology/Engineering
 - Disability Statistics
 - Cross-agency Collaboration

NIDILRR's 10 Grant Mechanisms



- ▶ Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC)
- ▶ Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERC)
- ▶ Model Systems (MS) in Spinal Cord, TBI and Burn Injury
- ▶ Field-Initiated Projects (Research and Development) (FIP)
- ▶ Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP)
- ▶ ADA National Network Regional Centers
- ▶ Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training (ARRT)
- ▶ Knowledge Translation (KT) Centers
- ▶ Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- ▶ Switzer Fellowships

NIDILRR's Long Range Plan (2013-2017)

▶ Balance

- ▶ Employment, Community Living, Health/Functioning
- ▶ Disability type (Psychiatric, Developmental, Physical, Sensory)
- ▶ NIDILRR vs. Field-Initiated priorities

▶ Relevance

- ▶ Establishing Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council
- ▶ Increased opportunities for stakeholder advise/criticism
- ▶ Increased emphasis of relevance in review scoring

▶ Quality

- ▶ Increased size and quality of peer review pool: *Donate your brain to science!*
- ▶ Improved training and staff support in peer review process
- ▶ Stages of research

NIDILRR's Long Range Plan (2018-2023) Planning and Development Phase

- ▶ Public Stakeholder Listening Sessions Across the Country- collected comments in person, by phone, and via email
 - ▶ **October 14, 2016**
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Denver, CO
 - ▶ **October 28, 2016**
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
San Francisco, CA
 - ▶ **November 1, 2016**
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Chicago, IL
 - ▶ **November 18, 2016**
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Boston, MA
 - ▶ **December 5, 2016**
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Dallas, TX

- ▶ Final version of Long Range Plan (2018-2023) will be published in the Federal Register.

Information on NIDILRR Projects & Products

- ▶ National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
 - ▶ 80,000 publications and resources
 - ▶ Current and past NIDILRR projects and their topics, contacts, products
 - ▶ <http://naric.com>
- ▶ AbleData: Online Resources on Assistive Technology
 - ▶ 40,000 technology product descriptions
 - ▶ Info on resource centers, conferences, publications
 - ▶ <http://abledata.com>
- ▶ *News and Notes from NIDILRR*

NIDILRR's Commitment to Capacity Building

- ▶ Ongoing commitment to capacity building
 - ▶ Diversity and Inclusion
 - ▶ Innovation and Improvement
 - ▶ Mentoring and Collaboration
- ▶ Multi-pronged approach
 - ▶ Increased outreach and technical assistance
 - ▶ Dedicated funding opportunities
 - ▶ Competitive funding opportunities
- ▶ Peer Review (and other opportunities)
 - ▶ Expert Panels, Focus Groups, RRAC

NIDILRR's Section 21 Capacity Building Program



- ▶ Authorizing legislation – Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- ▶ Section 21 of the Act requires that NIDILRR reserve 1% of its annual appropriation to carry out minority outreach efforts
- ▶ NIDILRR Director shall use the reserved funds to carry out **1 or more** of the activities described in paragraph (2) through a **grant, contract, or cooperative agreement.**

NIDILRR's Section 21 Program Goals and Activities

Increase minority participation and representation throughout NIDILRR portfolio

- Expanding range of impact on minority-serving institutions
- Improving institutional research infrastructure at MSIs
- Developing individual capacity of minority researchers

