

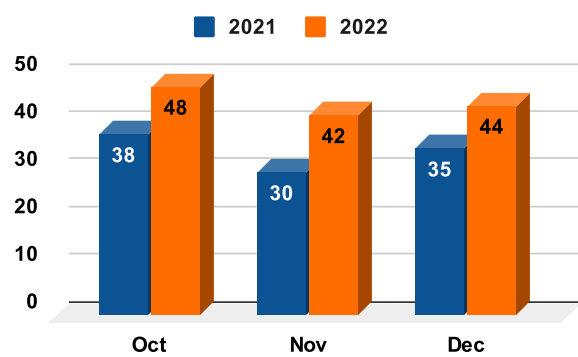
# OCT-DEC 2022

## Vocational Rehabilitation & Division of Developmental Disabilities

### Quarterly Collaboration Fact Sheet

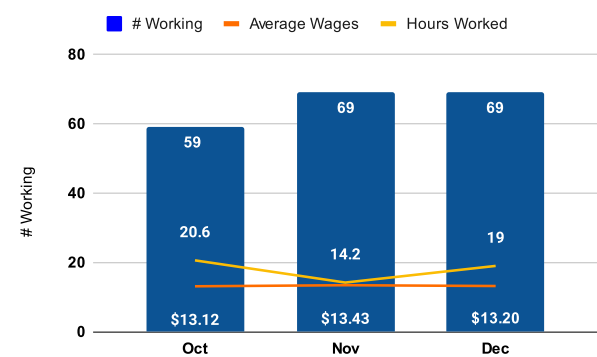
## Monthly Progress for the Quarter

### COMPARISON OF 2021 & 2022 REFERRALS



The number of referrals from DDD to VR increased this quarter in comparison to the same quarter of 2021 with 48 during the month of October, 42 in November, and 44 in December of 2022 (in 2021 there were 38 in October, 30 in November, and 35 in December). Overall referrals continued to remain higher in 2022, than compared to those received for 2021.

### OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022 EMPLOYMENT DATA



The number of members working increased from October to November and December this quarter with 59 in October and 69 in both November and December. For members who completed VR services successfully, the average hours they worked a week was highest in October at 20.6 hours per week, followed by December at 19 hours, and lowest in November at 14.2 hours. Average hourly pay for those members remained relatively stable averaging \$13.25 per hour in October, November, and December.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### OCTOBER

- VR & DDD joined community partners at the AZ APSE Annual meeting to share about the progress of Employment First in the DDD/VR partnership.
- The DDD Employment (ESS) team welcomed a new Employment Services Specialist for District North, Mysti Holmby.
- VR & DDD established a work group with the The Opportunity Tree to increase coordination of services for DDD members referred to VR, as they seek to end their sub-minimum wage services and help members transition to competitive employment.
- DDD conducted 6 outreach events to community partners, with a total of 40 attendees, to share about DDD and VR Employment services.

### NOVEMBER

- The ESS team attended and participated in the Tucson Dream Fair, a job fair for people who have disabilities.
- VR hosted the Quarterly meeting for staff who specialize in serving DDD members to review VR data and trends serving DDD clients, shared updates, and heard from experts about how they helped move DDD clients into competitive employment.
- The DDD ESS team conducted 10 outreach events to community partners, with approximately 179 attendees, about DDD and VR Employment Services.
- ESS team met with VR State Coordinator to learn how VR works with High School Students.

### DECEMBER

- VR & DDD joined meetings with a number of community partners, including the new monthly Yuma Community of Practice on Transition, the Monday Mindset chat on Supported Employment, and the APSE virtual town hall.
- The ESS team launched an initiative to attend at least 5 planning meetings per week to further promote Employment First Principles and Practices. The team attended 45 planning meetings in the month of December.
- The DDD ESS team conducted 14 outreach events, with an approximate total 200 attendees, to share about DDD and VR Employment services.

## QUARTER 3 DATA



# 134

Referrals from DDD to VR



# 57

Mutual clients made eligible



# 13

Mutual clients placed in Competitive Integrated Employment



# 18

Average hours worked for mutual clients closed successfully employed



# \$13.25

Average hourly wage of Successful Closures for mutual clients

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & ACRONYMS

- Arizona Statewide and local Communities of Practice on Transition
- State Employment Leadership Network
- Sonoran Center for Excellence in Disabilities
- Mercy Care and United Health
- Arizona Department of Education
- Arizona Department of Child Safety
- Office of Individual and Family Affairs
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)



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