

Voice Options Pilot Program Summary

August 3, 2022

Current Month Accomplishments

- The Voice Options Program (VOP) exceeded the initial program goal of serving 500 consumers and moved 1,102 individuals through Short-Term Loans into the Long-Term Loan process.
- 24 consumers received their Long-Term Loan iPads with a speech-generating application.
- The VOP is now partnering with Center for Independent Living (CIL) in Berkeley which will serve Alameda County.
- The VOP hosted its fifth Biannual Stakeholder's meeting to present program updates and obtain stakeholder and public feedback.
- The VOP is working with DOR's Public Information Officer to edit and update the Voice Options webpage.
- The VOP met with the DDTP Annual Marketing Plan for future Program outreach, brochure development, and future marketing for Providers.
- The VOP continues its process of moving data to Microsoft Access to improve data collection and storage.

Statistics from Completed Datasets: Summary

- The Voice Options Program offers in-person services to 94 percent of Californians through 26 Program Providers spanning across 47 counties and offers services virtually and by mail to ensure comprehensive state-wide coverage across California.
- Since Program launch on July 1, 2020, the VOP has served consumers ranging in age from 18 months to 80 years and encompassing over 50 types of speech-related disabilities and disorders.
- 1,102 consumers have completed their Short-Term Loans and have requested Long-Term Loans.
- 917 datasets have been submitted for completed Long-Term Loans.
- 56 percent of authorizations have been provided by Speech-Language Pathologists.
- 74 percent of consumers made telephone calls during the Short-Term Loan period. 98 percent of these phone calls were considered successful by consumers, many of whom indicated they had never made a phone call prior to entering the Voice Options Program.

Consumer Statistics from Completed Datasets (917)

Preference for Speech Generating Applications

- 45% Touch Chat HD
- 15% Go Talk Now Plus
- 14% LAMP
- 14% Proloquo2Go
- 9% Proloquo4Text
- 4% Predictable
- 1% Predictable Spanish

Demographics

- 44% Hispanic/Latinx
- 22% Caucasian/White
- 14% Asian Pacific
- 8% African American/Black
- 5% Southeast Asian
- 2% East Indian
- 2% Decline to State
- 1% Native American
- 1% Pacific Islander
- 1% Other

Gender

- 67% Male
- 32% Female
- 1% Decline to State

Age

- 27% Age 0 to 6
- 35% Age 7 to 17
- 11% Age 18 to 22
- 11% Age 23 to 29
- 5% Age 30 to 39
- 3% Age 40 to 49
- 3% Age 50 to 59
- 6% Age 60 and Older

Disability Type

- 50% Autism
- 14% Developmental Disability
- 8% Cerebral Palsy
- 7% Down Syndrome
- 5% Speech Delay
- 4% Apraxia
- 4% Other
- 2% Traumatic Brain Injury
- 2% Stroke
- 2% Aphasia
- 1% ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease
- 1% Dysarthria
- 1% Muscle Weakness

Referral Source

- 29% Speech-Language Pathologist
- 25% Independent Living Center
- 18% Regional Center
- 8% VOP Presentations
- 4% Friend or Family
- 4% Internet/Social Media
- 4% School
- 3% Other
- 2% Medical Provider
- 1% Department of Rehabilitation
- 1% Disability Organizations
- 1% Assistive Technology Center