

FUNDING SOURCES FOR EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT IN LOUISIANA

LSU HSC Human Development Center

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Louisiana Funding Sources

- LRS
- Medicaid Waiver
 - NOW Waiver
 - Supports Waiver
- LA OCDD
- TTW EN
- PASS Plan



LA Employment Funding

Funding Source	Target Population	Wait Time	Funding Structure
LRS Supported Employment	OOS I-5	0-90 days	SE Milestone Rates
LRS Direct Placement	OOS I-5	0 – 90 days typically	Direct Placement Rates
NOW – New Opportunities Waiver	Individuals with Intellectual disabilities who meet DD Act definition	Long waiting list for services	NOW Rates and Units
Supports (Adult) Waiver	Same as NOW	Waiting list – Not as long as NOW waiver	Supports Waiver Rates and units
Authorities/Regional OCDD (DD) agencies	Individuals with Intellectual (IDD)	Depends	Loosely based on waiver rates
Authorities Or Regional MH	Individuals who meet MH criteria	Depends	Some localized MH efforts within regions to assist individuals within the MH clinic setting
Ticket to Work or Partnership Plus	SSDI or SSI beneficiary who has a “ticket”	0-7 days	National rates – Outcome or milestone outcome payment methods
SSA PASS Plan	SSI beneficiary who is working		SSA – approved by state cadre

LRS Services – Supported Employment



- State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services
- Known as Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
- SE Milestone Rates paid to eligible SE vendor

LRS

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS_Main.asp



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Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) assists persons with disabilities in their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve independence in their communities by providing rehabilitation services and working cooperatively with business and other community resources.

Programs & Services

Blind Services

Provides both vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to eligible individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

- [Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program](#) - Provides career opportunities for qualified individuals in the food service field.
- [Older Blind/Visually Impaired Program](#) - Expands independent living services for persons who are age 55 or older and have a severe visual impairment.

Independent Living Program

The Independent Living program allows individuals to have the option to choose to live or remain in their home or community.

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LRS Regional Offices

REGION 1 - NEW ORLEANS REGION

6620 Riverside Drive, Suite 101
Metairie, LA 70003
Phone: (504) 838-5180
Toll-free: 1-800-737-2957

West Bank Area Office

2150 Westbank Expressway, Suite 701
Harvey, LA 70058-4900
Phone: (504) 361-6816
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0586

Covington Area Office

Physical Address: 1704 North Columbia Street
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4960
Covington, LA 70434-4960
Phone: (985) 871-8385
Toll-free: 1-866-355-0430

Parishes served: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany

REGION 2 - BATON ROUGE REGION

3651 Cedarcrest Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-4010
Phone: (225) 295-8900 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-737-2959

Baton Rouge Rehabilitation Employment Assessment Program

8225 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: (225) 287-7770
Toll-free: 1-800-596-9981

Parishes served: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana

REGION 3 - THIBODAUX/HOUMA REGION

1442 Tiger Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337
Phone: (985) 447-0809
Toll-free: 1-800-590-5762
Fax: (985) 449-5006

Houma Area Office

Michele Turner Jones, District Supervisor
1012 W. Tunnel Blvd.
Houma, LA 70360
Phone: (985) 857-3652
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0584
Fax: (985) 857-3649

Parishes served: Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne



LRS Regional Offices

- **REGION 4 - LAFAYETTE REGION**

825 Kaliste Saloom Rd.
Brandywine VI, Suite 350
Lafayette, LA 70508-4285
Phone: (337) 262-5353 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0587
Parishes served: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion

- **REGION 5 - LAKE CHARLES REGION**

3616 Kirkman St.
Lake Charles, LA 70607-3006
Phone: (337) 475-8038 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0589
Parishes Served: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis

- **REGION 6 - ALEXANDRIA REGION**

P.O. Box 632
Alexandria, LA 71309-0632
Physical address:
900 Murray Street, Suite H-100
Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: (318) 487-5335 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0578

- **Alexandria Rehabilitation Employment Assessment Program**

900 Murray Street, Suite H-100
Alexandria, LA 71309-0632
Phone: (318) 487-5335
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0578

- **Leesville Office**

451 Nolan Trace
Leesville, LA 71446-3961
Phone: (337) 238-6424
Toll-free: 1-800-520-0581
Parishes served: Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn

