

Disability Program Navigator Initiative

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http://www.doleta.gov/disability/new_dpn_grants.cfm

Analysis :

Due to the lag time associated with extracting DPN data, the most recent performance information available is for PY 2006.

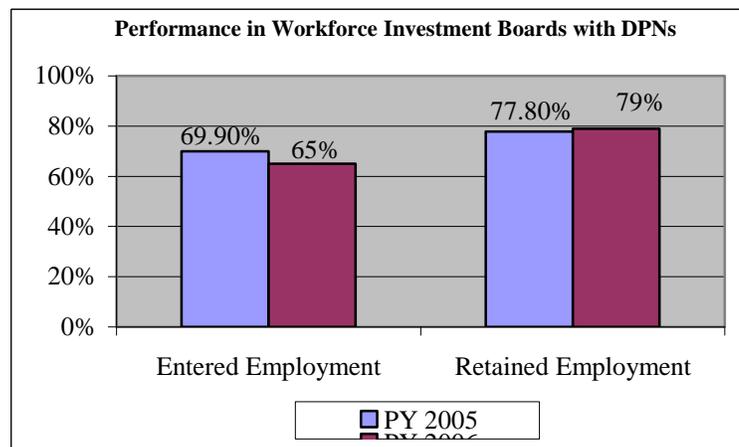
- Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) with DPNs had a significantly higher percentage of exiters with disabilities than those WIBs without DPNs: 6.8 percent compared to 4.2 percent. This suggests that outreach efforts have been more effective as well as training of One-Stop staff to more effectively serve job seekers with disabilities.
- Persons with disabilities served in areas with a DPN had an entered employment rate of 65 percent and a retention rate of 79 percent in PY 2006.
- The average earnings result for program participants in PY 2006 was \$9,856.

Charting Program Performance :

Current Program Year /One Year Ago

Performance Measure	PY 2005		PY 2006	
	WIB with DPN	WIB without DPN	WIB with DPN	WIB without DPN
Entered Employment	69.9%	69.3%	65%	NA
Retained Employment	77.8%	78.2%	79%	NA
Average Earnings	NA	NA	\$9,856	NA

Program Performance across Two Program Years



Program Description :

In 2002, The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) jointly funded the Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Initiative. The Initiative established a new position, the Disability Program Navigator, located within DOL's One-Stop Career Center system to create systemic change and provide enhanced services to people with disabilities. The DPN serves individuals with disabilities by :

1. Promoting effective physical, programmatic, and communication access; conducting outreach to the disability community.
2. Facilitating the development of "Integrated Resource Teams" to blend and braid services around an individual customer's needs.
3. Establishing linkages with the business community to

	<p>develop hiring strategies to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce.</p> <p>4. Developing strategic partnerships to leverage resources; and establishing comprehensive, seamless, and integrated services to job seekers with disabilities.</p>
	<p>Program Highlights/Innovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The partnership with SSA to promote active participation of the One-Stop Career Center system in SSA’s Ticket to Work Program continues, especially to promote the public workforce investment system becoming Employment Networks (ENs). The DPN Initiative has been working to re-launch the Ticket to Work Program; since January, 2008, 41.6 percent of all new ENs have been One-Stop Career Centers and/or LWIBs.• The program disseminated a template for integrating the “disability perspective” into the WIRED conceptual framework and implementation activities. Currently, the DPN Initiative has funded two WIRED Disability pilot projects in the Metro Denver and the Southwest Connecticut Regions.