

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
Quarterly Report to the DD Council
December, 2013**

Update/progress on agency initiatives

State Plan Update:

- The 2014 State Plan was approved in October of 2013 and can be viewed on the RSA webpage.

Upcoming Training or Conferences:

- The LRA/LRS Training Conference was held in November and provided excellent training to LRS staff. Other upcoming training includes the 2014 Counselor Academy, Training for our Rehabilitation Development Specialist (REDS) and Deaf Specialist all to be held in January of 2014.

Employment Initiative:

- LRS continues to work toward improving employment services to consumers. The employment model initiative steering committee has presented recommendations for change to the LRS Director for his review and approval.

LRS Second Injury Program Partnership Results:

- From July 1st through December 1, 2013 362 LRS customers were successfully employed; 247 are in active service programs with the expectation of success in the coming year; and 667 customers have been served to date. This partnership between LRS and Second Injury Fund has spent \$1,388,734.53 (SIF+LRS match).

Status of agency's activities/participation on DDC plan initiatives and impact (if applicable)

Transition:

- LRS has two Third Party Agreements focusing on services to Transition students. The agreement with Grant Parish School System provides a Transition Specialist to work with the students in Grant Parish. The second agreement is with Bossier Parish Community College Bossier Parish Community College for a program called Program for Successful Employment (PSE). LRS continues outreach efforts and has met with other potential school districts interested in partnering.
- Training Unit Program Manager and Transition Coordinator has met with seven of the eight LRS Regional Managers and District Supervisors to outline and present the Transitional Initiative, inviting each region to discuss implementation with the Regional staff.
- Training Unit Program Manager and Transition Coordinator conducted a Transition Training in Alexandria on 11/18/2013.

Status of Council recommendations to agency (if applicable)