- **REGION 7 - SHREVEPORT REGION**

1525 Fairfield, Suite 708
Shreveport, LA 71101-4303
Phone: (318) 676-7155 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-737-2966
Parishes served: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster

- **REGION 8 - MONROE REGION**

State Office Bldg.,
122 St. John Street, Room 311
Monroe, LA 71201-7386
Phone: (318) 362-3232 (Voice or TDD)
Toll-free: 1-800-737-2973

- **Northeast Rehabilitation Employment Assessment Program**

122 St. John Street, Room 329
Monroe, LA 71201-7386
Phone: (318) 362-3232
Parishes served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



LRS Eligibility

- Physical or mental disability
- Be able to benefit from services
- Requires services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.
- Order of Selection Priority


LRS SE MILESTONE OUTCOME PAYMENT SYSTEM

- Community Based Assessment (\$500)
- Milestone 1 - Job Development/Placement Services, One Week Job Retention (\$2000)
- Milestone 2 - One Month Job Retention Services (\$1000)
- Milestone 3 - Job Stabilization /Transition to Extended Follow-along (\$1000)
- Milestone 4 - Successful Case Closure (\$2250)
- High Quality Indicators - \$1000
- TOTAL - \$7750

LRS Documentation Summary

		Send to LRS
INTAKE	When Authorization for Assessment is received, Provider must contact consumer within 1 week	
Community-Based Assessment (CBA)	Within 90 days, after three separate assessment meetings and Assessment is completed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE1 • SE1A • Invoice (\$500)
Monthly during Job Development	After IPE is signed, send SE2 monthly until job match is found.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE2
MILESTONE 1 (One Week)	Job Placement: After seven days of employment send to LRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE2 • SE2A • SE4 • Invoice (\$2000)
MILESTONE 2 (One Month)	After one (1) month of employment (Job retention).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE3 • SE4 • Pay Check stubs • Invoice (\$1000)
Monthly until Case Closure	Send SE4 monthly until case closure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE4 • Pay Check stubs
MILESTONE 3 (Min Two Months)	When Job Stabilization occurs (Transition to Extended Follow-Along) Case record must document the date job stabilization occurs and transition to extended follow-along occurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE3 • SE4 • SE5 • Pay Check stubs • Invoice (\$1000)
MILESTONE 4 (Min Three Months)	When Successful Case Closure occurs, consecutive , send to LRS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE3 • Pay Check stubs • Invoice (\$2250)
HIGH QUALITY INDICATORS	Minimum two of following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 or more hours • \$10.00 per hour or more • Health Insurance Benefits available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay Check Stub • Other official documentation from employer • Invoice (\$1000)

LRS Vendorship Procedures

	Agency Name	Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
	Chapter No./Name	Chapter 5
	Part No./Name	Part 511 Vendor Information
	Section No./Name	Section 5 Vendorship Procedures for Training Programs and CRP's
	Document No./Name	NA
	Effective Date	*January 15, 2009**

LRS VENDORSHIP PROCEDURES FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS (CRPs)

I. PROCEDURES FOR INITIAL APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS

- A. The Regional Manager, or designee will recommend approval or disapproval of training programs and submit recommendations to the CRP Program Coordinator, State Office, for approval and publication in LRS' Guidance and Technical Assistance Manual, Chapter 5. Only the published version of each vendor's manual material should be utilized for purchasing services.
- B. The following hard copy information should be mailed to the CRP Program Coordinator at State Office. This information should be included with each new submission:
 1. Vendor Compliance Certification and Regional Recommendation Form is signed by vendor District Supervisors and Regional Manager or designee. For all new vendors, this form must be accompanied by a completed direct deposit form. Please attach a copy of a voided check and not a direct deposit slip.
 2. A W-9 to establish a new vendor. Vendor may request a unique vendor number for each service location and/or program.
 3. Draft of proposed manual material Refer to Chapter 5: 511.4 "Format-CRP Services and Training Programs."
 4. A 504 Accessibility Evaluation form must be completed on each service location and kept on file if the training is facility-based.
 5. Documentation of accreditation status by accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education. Accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education can be referenced at the U.S. Department of Education's web site.
 6. Proprietary schools must provide documentation of licensure, or non-exempt status, from the Louisiana Board of Regents. A "proprietary" school is any business enterprise operated for a profit or on a non-profit basis which maintains a place of business within the state or which sells or offers for sale any course of instruction in the state.
 7. Any available data on the number of individuals served by a program, number who finished program, number who found jobs in field of training, should be obtained as appropriate.
- C. An electronic draft of the proposed manual material must be e-mailed to the CRP Administrative Secretary at State Office. Refer to Chapter 5: 511.4 "Format-CRP Services and Training Programs."

