

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
LRS Director’s Quarterly Report
July 2022**

PROGRAM SERVICES

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 with an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or who meets the definition of a student with a disability as covered under Section 504 or who is a student who has a documented disability. 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 providing services to approximately **3,051** students statewide.

LRS currently has 14 active Third Party Cooperative Arrangements (TPCA) with local or state education providers to provide Pre-ETS and is continuing to pursue additional TPCA’s with local and state education providers.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation Consumer Statistics (for current quarter):	
Number of Applications	858
Number of Eligibility/Delayed	832
Number of New IPEs	481
Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures)	284
Total Open VR cases as of June 30, 2022	8,508
Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of June 30, 2022	2,448

DD Open VR Cases: As of June 30, 2022

Disability Cause	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Houma	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Alexandria	Shreveport	Monroe	Total
Autism	267	210	53	85	36	50	55	45	801
Cerebral Palsy	25	55	10	13	9	22	27	9	170
Intellectual Disabilities	194	93	31	50	42	63	79	75	627
Specific Learning Disabilities	311	342	79	33	15	131	77	230	1,218
Total	797	700	173	181	102	266	238	359	2,816

DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: April 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022

Case Status	Case Type	Disability Cause	Total
Closed-Rehab	VR	Autism	18
		Cerebral Palsy	4
		Intellectual Disabilities	11
		Specific Learning Disabilities	49
Total:			82

Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS): July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

Region	Number of Referrals	Number of Community Activities or Employer Contacts	Number of On-the-Job Training Contracts	Employment Placements	Successful Closures
Region 1	51	387	0	13	6
Region 2	37	358	0	25	17
Region 4	8	388	0	6	0
Region 5	10	357	0	9	4
Region 6	14	230	0	5	0
Region 7	156	694	46	52	39
Region 8	23	293	0	10	0
Totals	299	2707	46	120	66

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC):

The LRC continues to have quarterly meetings with the next one scheduled in-person for Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at a location still to be determined. Meeting information will be posted to the Boards and Commissions' website. The LRC is currently seeking to fill four (4) vacancies for the following positions:

1. A representative of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves;
2. A representative of Business, Industry, and Labor;
3. Director of a Federal Section 121 Project; and,
4. An advocate for individuals with disabilities.

Statewide disABILITY Inclusion Job Fair:

In conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a virtual Statewide Job Fair is being planned for October 12, 2022. LRS is collaborating with Healthy Blue to host this event. LRS staff is coordinating both employer and applicant recruitment.