

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)  
LRS Director’s Quarterly Report  
December 2021**

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

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**Pre-Employment Transition Services**

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to students with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 21. Pre-ETS include Job Exploration Counseling, Work-Based Learning Experiences, Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities, Workplace Readiness Training and Training on Self Advocacy. LRS is currently serving approximately 2,821 students statewide.

LRS currently has 13 Third Party Cooperative Arrangements (TPCA’s) with local education providers to provide Pre-ETS and is continuing to pursue additional TPCA’s with other local school districts.

LRS’s goal is to spend approximately \$10.6 million on Pre-ETS activities this state fiscal year.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**

<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Consumer Statistics (for current quarter):</b>	
<b>Number of Applications</b>	922
<b>Number of Eligibility/Delayed</b>	828
<b>Number of New IPEs</b>	543
<b>Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures)</b>	319
<b>Total Open VR cases as of June 30th</b>	8,856
<b>Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of June 30th</b>	2,822

**DD Open VR Cases: As of December 31, 2021**

Disability Cause	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Houma	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Alexandria	S'port	Monroe	Total
Autism	223	142	49	66	31	36	51	28	626
Cerebral Palsy	28	40	10	9	7	17	29	7	147
Intellectual Disabilities	167	59	28	32	33	46	77	59	501
Specific Learning Disabilities	279	230	69	19	10	104	109	202	1022
<b>Total</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>2296</b>

**DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021**

Case Status	Case Type	Disability Cause	Total
Closed-Rehab	VR	Autism	16
		Cerebral Palsy	3
		Intellectual Disabilities	19
		Specific Learning Disabilities	20
<b>Total:</b>			<b>58</b>

**REDS Report October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021**

Region	Number of Referrals	Number of Community Activities or Employer Contacts	Number of On-the-Job Training Contracts	Employment Placements	Successful Closures
Region 2	17	248	0	7	1
Region 4	16	107	0	2	2
Region 5	12	74	0	11	8
Region 7	262	290	91	92	54
Region 8	19	353	0	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>65</b>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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### **Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC)**

The next LRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022. The meeting will be held via ZOOM due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases. Meeting information will be posted to the Boards and Commissions' website. We are currently seeking to fill four vacant positions on the LRC. Vacant positions include: a representative of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves, a representative of Business, Industry, and Labor, the Director of a Federal Section 121 Project, and an advocate for individuals with disabilities.

### **Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS)**

LRS has retained or hired a Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS) in seven of the eight regions. Alexandria has recently hired a qualified candidate to serve their region in this capacity. We are still seeking applicants in the Houma Region. We will continue to post the Houma position on the Civil Service website and seek qualified applicants interested in working with people with disabilities.