

NoChild
LeftBehind



Development of the NIDRR Long-range Plan: 2010-2014

Arthur M. Sherwood
Science and Technology Advisor
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education

Preface





Scope of NIDRR Mandate

➔ Cross-disability Work

- ◆ Physical and mobility impairments;
- ◆ Sensory impairments;
- ◆ Cognitive impairments; and
- ◆ Psychiatric disability.

➔ Cross-lifespan Work

- ◆ Children and youths;
- ◆ Working-age adults; and
- ◆ Older individuals, including those “aging with” lifelong and early-onset disabilities, and those “aging into” disability.



Strategic Goals From NIDRR's 2005–09 Long-range Plan

➔ Research & Development

To advance knowledge through research and related activities to improve policy and practice and to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.

➔ Capacity Building

To advance knowledge through capacity-building to conduct high quality and relevant disability and rehabilitation research and to guide decisionmakers.

➔ Knowledge Translation

To advance knowledge through the use of scientifically-based research, technologies and applications to change policy, to improve practice and to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.



Five Domains of NIDRR Research

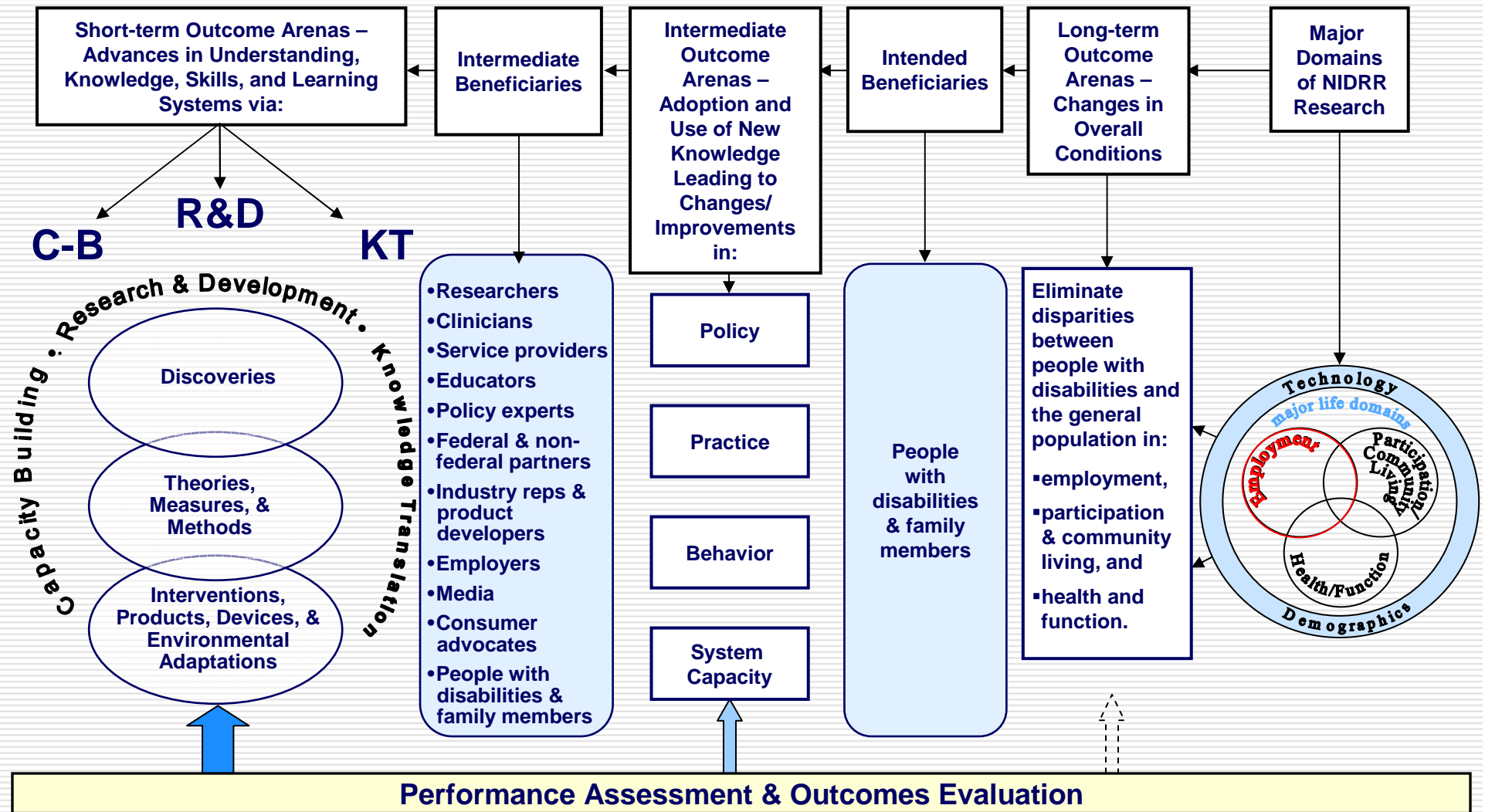
- ➔ Employment Research;
- ➔ Participation and Community Living Research;
- ➔ Health and Function Research;
- ➔ Technology for Access and Function Research; and
- ➔ Disability Demographics Research.

