

DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR

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

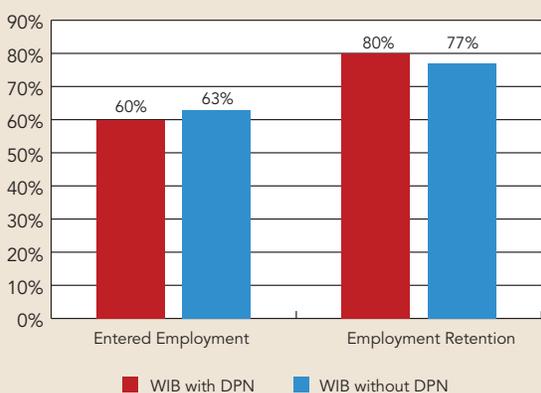
PERFORMANCE GOALS

Performance Measure	Quarter Ending 3/31/08 ¹		Quarter Ending 3/31/09 ²	
	WIB with DPN	WIB without DPN	WIB with DPN	WIB without DPN
Entered Employment	65%	68%	60%	63%
Retained Employment	79%	76%	80%	77%
Average Earnings	\$9,856	\$10,680	\$10,862	\$11,441

¹ PY 2006 data.

² Data from April 2006 – March 2007 and includes only Rounds I and II DPN States. Performance information for this initiative is available once a year.

PERFORMANCE PROGRESS – PAST TWO PROGRAM YEARS



ANALYSIS

- WIBs with DPNs achieved a 60 percent Entered Employment Rate as well as an 80 percent Employment Retention Rate. This may suggest that One Stop staff have been effective in matching job seekers with disabilities to locally-based job opportunities.
- The Average Earnings for program exiters was \$10,862.

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:

- Promoting effective physical, programmatic, and communication access; conducting outreach to the disability community;
- Facilitating the development of "Integrated Resource Teams" to blend and brand 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; and
- Developing strategic partnerships to leverage resources; and establishing comprehensive, seamless, and integrated services to job seekers with disabilities.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/INNOVATIONS

- Developed and implemented a series of webinars, compiled resources and training materials for the DPNs on promoting the employment of jobseekers with mental illness via services in the One Stop Career Center system.
- Conducted several workforce3one webinars for workforce investment stakeholders on promising practices developed by the DPNs in the One Stop Career Centers to promote effective employment outcomes of people with disabilities. Topics included: promoting financial literacy, expanded use of the Earned Income Tax Credit, and free tax assistance; promoting entrepreneurship of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans; and increased participation of the One Stop Career Centers in the Ticket to Work Program.
- Compiled and disseminated promising practices developed and implemented by the DPNs in the One Stop Career Centers on: Green Jobs for people with disabilities, and coordination between the DPNs and VETS' DVOPs and LVERS.