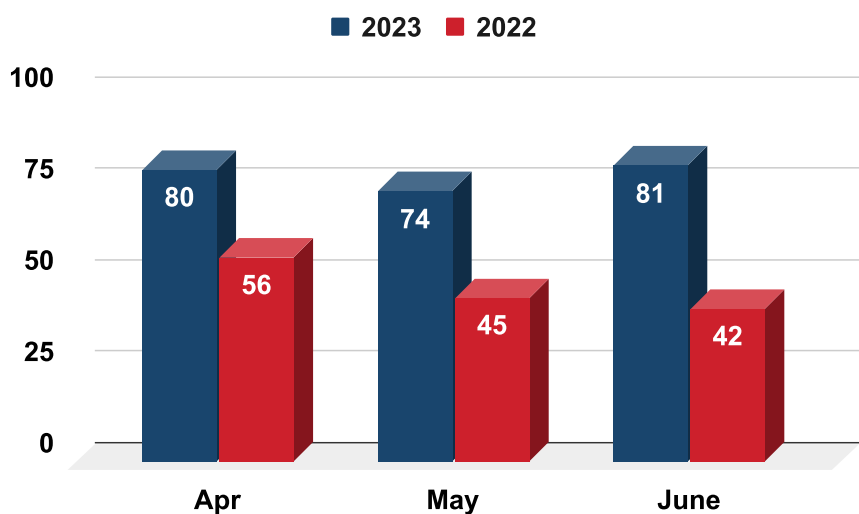


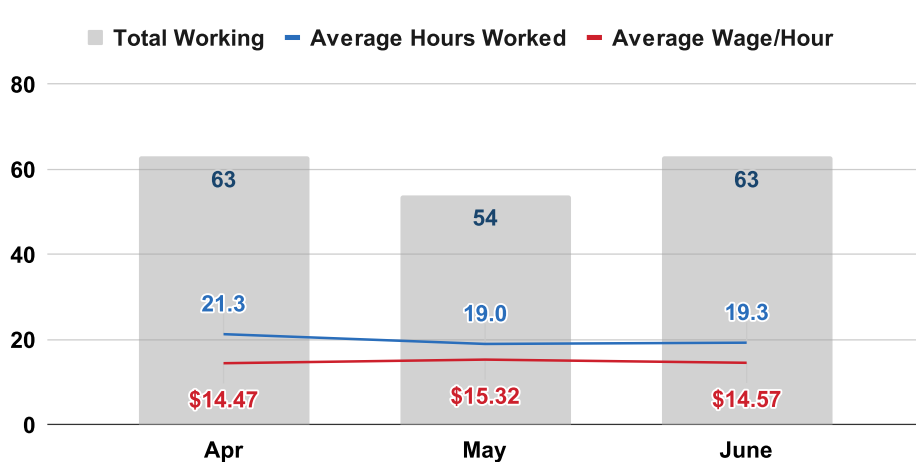
Monthly Progress for the Quarter

Comparison of 2022 and 2023 Referrals



The number of referrals from DDD to VR significantly increased this quarter in comparison to the same quarter of 2022 with 80 during the month of April, 74 in May, and 81 in June of 2023 (in 2022 there were 56 in April, 45 in May, and 42 in March). Overall referrals continue to remain higher in 2023 than compared to those received for 2022.

Employment Data for Apr - June



The number of members working decreased from 63 in April to 54 in May and increased again to 63 in June. For members who completed VR services successfully, the average hours they worked a week was highest in April at 21.3 hours per week, followed by June at 19.3 hours, and lowest in May at 19.0 hours. Average hourly pay for those members remained relatively stable averaging \$14.79 per hour in the quarter (April, May, and June 2023).

HIGHLIGHTS

April

- DDD completed statewide outreach: Rio Salado Sensory Friendly Job Fair, Gilbert Transition Fair, Kingman Special Needs Resource Fair, Dream Fair, and Transition Fair at Autism Academy for Education.
- DD & VR presented on “The DDD and VR partnership” at the Sonoran UCEDD Series on Enhancing Employment.
- VR, Banner Health, and United Health collaborated on and hosted the second Youth Employment Summit for the community on the benefits of employment for youth.
- VR & DDD collaborated to update procedures for VR receiving referrals from DDD.
- VR outreach at the Autism Expo and DDD Care for Caregivers Conference.

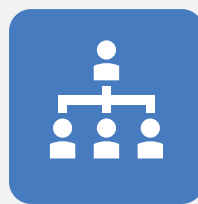
May

- The DDD Employment Team finalized the employment section for next year’s ALTCS Member Handbooks.
- VR DD Coordinator and Specialist Team met in person with the VR DDD point counselors in Page, Flagstaff, Prescott Valley, Cottonwood, Payson, and Pinetop-Lakeside to further meet and support VR staff working with DDD members.
- The DDD ESS team welcomed Patricia Woodward the new Employment Services Specialist for District East.
- VR hosted the Quarterly meeting for staff who specialize in serving DDD members. Reviewed VR data and trends serving DDD clients, updates, and heard from experts about moving DDD clients into competitive employment.

June

- VR & DDD presented about the VR/DDD Partnership at the annual Northern Arizona Institute for Human Development Evidence for Success Disability Conference and attended sessions related to best practices in serving people with disabilities.
- The VR Coordinator and Specialist Team attended the annual Association of People Supporting Employment First Conference to learn about national best practices furthering Employment First.

QUARTER DATA



235

Referrals from DDD to VR



81

Mutual clients made eligible



25

Mutual clients placed in Competitive Integrated Employment



19.87

Average hours worked for mutual clients closed successfully employed



\$14.79

Average hourly wage of Successful Closures for mutual clients

Upcoming Event

October 11th & 12th 2023

Join Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) for a 2 day Virtual Conference “State of the Science on Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”, aimed at highlighting research studies to help reduce the high levels of unemployment among people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Virtual conference speakers include experts in the field, businesses, people with disabilities, and their families, For more information and to register for the event visit: <https://idd.vcurrctc.org/training/conference.cfm>

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