LRS Vendor Compliance

Chapter 5, part 511.2
November 2012

VENDOR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION (VCC) AND LRS REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION

New _____ Revision / Update _____ Renewal _____ Date: _____
Program Name: _____ Vendor #: _____
Vendor's Legal Name from W-9: _____
Billing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Physical Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Contact Name and Title: _____
E-mail Address: _____ Web Address: _____
Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

NOTE: A SEPARATE VENDOR COMPLIANCE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH SERVICE LOCATION

	Yes	No
I certify that I have received a copy of LRS CRP Standards and Vendorship Procedures for Training Programs and Community Rehabilitation Programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I certify that this Training Program or Community Rehabilitation Program shall comply with applicable LRS CRP Standards, Vendorship Procedures and renewal requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I certify that I am not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or state department or agency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Authorized Vendor Name (Print or Type) _____ Date _____
Authorized Vendor Signature _____ Title _____

LRS RECOMMENDATION(S):

Type of Program: (check one)

___ College / University ___ Private CRP ___ Home Modification Provider
___ Community College ___ Blind CRP ___ Vo-Tech School
___ Proprietary School ___ Deaf CRP ___ Assistive Technology Provider

___ Approval Recommended
___ Approval NOT Recommended
___ Approval Recommended
___ Approval NOT Recommended
___ Approval Recommended
___ Approval NOT Recommended

LRS Liaison / District Supervisor (if applicable) _____ Date _____
Regional Manager _____ Date _____
CRP Program Coordinator _____ Date _____

LRS Employment Services

- Job Readiness & Work Ethic Training
- Job Development and Placement (JDP)
- Time Limited Job Coaching (TLJC)
- Supported Employment (SE)
- Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS)

WIOA PETS

THE INSTITUTE BRIEF

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WIA IS NOW WIOA: WHAT THE NEW BILL MEANS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

By David Hoff

Suggested audience for this brief: policymakers, federal and state agency personnel, service providers, educators

With the passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Congress has reauthorized the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), including the Rehabilitation Act, through 2020. Commenting on the bill's passage, President Obama stated that the bill "will help workers, including workers with disabilities, access employment, education, job-driven training, and support services that give them the chance to advance their careers and secure the good jobs of the future."

What does this 300-page legislation mean for people with disabilities? Major highlights include:

- ▶ A much larger role for public vocational rehabilitation (VR) as people with disabilities make the transition from school to adult life.
- ▶ Efforts intended to limit the use of sub-minimum wage.
- ▶ Required agreements between state VR systems and state Medicaid systems, and state intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) agencies.
- ▶ A definition of "customized employment" in federal statute, and an updated definition of "supported employment" that includes customized employment.
- ▶ A definition for "competitive integrated employment" as an optimal outcome.
- ▶ Enhanced roles and requirements for the general workforce system and One-Stop Career Centers in meeting the needs of people with disabilities.
- ▶ A number of disability agencies moving from the Department of Education (DOE) to the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Independent Living Program.
- ▶ Changes in performance measures, with potentially major implications for VR.

In general, WIOA has the potential for significant advancement in employment of people with disabilities. Here are some more details about the act's anticipated impact:

Increased VR role in transition: Each state's public VR program will now have a much larger role in the transition from school to adult life. Under WIOA, 15% of public VR funds must now be used for transition services, specifically pre-employment transition services as defined within the act.

These services include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on post-secondary opportunities, workplace readiness training, and training on self-advocacy. Other services are also allowed if funds are available.

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In addition, each local VR office must undertake pre-employment transition coordination activities, including working with schools and the local workforce development system to engage these entities in transition activities.

Limitations on sub-minimum wage: A new section has been added to the Rehabilitation Act, Section 511. It requires (as of 2016) a series of steps before an individual under the age of 24 can be placed in a job paying less than minimum wage (almost all of which are positions with community rehabilitation providers in sheltered workshops or enclaves). Section 511 also prohibits schools from contracting with sub-minimum wage providers.

