

Editorial

Independent Living Management/Rehabilitation Counseling

This issue of the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation* is somewhat dual themed. We are very lucky to have two additional papers from the leadership of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer under the topic of Independent Living Management. The first paper, by O'Day, Wilson, Killeen and Ficke, presents findings from a comprehensive two-year evaluation of the CIL program. The article reports the areas of service examined and the outcomes related to consumers served with data gathered from interviews of 569 consumers. A description of the survey methodology is contained in the article. Additionally, in this issue Kim and Fox ask the questions: "How do Centers for independent Living (CILs) provide services to people with emerging disabilities," and, "What more can be done with them by these centers", in an attempt to understand the obstacles and benefits of greater integration of people with emerging disabilities. Telephone interviews and focus groups involving

102 people with disabilities were conducted. The characteristics of emerging disability groups as well as the difficulties faced by groups receiving services (such as Medicaid Waivers) are discussed.

In the second theme, rehabilitation counseling cutting edge issues are joined. One of the leading rehabilitation researchers and educators in the country, Dr. Brian McMahon, has authored and edited the remaining papers on factors associated with the rehabilitation counseling and consumer alliance necessary for successful outcomes. These are state-of-the-art papers which are must reading for all involved in vocational rehabilitation. Dr. McMahon introduces these papers later in this issue.

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