

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):

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.