



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

DARS/ESO Monthly Update

July 28, 2021



Supporting Virginians' efforts to secure independence and employment

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DRS Snapshot as of 7/09/2021

- 12,482 VR clients open in service status
 - 5,947 over 24 years of age
 - 5,539 24 years old or younger
- 3,253 potentially eligible clients
- 15,735 Total VR and PE cases
- Primary Impairment of Open Cases
 - Cognitive/other mental disorders (54%)
 - Psychosocial impairments (26%)
 - Physical/respiratory (7%)
- 4292 open VR cases with ESOs



Expenditures SFY21 as of 7/09/2021 (not final)

- YTD \$12,831,737.18
- YTD Spent with ESOs
 - \$9,399,067
 - Supported employment/Job Coach Training (68%)
 - \$8,797,021
 - Community Support Services (2.9%)
 - \$341,474
 - Pre – ETS
 - \$175,374
- SFY 20 total Spent with ESOs
 - \$11,164,594.33



Applications YTD 21

Metric	2019 ytd	2020 ytd	2021 ytd
<i>Applications</i>			
VR	5986	5234	4531
Potentially Eligible	3668	1793	849
Total	9654	7027	5380
<i>Plans</i>			
Initial	3497	4821	3641
Modified	978	1382	1560
Total	4475	6203	5201



ESOSC Meeting

- Meeting was July 13, 2021
- The committee sent three recommendations to Commissioner Hayfield
 1. DARS utilizes the FY21 LTESS-EES allocations, as the LTESS-EES allocations for FY22
 2. FY22 LTESS-EES allocations include a midyear reallocation based on individual employment service organizations expenditures for client services provided under LTESS-EES during the first 6 months of FY22.
 3. WISA services be added as an allowable activity using LTESS-EES funds
- Commissioner Hayfield accepted all three recommendations



LTESS/EES SFY 22

- LTESS/EES FY 22 allocations will remain the same as SFY 21 allocations.
- Full allocations will be posted in the system by Friday July 30, 2021.
- Midyear reallocations will be completed after all November 2021 requisitions have been processed.



Long-Term Follow Along and WISA

- ESOSC recommended that WISA updated be added as an allowable service to LTESS/EES.
- Service is only available to clients served by ESOs that have a WISA on staff and are LTESS/EES provider.
- Yearly maximum of 8 hours of service
- WISA services under LTESS/EES are **not** intended as an initial service
- Payment is based on an ESOs current LTESS hourly rate
- Services provided must be documented in monthly progress notes.



Long-Term Follow Along and WISA

- Allowable services include
 - Updating an existing WorkWORLD analysis to demonstrate the impact of a higher minimum wage on disposable income.
 - Accessing Medicaid protections such as 1619(b) and Medicaid Works.
 - Screening for and helping a client apply for work incentives such as IRWE or subsidy.
 - Establishing ABLE accounts.
 - Helping clients amend their existing budget and spending plan to include higher earnings.
 - Updating the Financial Health Assessment (FHA) to include updated earnings and spending goals.



Long-Term Follow Along and WISA

- Services not allowable
 - SSA Overpayments
 - Tax Services
 - Initial WorkWorld Analysis
 - Initial Financial Health Assessments
 - Services that may be Considered General Information and Referral
 - Service that do not require updates to WorkWORLD
 - Access to Work Incentives
 - Financial Empowerment Services
 - SGA Determinations



ESO Outcome Report

- Will be available on the website by the end of this month
- A statewide yearly comparison from FY 2016 through 2021 will also be available



Mid Summer Pre-ETS Check in

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Pre-ETS Summer Work Experiences

Summer Work Experiences Debrief

DARS is conducting debrief with all local field offices and ESOs,

The ESO Debrief is August 25, 2021 1:00-2:30
Invitations will be sent to all ESOs who provided
SWE.

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Next Meeting August 25, 2021

DMAS representatives will join us for an Overview of the

High Needs Support (HNS) program offering Employment and Housing Supports through Medicaid to members that have significant behavioral and complex health care needs

Register for all DARS/ESO Monthly meetings @

<https://vadars.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfuisqz0iHtJaXWnuHDEMxyNN2z3dLvvg>

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