

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
LRS Director's Quarterly Report
June 2021

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. 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 2,231 students statewide. That includes providing Pre-ETS in 53 of the 64 parishes and over 340 schools in the state.

Also, LRS currently has 13 active Third Party Cooperative Agreements (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): | |
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| Number of Applications | 1,106 |
| Number of Eligibility/Delayed | 966 |
| Number of New IPEs | 603 |
| Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures) | 419 |
| Total Open VR cases as of June 30th | 8,886 |
| Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of June 30th | 2,231 |

DD Open VR Cases: As of June 30, 2021

| Disability Cause | New Orleans | Baton Rouge | Houma | Lafayette | Lake Charles | Alexandria | Shreveport | Monroe | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Autism | 240 | 168 | 59 | 65 | 36 | 41 | 49 | 31 | 689 |
| Cerebral Palsy | 40 | 49 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 21 | 34 | 7 | 188 |
| Intellectual Disabilities | 239 | 96 | 37 | 44 | 53 | 52 | 93 | 45 | 659 |
| Specific Learning Disabilities | 389 | 372 | 92 | 51 | 19 | 133 | 142 | 195 | 1,393 |
| Total | 908 | 685 | 200 | 170 | 123 | 247 | 318 | 278 | 2,929 |

DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: April 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021

| Case Status | Case Type | Disability Cause | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Closed-Rehab | VR | Autism | 17 |
| | | Cerebral Palsy | 6 |
| | | Intellectual Disabilities | 23 |
| | | Specific Learning Disabilities | 36 |
| Total: | | | 82 |

REDS Report: July 1, 2020 –June 30, 2021

| Region | New REDS start date | Number of Referrals | Number of Community Activities or Employer Contacts | Number of On the Job Training Contracts | Employment placements | Successful closures |
|------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| *New REDS | | | | | | |
| *Region 2 | October 19, 2020 | 17 | 248 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| *Region 4 | July 27, 2020 | 16 | 107 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Region 5 | | Currently working with approximately 12 consumers. Prior to Hurricane Laura, the number of referrals was much higher | 74 | 0 | 11 | 8 |
| Region 7 | | 262 | 290 | 91 | 92 | 54 |
| *Region 8 | October 5, 2020 | 19 | 353 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | | 326 | 1072 | 91 | 116 | 65 |

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC):

The next LRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021 via ZOOM. Meeting information will be posted to the Boards and Commissions' website.

Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS):

LRS is in the process of hiring Rehabilitation Employment Development Specialist (REDS) for all regions. We are still seeking applicants in the Houma and Alexandria Regions. We will continue to post the positions on Civil Service and seek qualified applicants interested in working with people with disabilities.