

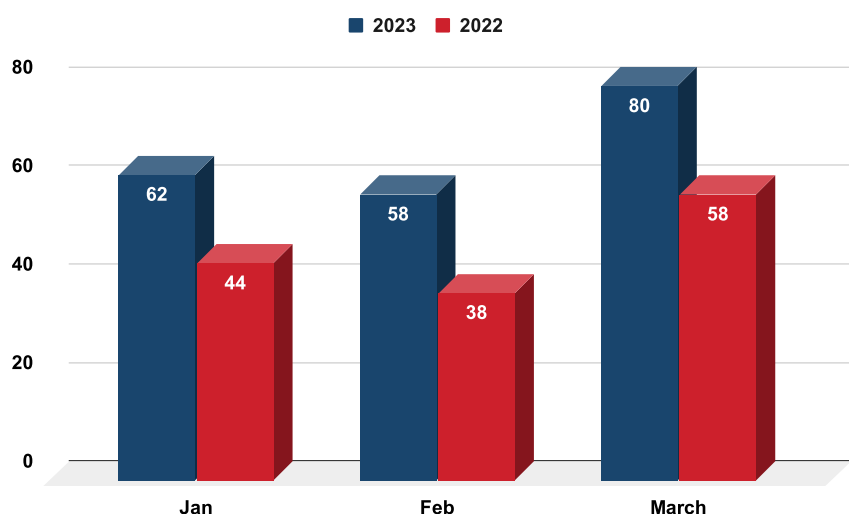
# Vocational Rehabilitation & Division of Developmental Disabilities

## Quarterly Collaboration Fact Sheet

### Monthly Progress for the Quarter

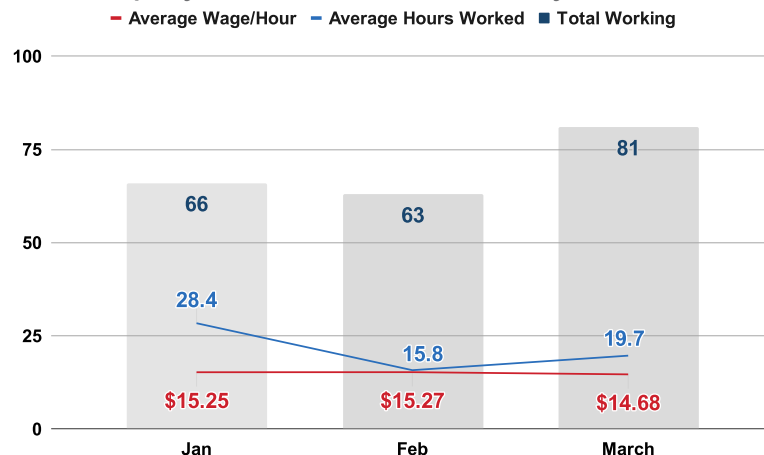
# Jan-March 2023

Comparison of 2022 and 2023 Referrals



The number of referrals from DDD to VR increased this quarter, in comparison to the same quarter of 2022, with 62 during the month of January, 58 in February, and 80 in March of 2023 (in 2022 there were 44 in January, 38 in February, and 58 in March). Overall referrals continued to remain higher in 2023 than compared to those received for 2022.

Employment Data for January to March



The number of members working decreased slightly from January (66) to February (63) and then increased significantly in March (81). For members who completed VR services successfully employed, the average hours they worked a week was highest in January at 28.4 hours per week, followed by March at 19.7 hours, and lowest in February 15.8 hours. Average hourly pay for those members remained relatively stable averaging \$15.07 per hour in January, February, and March. In February, the average wages of members successfully working was \$15.27, which is the highest it has been in the last 3 years.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### January

- VR and DDD presented on their collaboration and services to Raising Special Kids, a parent support organization.
- DDD did outreach and education at Buckeye High School transition fair in Buckeye, and at Moon Valley High School Resource Night in the Phoenix area.
- VR presented on the DDD/VR collaboration at the DDD Foster Care Quarterly Meeting
- VR & DDD Attended the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition Networking Event

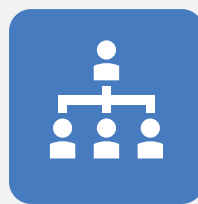
### February

- The DDD Employment (ESS) team welcomed a new employment services specialist for District Central (Central Phoenix Area), Candice Fellheimer.
- DDD did outreach and Education at Marana High School transition fair
- DDD presented on VR/DDD Collaboration at 4 DDD Staff Town Hall meetings.
- DDD presented on employment services and supports at the DDD Public Town Hall meeting.
- 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 on ALTCS eligibility, Introduction to Job Readiness Workshops, and the DES employer liaison.

### March

- DDD presented at the DDD Self-Advocate Meeting and Quarterly DDD Provider meeting.
- New DDD Employment Policy released for public comment
- Home and Community Based Services settings rules went into effect
- VR/DDD Coordination team established a work group to review and revise standard practices established between the agencies to increase understanding and collaboration.

## QUARTER DATA



200

Referrals from DDD to VR



67

Mutual clients made eligible



31

Mutual clients placed in Competitive Integrated Employment



21.3

Average hours worked for mutual clients closed successfully employed



15.07

Average hourly wage of Successful Closures for mutual clients

## Opportunities to Learn More and Get Involved

Autism Coalition Autism Expo July 22 (Quarterly event): <https://dayoflearning.azautism.org/>

Association of People Supporting Employment First Conference in June 12-15: <https://apse.org/events-learning/2023-conference/>

NAU Institute for Human Development Evidence for Success Disability Conference June 21-22: <https://aztap.org/conference/>

African American Conference on Disabilities June 16th: <https://bit.ly/3LWBDS3>

Arizona Department of Education IDEA Conference August 21-23: <https://www.azed.gov/ideaconference>  
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