

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)  
LRS Director's Quarterly Report  
October 2022**

**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 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 **3,048** 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**

<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Consumer Statistics (for current quarter):</b>	
<b>Number of Applications</b>	1,112
<b>Number of Eligibility/Delayed</b>	888
<b>Number of New IPEs</b>	693
<b>Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures)</b>	232
<b>Total Open VR cases as of September 30, 2022</b>	8,494
<b>Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of September 30, 2022</b>	2,657

**DD Open VR Cases: As of September 30, 2022**

Disability Cause	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Houma	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Alexandria	Shreveport	Monroe	Total
Autism	222	259	60	112	45	46	98	42	884
Cerebral Palsy	19	40	9	16	8	17	31	5	145
Intellectual Disabilities	141	141	48	162	86	76	174	91	919
Specific Learning Disabilities	228	689	147	203	84	204	133	316	2,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>3,952</b>

**DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: July 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022**

Case Status	Case Type	Disability Cause	Total
Closed-Rehab	VR	Autism	13
		Cerebral Palsy	4
		Intellectual Disabilities	14
		Specific Learning Disabilities	9
<b>Total:</b>			<b>40</b>

**Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS): July 1, 2022 – September 30, 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	3	89	0	7	0
Region 2	12	117	0	13	5
Region 5	3	81	0	1	2
Region 6	4	136	0	2	1
Region 7*	2	7	0	0	0
Region 8	6	10	1	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>
*A new REDS started in August.			Regions 3 & 4 do not currently have a REDS.		

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

The LRC continues to have quarterly meetings with the next one scheduled in-person for Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Courtyard by Marriott (10307 North Mall Drive, Baton Rouge, LA). 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 will be conducted on October 12, 2022. LRS has collaborated with Healthy Blue to host this event. LRS staff has coordinated both employer and applicant recruitment. As of October 3, 2022, there were 62 employers statewide who agreed to participate in this event.