Requirement for formal cooperative agreement between VR and state Medicaid and IDD agencies: WIOA requires that state public VR agencies have formal



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Employment

Louisiana Medicaid:

<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/default.htm>



MEDICAID SUPPORTS WAIVERS

- NOW**
- SUPPORTS**

NOW – New Opportunities Waiver

- Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities who meet DD Act definition
- Long waiting list for services
- NOW Rates and Units
- <http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/NOW/NOW.pdf>

NOW Provider Manual



NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER (NOW) PROVIDER MANUAL

Chapter Thirty-two of the Medicaid Services Manual

Issued March 1, 2011

Claims/authorizations for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015 must use the applicable ICD-10 diagnosis code that reflects the policy intent. References in this manual to ICD-9 diagnosis codes only apply to claims/authorizations with dates of service prior to October 1, 2015.

State of Louisiana
Bureau of Health Services Financing



NOW Billing Codes

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Provider Type	Proc. Code	Modifier	Waiver Service Description	HIPAA Service Description	Units/Limits
44	T1002	UP	RN Services, 3 persons	RN Services, 3 persons	15 minutes \$5.50
44	T1003		LPN/LVN Services	LPN/LVN Services	15 minutes \$7.84
44	T1003	UN	LPN/LVN Services, 2 persons	LPN/LVN Services	15 minutes \$5.88
44	T1003	UP	LPN/LVN Services, 3 persons	LPN/LVN Services	15 minutes \$5.17
44,82,89	H2017	U7	Professional Services - Psychologist	Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services	15 minutes \$29.55/NTE \$2,250 per CPOC year in combination with H2017 AJ and H2017 AE (exceptions granted)
44,82,89	H2017	AJ	Professional Services - Social Worker	Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services	15 minutes \$9.19/NTE \$2,250 per CPOC year in combination with H2017 U7 and H2017 AE (exceptions granted)
44,82,89	H2017	AE	Nutrition/Dietary Services	Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services	15 minutes \$8.82/NTE \$2,250 per CPOC year in combination with H2017 AJ and H2017 U7 (exceptions granted)
15	Z0416		Environmental Access (Ramp)	Environmental Access (Ramp)	
15	Z0417		Environmental Access (Lift)	Environmental Access (Lift)	\$7,000.00 per recipient; once the recipient reaches 90% or greater of the cap and the account has been dormant for 3 years, the recipient may access another \$7,000.00
15	Z0418		Environmental Access (Bathroom)	Environmental Access (Bathroom)	
15	Z0420		Environmental Access (Other)	Environmental Access (Other)	
17	Z0421		Medical Equip. & Supplies (lifts)	Medical Equip. & Supplies (lifts)	
17	Z0422		Medical Equip. & Supplies (switches)	Medical Equip. & Supplies (switches)	
17	Z0423		Medical Equip. & Supplies (controls)	Medical Equip. & Supplies (controls)	\$1,000.00 per recipient; once the recipient reaches 90% or greater of the cap and the account has been dormant for 3 years, the recipient may access another \$1,000
17	Z0424		Medical Equip. & Supplies (other)	Medical Equip. & Supplies (other)	
17	T2029	RP	Medical Equip. & Supplies (routine maintenance & repair)		
13	T3019		Employment Related Training	Habilitation, Supported Employment	15 minutes \$1.66/Minimum of 16 1/2 hour units NTE maximum of 32 1/2 hour units per day and 8,320 1/2 hour units per CPOC year.
98	H2023		Supported Employment – one on one	Supported Employment	15 minutes \$6.66/Not to Exceed 1,280 1/2 hour units per CPOC year