The NIDRR Logic Model



NIDRR Logic Model: Planning for Research Outcomes

Situation: Significant gaps exist in knowledge, skills, policy, and practice and system capacity that prevent people with disabilities from having equal access to opportunities for employment, health and function, and participation.



Contextual Factors: Variable funding; scientific and technological advancements; societal attitudes; economic conditions; changing public policies; coordination and cooperation with other government entities.



2010-14 NIDRR Long-range Plan



NIDRR's New Plan

- ➔ Builds upon the previous plan;
- ➔ Includes the logic model; and
- ➔ Clarifies and focuses the previous plan.



Long-range Plan Focus

Given that NIDRR wants to build on its strong history of accomplishments and to answer the call for increased impact on its activities, the focus of the Long-range Plan will be to:

- ◆ Propose research tied to improving outcomes in employment of people with disabilities, and **[long-term outcome]**
- ◆ Link NIDRR's research and development, capacity building and knowledge translation to the elimination of employment barriers. **[intermediate outcome]**
- ◆ Investigate a broad range of needs such as health and function, rehabilitation, technology, participation, policy, and workplace and workforce issues. **[short-term outcome]**

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

DRAFT





Mission

The mission of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR or the Institute) is to generate new knowledge and promote its effective use to improve the abilities of people with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community, and also to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities.



DRAFT

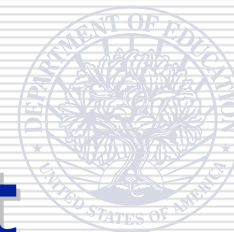
Vision

- ➔ To eliminate disparities between people with disabilities and others with respect to
 - ◆ Health and function,
 - ◆ Participation and community living, and
 - ◆ Employment.



2010-2014 Long-range Plan Focus

- ➔ NIDRR investments will reduce barriers and enhance facilitators leading to improved employment outcomes for persons with disabilities consistent with their strengths, interests and informed choices.



Goal 1: Research and Development

- ➔ Advance knowledge about disability and rehabilitation through research and development.



Goal 2: Capacity-Building

- ➔ Increase the capacity of individual (particularly those with disabilities) and institutions to conduct high-quality disability and rehabilitation research and development.



Goal 3: Knowledge Translation

- ➔ Increase the use of research and development knowledge to improve policy, practice, behavior and systems related to disability and rehabilitation.



Goal 4: Management

- ➔ Continuously improve NIDRR outcomes through effective management, monitoring and use of program data.



DRAFT

Objectives and Strategies

- ➔ To be developed:
 - ◆ Considering federal partner input.
 - ◆ Considering public input.



Next Steps: Public Outreach

- ➔ Please help NIDRR get the word out!
- ➔ Web, e-mail or mail input to develop the plan through May 1, 2008:

E-mail: NIDRR-Mailbox@ed.gov

Web site: www.neweditions.net/nidrrlrp¹

Address: Donna Nangle
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW, Rm. PCP 6029
Washington, DC 20202-2700

¹. You may also access the archive of the national public comment videoconference held March 19, 2008 at the above link



Next Steps: Products

- ➔ Long-range Plan draft published in the *Federal Register*:
 - ◆ By October 1, 2008¹
- ➔ Final Long-range Plan to Congress:
 - ◆ By June 1, 2009

¹ *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended; US Code collection Title 29 Chapter 16 Subchapter II Section 762



Contact Information:

Address: Arthur M. Sherwood
550 12th St., SW, Rm. PCP 6058
Washington, DC 20202-2700

Telephone: 202-245-7522

E-mail: Arthur.Sherwood@ed.gov

Web: www.ed.gov