

Division of Employment & Rehabilitation Year in Review

The Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) plays an integral role in improving Arizona's workforce by assisting individuals who are unemployed and underemployed, and those with barriers to employment, to prepare for and obtain gainful employment. DERS supports Arizona employers with recruitment assistance by connecting them to a skilled workforce.

Improved Services for Job Seekers with Disabilities

Staff improved employment outcomes for clients with disabilities, resulting in an increase in the number of job placements to 865 from 744. Additionally, the average hourly wage of clients has increased by 6.8%. The waitlist for VR services has been reduced by 50%, allowing more job seekers to connect with crucial services and supports.

Reentry Centers Provide Workforce Services in Arizona Communities

To support Governor Ducey's initiative to reduce recidivism through Second Chance Centers, DERS expanded services in two additional Reentry Centers and NATIVE HEALTH to provide reentry support to job seekers with felony backgrounds.

Employment Success for Arizona Veterans

DERS placed a total of 2,527 Arizona veterans into gainful employment. Of those, 1,678 veterans who faced significant barriers were connected to employment through the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.