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Provider Type	Proc. Code	Modifier	Waiver Service Description	HIPAA Service Description	Units/Limits
98	H2026		Supported Employment – follow along	Ongoing Support to Maintain Employment	Day \$49.18/Not to Exceed 24 days per CPOC year
98	H2025	TT	Supported Employment – mobile crew	Ongoing Support to Maintain Employment	15 minutes \$2.01/Not to Exceed 8,320 1/2 hour units per CPOC year
14	T3003	HB	Supported Employment Non-Emergency Transportation	Non-Emergency Transportation	Day (one-way) \$5.67/Not to Exceed 2 one-way trips per day
14	A0130	HB	Supported Employment Non-Emergency Transportation - wheelchair	Non-Emergency Transportation - wheelchair	Day (one-way) \$9.46/Not to Exceed 2 one-way trips per day
02	T3038		One Time Transitional Service	Community Transition, Waiver	Lifetime \$3,000.00
16	S5160		PERS (Install & Test)	PER (Install & Test)	Initial installation \$50.00
16	S5161		PERS (Maintenance)	PER (Maintenance)	Monthly \$27.00
AW	Z0648	Z0648	Housing Stabilization	Permanent Supportive Housing	15 minutes - \$15.11 1 hour - \$60.44
AW	Z0649	Z0649	Housing Stabilization Transition	Permanent Supportive Housing	15 minutes - \$15.11 1 hour - \$60.44

NTE = Not to Exceed

Modifiers

Certain procedure codes will require a modifier (or modifiers) in order to distinguish services. The following modifiers are applicable to New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) providers:

- AJ = Licensed Social Worker
- HB = Adult Program, Transportation
- HQ = Group Setting
- TD = Registered Nurse (RN)
- TE = Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- TT = Individual Service Provided to More than One Person
- U1 = Day
- U6 = Day Habilitation
- U7 = Psychologist
- UJ = Night
- UN = 2 people
- UP = 3 people



Medicaid Provider

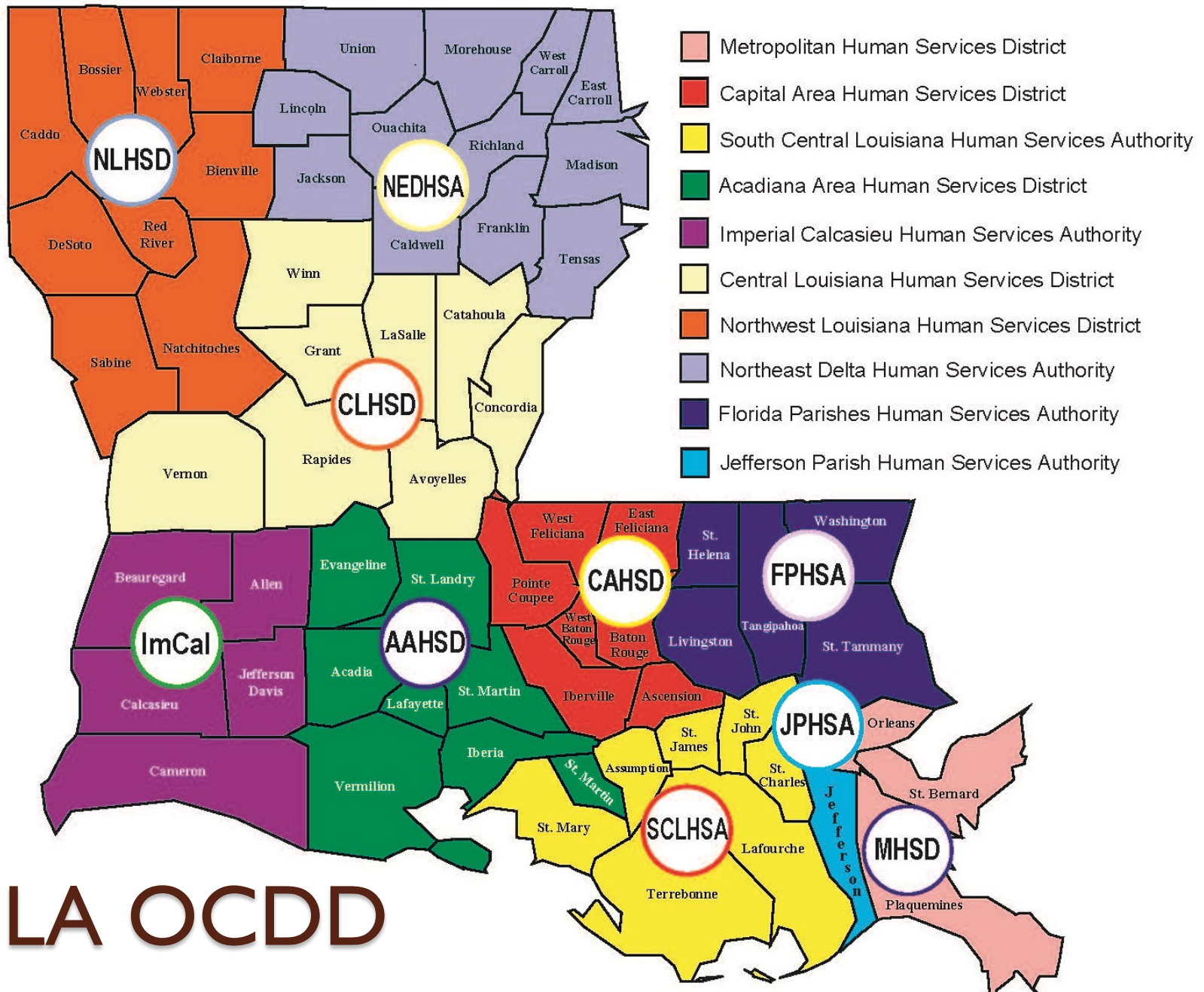
- Medicaid Provider Packet/Checklist for Supported Employment
 - http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/Enrollment_Entities.pdf
 - http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/PT98-SupportedEmployment.pdf
- Medicaid Enrollment FAQ
 - http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/Provider_Enrollment_FAQ.pdf

