

Disability Program Navigator Initiative (DPNI)

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

Program Description

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

- Promoting effective physical, programmatic, and communication access, and conducting outreach to the disability community.
- Facilitating the development of "Integrated Resource Teams" to blend and braid services around an individual customer's needs.
- Establishing linkages with the business community to develop hiring strategies to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce.
- Developing strategic partnerships to leverage resources, and establishing comprehensive, seamless, and integrated services to job seekers with disabilities.

Analysis

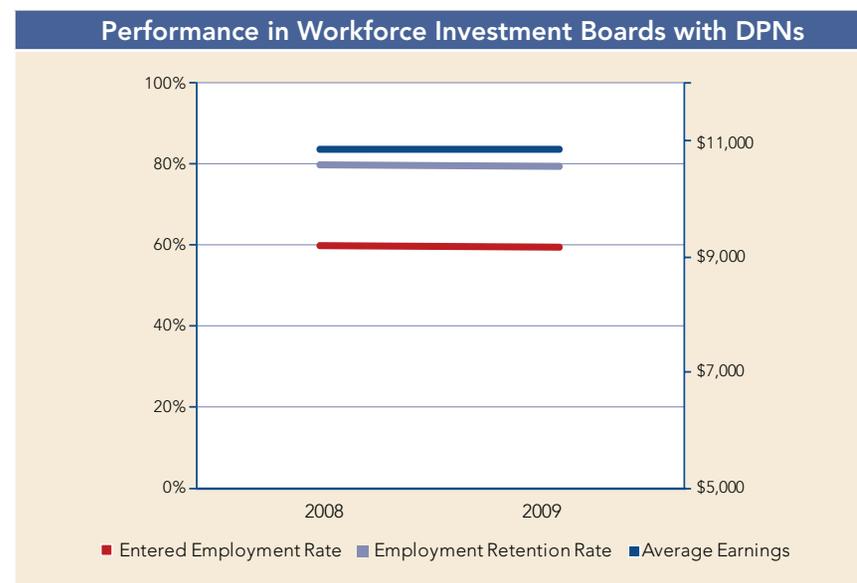
All common measure results are Final results from the PY 2007 WIASRD. Data for PY 2008 will be available in April 2010.

Program Performance

Performance Measure	Workforce Investment Board with DPN	
	Program Year 2008	Program Year 2009
Entered Employment Rate	60%	59.6%
Employment Retention Rate	80%	79.6%
Average Earnings	\$10,862	\$10,862

* These results are for PY2006 and 2007. PY 2008 will be available April 2010.

Performance in the Past Two Program Years



Program Highlights

In FY 2010, Congress appropriated funds for a Disability Coordination Initiative which will be managed jointly between the Employment Training Administration (ETA) and the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The initiative will utilize lessons learned from the DPN and ODEP grant sites. Funds for DPN grants have not been appropriated in the budget for FY 2010.

Since the inception of the DPNI, a number of successes have been documented, including the following:

- The DPNI at the Federal and at the state One-Stop levels, developed strategies and linked them with the national service projects as one model to provide employment skills and experience to persons with disabilities.
- The DPNI developed its latest promising practice Information Brief on Universal Design, which is being disseminated through the Workforce3One Disability and Employment Web site/Community of Practice.