

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

v.

C.A. No 14-175

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Defendant

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON COURT ORDERED PLACEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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Background. The Order issued by the U.S. District Court District of Rhode Island on May 18, 2016 requires the Monitor to file with the Court regular reports of supported employment placements made by the State to assist in measuring compliance with the Consent Decree. This report summarizes supported employment placement and related data for the quarter July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 and includes information on the State's performance during previous quarters ending on March 30, 2016 and June 30, 2016. Data was drawn from the State's Consent Decree Database. The Database aggregates employment related information on the services and outcomes received by Target Population members drawn from primary source data gathered and reported by DDD, ORS, RIDE, and the Sherlock Survey on individuals receiving supports from each provider organization.

The attached Consent Decree Data Report was prepared by DDD and documents the extent to which the State is achieving the benchmarks and performance outcomes required by the Consent Decree across the four Target Populations. Key findings for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 include the following:

1. Target Population Census. The total number of individuals across all populations (See Attachment Report 1 Current Consent Decree Population):

- a. For Individual Employer Paid Employment – 2,797
- b. For Career Development and Benefits Planning – 3,456

2. Individual Employer Paid Employment. On September 30, 2016 supported employment placement benchmarks had not been achieved for members of the Youth Exit Population (21.8% employed) or the Sheltered Workshop Population (87% employed). The benchmark was exceeded, however, for individuals in the Day Target Population (See Table 1). It is important to note that the numbers of Target Population

members who have been placed in integrated employment have increased steadily during the previous three quarters (See

Table 1 Supported Employment Placements			
Target Population	Benchmark	Number Placed	% of Benchmark
Youth Exit	501	109	21.8%
Sheltered Workshop	100	87	87%
Day Program	50	167	334%

Attachment Report 2). Day Target Population members who were employed during quarter ending September 30, 2016 worked, on average, slightly over 10 hours per week while members of the Sheltered Workshop Population worked an average of approximately 12 hours per week (See Attachment Report 4).

3. Career Development

Planning. Overall, the number of individuals with career development plans continues to fall below Consent Decree requirements (See below

Table 2 Career Development Planning			
Target Population	Benchmark	Number with CDPs	% of Benchmark
Youth Transition	439	347	79%
Youth Exit	501	199	40%
Sheltered Workshop	753	205	27%
Day Program	1,763	427	24%

Table 2). It is important to note, however, that quarter-to-quarter progress is being

made in the percentage of individuals with career development plans in the Youth Exit, Sheltered Workshop and Day Target Populations (See Attachment Report 3a).

- 4. Benefits Planning.** The number of Target Population members with benefits plans should be roughly equal to the number of individuals who are employed. On

September 30, 2016 the number of individuals with Benefits Plans fell short of the Consent Decree requirements for the Sheltered Workshop and Day Program populations.

Table 3 Benefits Planning			
Target Population	Benchmark	Number with BPs	% of Benchmark
Youth Exit	109	118	108%
Sheltered Workshop	87	42	48%
Day Program	167	82	49%

Summary

DDD, in collaboration with ORS and RIDE, has significantly improved its ability and capacity to gather, aggregate and analyze outcome and system performance data that are required by the Consent Decree. The attached Consent Decree Data Report details the State's progress on meeting key benchmarks and activities.