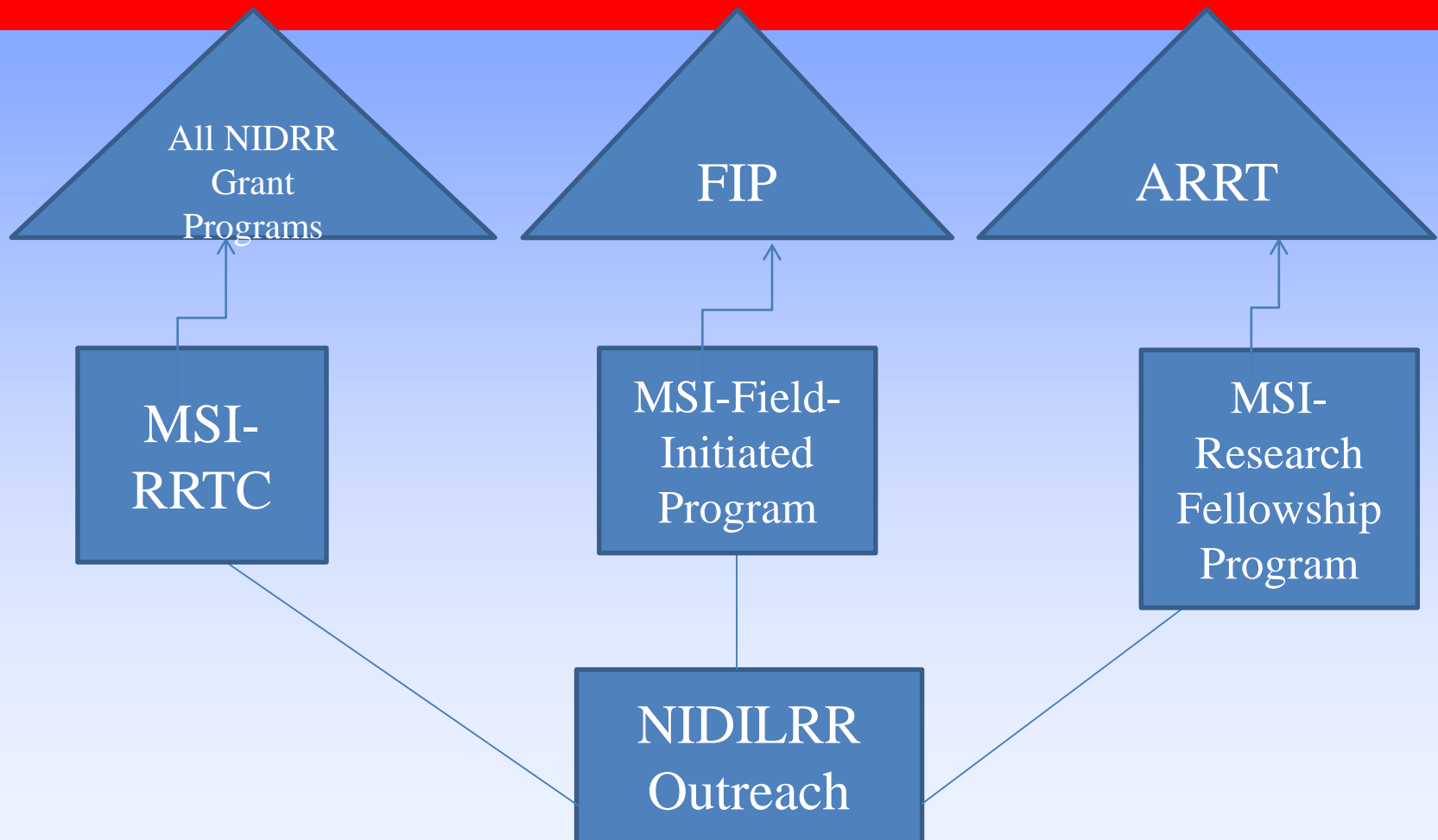
Increase range of capacity-building opportunities

- Providing MSI exposure through a NIDILRR microcosm model
- Establishing MSI research fellowship opportunities at the post doctoral level
- Promoting MSI research consortium networks to facilitate leveraging of resources and innovation

Increase knowledge of NIDILRR funding programs among minority-serving institutions

- Increasing targeted outreach and training to minority-serving institutions
- Pursuing purposeful partnering with other federal programs to create a “pipeline” for future researchers, and new opportunities for outreach and training

Diversification of Section 21 Program: Building Capacity Pathways



Applying for Funding

- ▶ Prospective applicants obtain advance notice of NIDILRR competition (NIDILRR website or through NARIC.com)
- ▶ NIDILRR publishes notification of competition and due date on web site.
- ▶ Applications due in 45-60 days (as announced).
- ▶ Applicants submit applications electronically.
- ▶ Review panel scores all eligible applications.
- ▶ Awards start September 30.

Further Information

- ▶ Website: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/about-national-institute-disability-independent-living-and-rehabilitation-research>
 - ▶ Introduction to NIDILRR and links to additional resources
 - ▶ Join the NIDILRR Grant Announcement List (through NARIC.com)

Contributing Your Expertise



- ▶ Serve as a Peer Reviewer for NIDILRR grant competitions
- ▶ Forward your CV for consideration:
 - ▶ Shelley.Reeves@acl.hhs.gov
 - ▶ (202) 795-7427