

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)  
LRS Director’s Quarterly Report  
March 2025**

**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 **4,015** students statewide.

LRS currently has 19 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>	1,013
<b>Number of Eligibility/Delayed</b>	979
<b>Number of New IPEs</b>	766
<b>Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures)</b>	293
<b>Total Open VR cases as of March 26, 2025</b>	8,806
<b>Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of March 26, 2025</b>	4,015

<b>Statewide 60 and 90 day Performance Measure (for current quarter):</b>	
<b>% of Eligibilities determined within 60 days</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>% of New IPE’s approved within 90 days</b>	<b>89%</b>

**DD Open VR Cases: As of March 26, 2025**

Disability Cause	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Houma	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Alexandria	Shreveport	Monroe	Total
Autism	264	227	44	98	46	54	77	36	846
Cerebral Palsy	21	44	7	11	3	13	24	6	129
Intellectual Disabilities	132	131	23	48	46	59	73	56	568
Specific Learning Disabilities	239	277	83	44	12	94	50	146	945
<b>Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>2,488</b>

**DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2024**

Case Status	Case Type	Disability Cause	Total
<b>Closed-Rehab</b>	VR	Autism	<b>10</b>
		Cerebral Palsy	<b>2</b>
		Intellectual Disabilities	<b>10</b>
		Specific Learning Disabilities	<b>20</b>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>42</b>

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**Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS):  
January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025**

Region	Number of Referrals	Number of Community Activities or Employer Contacts	Employment Placements	Successful Closures
<b>Region 1</b>	8	39	7	3
<b>Region 4</b>	5	23	1	0
<b>Region 5</b>	4	61	1	0
<b>Region 6</b>	3	69	3	0
<b>Region 8</b>	5	70	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>

**Regions 3 and 7 do not have a REDS. Region 2 has a new REDS who started 3/31/25.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

The LRC will conduct their next quarterly business meeting on April 24, 2025, at the Hampton Inn & Suites located at 11271 Reiger Road, in Baton Rouge, LA. The Council will be voting to ratify changes to their Bylaws during this meeting. Information regarding LRC business meetings, and about the Council, can be found on the Boards & Commissions and LWC websites.

### **Benefits Planning:**

Thirty-seven (37) LRS participants have been referred for Work Incentives Planning this quarter and received assistance with their SSI and SSDI benefits from the LRS in-house Community Partner Work Incentives Counselor. Several of these referrals still need additional information from SSA, so their Work Incentives Planning services will continue through the next quarter.