

# Disability Program Navigator Initiative (DPNI)

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## Analysis

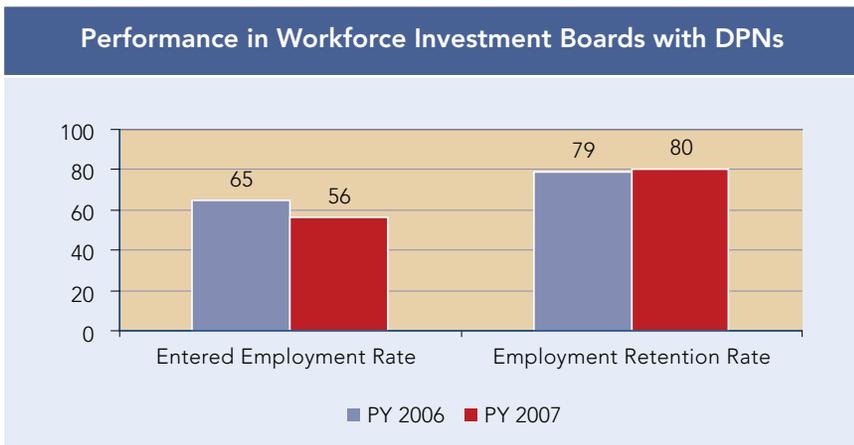
DPNI will not have any updated program results until December 2009.

## Program Performance

Performance Measure	Four Quarters Ending 6/30/08 <sup>1</sup>	
	Workforce Investment Board with DPN	Workforce Investment Board without DPN
Entered Employment	56%	N/A
Employment Retention	80%	N/A
Average Earnings	\$10,862	N/A

<sup>1</sup> These results are for PY 2007 as DPN reports on an annual basis.

## Performance in the Past Two Program Years



## Program Description

In 2002, the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Social Security Administration jointly funded the DPNI, which established a new position, the 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.

## Program Highlights

- Continued to develop and implement the Identification and Dissemination of the DPN Promising Practices initiative. Ten promising practices for One-Stop Career Centers have been identified to expand the capacity of the workforce investment system to serve customers with disabilities. To date, two videos have been produced and accompanying case studies have been developed for placement on workforce3one.
- Conducted a forum June 9–10, 2009, for DPN stakeholders to discuss the future direction of the program.
- Provided training, orientation, and technical assistance to the new DPN grantees—Arkansas, Guam, Nevada, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Conducted three workforce3one webinars: Promoting Employment of Disabled Veterans; One-Stop Career Centers Working with the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work Program/Becoming Employment Networks; and Promoting Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities. In addition, several webinars were held for the 46 DPN grantees.