Supports (Adult) Waiver

- Individuals with Intellectual disabilities who meet DD Act definition
- Waiting list – but not as long as NOW waiver
- Supports Waiver Rates and Units

Authorities / Regional OCDD (DD) agencies

- Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
 - <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/11/n/8>
- Ten Human Services Districts/Authorities
- Serve Individuals with Intellectual
- Waiting Period Depends
- Loosely based on waiver rates



LA OCDD

How to Become an OCDD Provider

- Provider Enrollment Packet (PT98)
 - http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/newenrollments.htm
- Information
 - <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1921/n/409>

Authorities Or Regional Mental Health Services

- Individuals who meet MH criteria
- Waiting Period Depends
- Some localized MH efforts within regions to assist individuals within the BH clinic setting
- Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health
 - <http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/10/n/328>

Ticket to work or Partnership Plus

- SSDI or SSI beneficiary who has a “ticket”
- Waiting Period is 0-7 days
- National rates
 - Outcome or milestone outcome payment methods

TTW Employment Network

Employment Networks In Social Security's Ticket To Work Program



Ticket to Work is an employment support program for people with disabilities who are interested in going to work or increasing their work. Its goal is to increase opportunities and choices for Social Security disability beneficiaries to obtain vocational rehabilitation, employment and other support services from public and private providers, employers and other organizations.

Participation in the Ticket to Work program begins when a person reaches an agreement with an employment network (EN) or state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agency.

What is an EN?

An EN is an entity that contracts with the Social Security Administration to either provide or coordinate the delivery of the necessary services to Social Security disability beneficiaries. The EN can be a single individual, a partnership/alliance (public or private) or a consortium of organizations collaborating to combine resources to serve eligible individuals.

Does it cost anything to become an EN?

The application process to become an EN is free. For more information or to contact the Employment Network Contracts Team, go to the Ticket to Work website at www.yourtickettowork.com or call toll-free, 1-866-584-5180 (TTY 1-866-584-5181).

How many ENs will Social Security approve?

There is no limit to the number of ENs that will be approved. Social Security is contracting with as many qualified entities as possible from both the public and private sector.

Do ENs receive upfront funding?

The Ticket to Work program is a performance-based program. ENs receive payments when the beneficiary achieves certain employment-related milestones or outcomes.

ENs that need upfront capital can find guidance at www.yourtickettowork.com/web/ttw/en-capitalization.

Do beneficiaries have to participate in the Ticket program?

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. A beneficiary can choose if, when and where to participate in the program.

How do ENs and beneficiaries connect?

Social Security uses a wide range of strategies to connect beneficiaries with ENs, including webinars, social media, targeted automatic telephone calls and language about the Ticket program in various notices. Social Security encourages beneficiaries to contact the Ticket Call Center toll-free at 1-866-968-7842, (TTY 1-866-833-2967). Eligible individuals also can view an online directory that is open to the public. Interested beneficiaries can contact any EN they wish.

ENs have access to basic contact information on eligible individuals who are in their service area and not working with another EN. ENs are encouraged to reach out to Social Security disability beneficiaries and advocates in their communities.

