

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)  
Quarterly Report to the DD Council  
December, 2016**

**Update/progress on agency initiatives**

**PROGRAM SERVICES:**

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Job Placement:

Below are the number of placements and successful placements from Oct 2015-Sept 2016.  
(REDS operates under a FFY).

**REDS Report  
October 2015-September 2016**

City	Employment placements for the year	Successful placements for the year-employed for minimum of 90 days.
Thibodaux	37	30
Lafayette	34	19
Lake Charles	35	37
Shreveport-Elizabeth	34	28
Shreveport -- James	56	53
Monroe	3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>167</b>

LWC sponsored **Diversity Job Fairs** in Regions 1, 2 and 7 during National Disability Employment Awareness month. The job fair that was held in Region 7 was coordinated by our REDS and resulted in having 150 people attend, with 23 employers. In addition, several jobs were being issued on the spot.

Region 4 **Disability Job Fair** was held on October 13, 2016. This charge was led by Randy Broussard, REDS. A total of 750 job seekers and 72 employers participated at the job fair. Preliminary numbers indicate that 30 job offers were made. Waffle House hired one of our consumers for a managerial

position as a result of the job fair. Over 250 interviews were scheduled. Chuy's has scheduled 13 future interviews.

## **COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

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- The Community Rehabilitation Program has approved three new vendors this quarter that will provide specialized services, including driver assessment and vehicle modification evaluations. These providers were essential since these services are no longer being offered under contract by Louisiana Tech University.
- On October 25, the CRP Program Coordinator and Program Manager attended the annual vendor training at the Lafayette Regional Office.
- One new Third Party Cooperative Arrangement (TPCA) has been submitted for a Transition Specialist at Carver Collegiate High School in New Orleans, LA. LRS is currently in the beginning stages of negotiating another TPCA at Baton Rouge Community College for a PSE Program (Program for Successful Employment), which is a Pre-Employment Transition Services program in a post-secondary setting.
- LRS is working with the WINTAC (Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center) to identify areas of need to comply with WIOA. TA liaisons and subject matter experts from WINTAC will be assisting LRS in identified areas.

## **PROGRAM PLANNING/RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

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State Plan Updates:

- The VR portion of the Combined State Plan was approved by RSA and is in effect for the upcoming federal fiscal year (Oct 2016 – Sept 2017). LRS worked with mandated partners to submit the first ever Combined State Plan this past March and will continue to collaborate in the future to insure successful outcomes for individuals with disabilities seeking employment.

In-Service & CSPD Initiatives

- We currently have one employee enrolled in Master's Program.
- Training is conducted statewide as upgrades in AWARE are realized. Trainings are being conducted via web and video recording as travel funds are limited. Staff has the option to view recorded trainings if unable to attend the live training.

## **BLIND SERVICES**

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We are currently hiring for two RSMA's for Randolph-Sheppard. Both positions have been approved and are awaiting the start of the new employees.