

Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students with Intellectual Disabilities who applied for Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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NOTE. This is a preliminary analysis that reflects data from early in the implementation of PreETS. The authors recognize that it reflects state-to-state differences in both Pre-ETS implementation and reporting of Pre-ETS data.

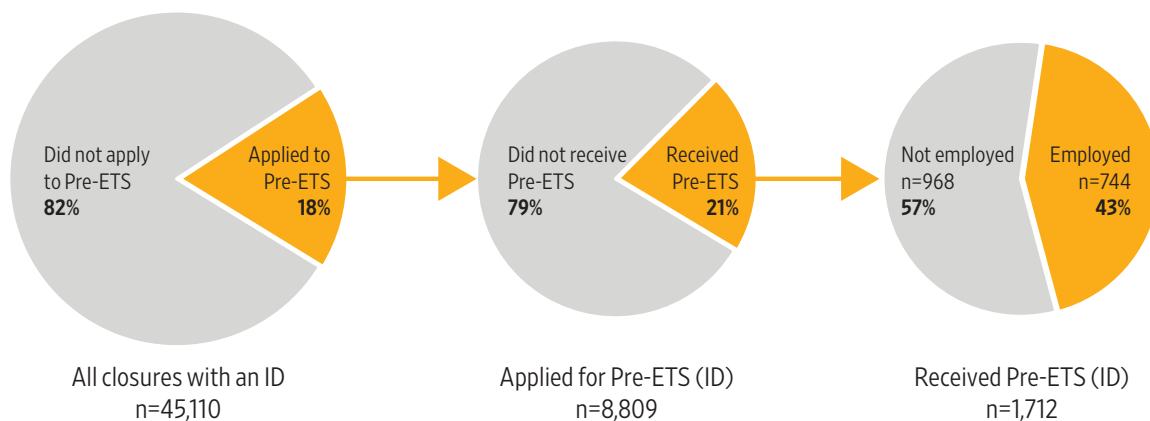
The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires that vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies expand the range of services to strengthen pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) for high school students. Pre-ETS include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on enrollment opportunities, workplace readiness training, and instruction in self-advocacy.

It is important to note that the RSA911 dataset does not capture the students' type of disability unless they also applied for regular VR services. Therefore, this data note addresses participation in Pre-ETS only for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) who also applied for regular VR services. Moreover, because Pre-ETS have been introduced in recent years, it may take some time before the data achieve stability both because it is a new service and because students who participate in Pre-ETS and apply for VR services may have an open case for an extended period of time. Despite these limitations, the goal of this DataNote is to explore preliminary data as available in the RSA911 dataset for closures that occurred during program year 2018 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

Of the 45,110 people with ID who exited the VR program in program year 2018, a total of 8,809 (18%) were students who applied for Pre-ETS. Of these, 1,712 (21%) received Pre-ETS and of those who received Pre-ETS, 744 (43%) gained employment (Figure 1).

Table 1 shows this preliminary analysis across states. Variations may reflect a variety of variables including but not limited to the stage of Pre-ETS implementation, the age at which Pre-ETS is introduced to, and the length of engagement with VR services for students. We hope this Data Note will support discussion.

Figure 1. Pre-employment transition services of people with ID who applied for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, nationally



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Table 1. Pre-employment transition services of people with ID, by state

	EXITED VR	APPLIED TO PRE-ETS		RECEIVED PRE-ETS		EMPLOYED AFTER PRE-ETS	
	N	n	%	n	%	n	%
Alabama	1,087	43	4%	31	72%	15	48%
Alaska	82	19	23%	1	5%	1	100%
Arizona	502	155	31%	37	24%	8	22%
Arkansas	355	30	8%	18	60%	3	17%
California	2,503	104	4%	14	13%	2	14%
Colorado	661	62	9%	6	10%	0	0%
Connecticut	263	71	27%	16	23%	6	38%
Delaware	233	14	6%	0	0%	0	na
DC	238	27	11%	4	15%	1	25%
Florida	2,152	633	29%	259	41%	108	42%
Georgia	1,389	140	10%	5	4%	0	0%
Hawaii	133	32	24%	2	6%	0	0%
Idaho	323	34	11%	0	0%	0	0%
Illinois	1,480	618	42%	106	17%	21	20%
Indiana	1,189	41	3%	17	41%	0	0%
Iowa	936	137	15%	137	100%	51	37%
Kansas	405	11	3%	2	18%	0	0%
Kentucky	162	50	31%	11	22%	0	0%
Louisiana	281	21	7%	3	14%	0	0%
Maine	336	61	18%	2	3%	1	50%
Maryland	617	33	5%	2	6%	2	100%
Massachusetts	343	61	18%	7	11%	2	29%
Michigan	1,527	507	33%	35	7%	5	14%
Minnesota	899	349	39%	82	23%	33	40%
Mississippi	367	71	19%	14	20%	1	7%
Missouri	1,862	472	25%	72	15%	28	39%
Montana	108	6	6%	0	0%	0	na
Nebraska	260	42	16%	1	2%	0	0%
Nevada	215	34	16%	25	74%	6	24%
New Hampshire	132	39	30%	1	3%	0	0%
New Jersey	663	2	0%	2	100%	0	0%
New Mexico	259	32	12%	7	22%	2	29%
New York	2,003	47	2%	30	64%	9	30%
North Carolina	4,072	459	11%	192	42%	92	48%
North Dakota	145	33	23%	3	9%	0	0%
Ohio	3,383	895	26%	43	5%	3	7%
Oklahoma	651	226	35%	7	3%	0	0%
Oregon	1,243	4	0%	2	50%	1	50%
Pennsylvania	2,409	742	31%	32	4%	4	13%
Rhode Island	138	51	37%	0	0%	0	na
South Carolina	611	332	54%	330	99%	104	32%
South Dakota	315	71	23%	14	20%	6	43%
Tennessee	990	77	8%	18	23%	3	17%
Texas	2,082	266	13%	2	1%	0	0%
Utah	538	42	8%	8	19%	2	25%
Vermont	252	51	20%	3	6%	2	67%
Virginia	1,394	207	15%	8	4%	1	13%
Washington	890	19	2%	19	100%	7	37%
West Virginia	426	213	50%	38	18%	6	16%
Wisconsin	1,496	384	26%	41	11%	12	29%
Wyoming	110	19	17%	3	16%	1	33%
Nation	45,110	8,089	18%	1,712	21%	744	43%
Minimum	82	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Maximum	4,072	895	54%	330	100%	108	100%