Are ENs required to serve everyone?

Unless otherwise mandated by other legislation or rules governing their organization, ENs are not required to serve everyone. ENs elect which specific services they want to offer, which people they are capable of serving and in which geographical area they will work.

www.socialsecurity.gov

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Employment Networks In Social Security's
Ticket To Work Program



EN RFQ



SOCIAL SECURITY

August 27, 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are invited to submit a quote in accordance with the requirements of the enclosed solicitation number **SSA-RFQ-12-0010L**, "Employment Networks (EN) for the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program."

The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program is the centerpiece of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. This program provides Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities the choices, opportunities and supports needed to become and stay employed, increase their earnings and eventually leave and remain off benefits by being fully self-supporting, whenever possible.

Most adults who receive benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA) based on disability are eligible for the Ticket program and may assign their Tickets to an Employment Network (EN) of their choice to obtain employment services, vocational rehabilitation services or other support services necessary to maximize their economic self-sufficiency through work opportunities. An EN shall be either an agency or instrumentality of a State (or political subdivision of the State) or a private entity that assumes responsibility for the coordination and delivery of employment, vocational rehabilitation or other support services to those beneficiaries who have assigned their Tickets to the EN.

Please carefully review the attached **Request for Quotations (RFQ)** package that explains the duties of an EN, requirements for award consideration, and directions for submitting a quotation. The yellow highlighted sections of the RFQ represent changes in the solicitation from previous versions.

If you are interested in submitting a quotation, please complete ALL documents contained in Part V of this RFQ package, pages 72-86 (reference the "checklist" on page 87), and submit to the following address:

**Social Security Administration
Employment Network Proposals
Attn: Employment Network Contracts Team
P.O. Box 17778
Baltimore, MD 21235-17778**

In lieu of submitting a hardcopy quote, contractors may submit their quotes electronically to ENcontracts@ssa.gov. **DO NOT submit the entire RFQ package.**



Social Security Administration

- Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)
- Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)
- Blind Work Expense (BWE)

Subsidy and Special Conditions



PASS Plan

- Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)

SSA PASS Plan

<http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm>

<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Social Security Administration</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">PLAN TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUPPORT</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;"><i>In order to minimize recontacts or processing delays, please complete all questions and provide thorough explanations where requested. If you need additional space to answer any questions, use the Remarks section or a separate sheet of paper.</i></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0; text-align: center;">Form Approved OMB No. 0960-0559</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0; text-align: center;">Date Received</p>
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Name _____ SSN _____

PART I - YOUR WORK GOAL

A. What is your work goal? (Show the job you expect to have at the end of the plan. Be as specific as possible. If you cannot be specific, provide as much information as possible on the type of work you plan to do. If you do not yet have a specific goal and will be working with a vocational professional to find a suitable job match, show "VR Evaluation" and be sure to complete Part II, question F on page 4.)

If your plan involves paying for job coaching, show the number of hours of job coaching you will receive when you begin working. _____ per ☐ week ☐ month (check one).

Show the number of hours of job coaching you expect to receive after the plan is completed. _____ per ☐ week ☐ month (check one).

B. Describe the duties and tasks you expect to perform in this job. Be as specific as possible.

C. How did you decide on this work goal and what makes this type of work attractive to you?

D. Is a license required to perform this work goal? ☐ YES ☐ NO
(If yes, include the steps you will follow to get a license in Part III.)

E. How much do you expect to earn each week/month (gross) after your plan is completed?
\$ _____ per ☐ week ☐ month (check one)

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HDC's 40 hour Supported Employment CORE Training

LSU HSC-Human Development Center (HDC) will be providing four statewide Employment Specialist Core Training. The 40 hour training meets ILSR vendor training requirements (and Medicaid Employment provider rules) and incorporates ADPE's CORE Supported Employment competencies and will include:

- 8 hours of online instruction and resource information
- Three days (20 hours) of classroom instruction
- 1 additional half day (4 hours) of small group activity in which participants will complete case study examples that are incorporated throughout the classroom instruction
- Portfolio fieldwork assignment completion and submission (8 hours)
- If you would like to schedule a CORE training in your region, please send an email to Sue Kilian, M.Ed.

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Like a two sided coin, the advocacy movement of Employment First has two core linked components.

