

STATE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

2025 PARTNERSHIP EVENT



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Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company

DVI MISSION

Provide educational, vocational, and technical Support to empower and foster independence for Delawareans with visual impairments.



QUICK LOOK – DVI REGISTRY

Age 0-18

10%

Age 19-54

25%

Age 55+

62%



SERVICE STRUCTURE

CORE SERVICES

1. Education Services
2. Vocational Rehabilitation
3. Independent Living Services/Older Blind Program

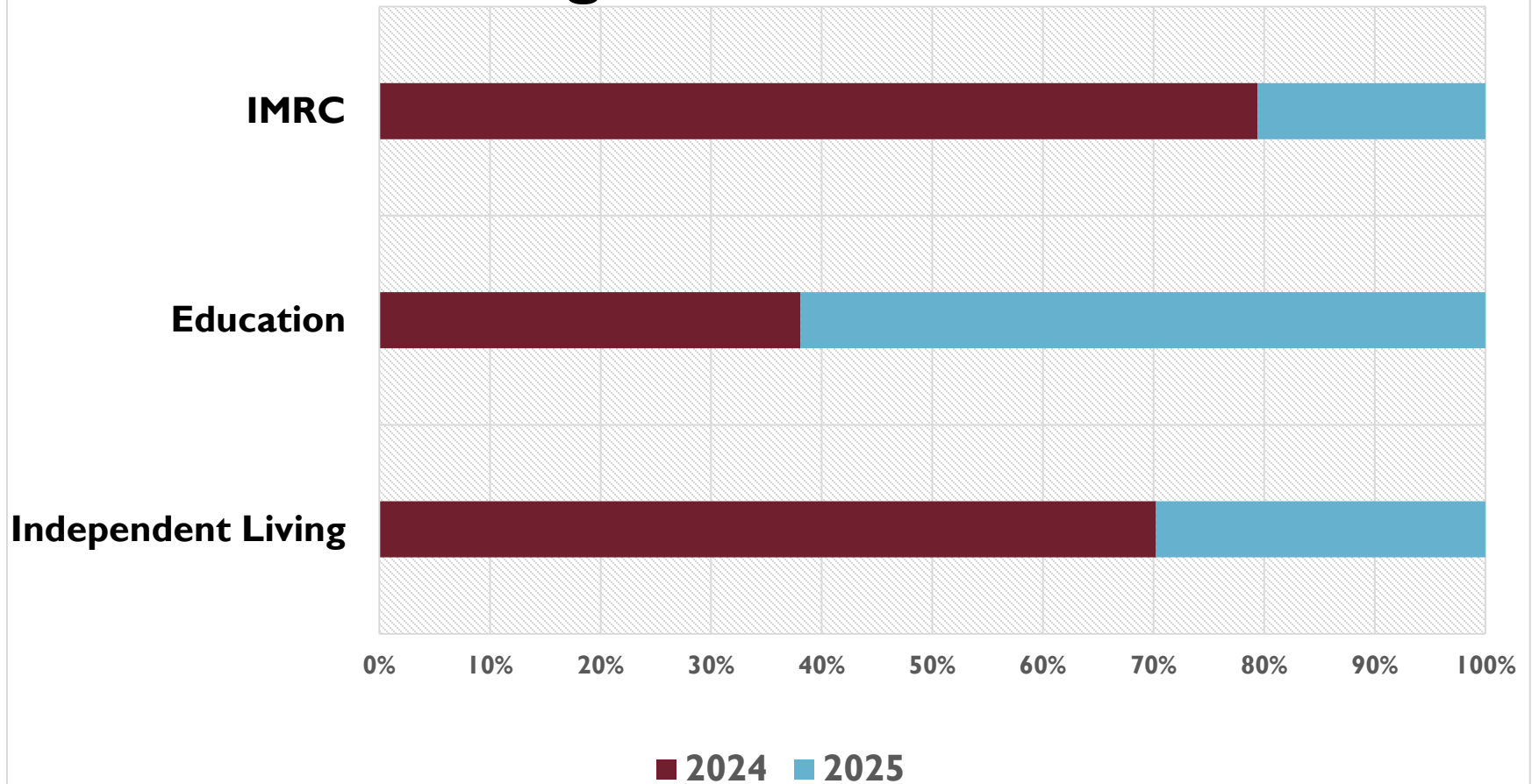
SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. Assistive Technology
2. Orientation and Mobility
3. Vision Clinics
4. Information Materials and Resource Center



PROGRAM GROWTH

Largest Growth Areas



FY25 REVIEW

Collaboration and Partnerships

- NEON grant project initiatives
- Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment
- Delaware Library System
- New vendors

Outreach and Education

- Meet and Greet events
- Sensitivity and awareness training
- Assistive technology demonstrations
- Accessible document training
- IMRC tours



FY25 REVIEW (CONT'D)

Continuous Improvement

- System modernization
- Internal policy review team
- Succession planning
- Staff development and training
- Reduced vacancy rate to 9%

Special Staff Achievements

- Governor's Award for State Service
- DHSS Employee of the 2nd Quarter





LOOKING AHEAD

- Increase number of educators
- Elevate accessibility advocacy
- Continue to enhance stakeholder relationships
- Expand ILS in Kent & Sussex Counties
- Explore AI production solutions
- Continuous improvement





THANK YOU

