

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Case No. CA14-175

**Addendum to
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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON COURT ORDERED PLACEMENTS

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Background

Provision 4 of the Court’s Order issued on May 18, 2016 requires the Monitor to file with the Court regular reports of supported employment placements to assist in measuring compliance with the Consent Decree. This first quarterly report reviews data gathered and summarized in the State’s Consent Decree Database as of June 30, 2016 reflecting data gathered through March 30, 2016. The second quarter report will include data on supported employment placements for the period March 30, 2016 through June 30, 2016. The Database includes employment related information on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receiving publicly funded services during each reporting period. Primary data sources include the Sherlock Survey of individuals receiving supports from each provider organization, BHDDH, ORS and RIDE. Table 1 below summarizes placement data across the three Target Populations.

Table 1

Consent Decree Placement Requirements and Status on June 30, 2016						
	Youth Exit Population		Sheltered Workshop		Day Target	
Placement Benchmark Dates	Placements Required	Placements Made	Placements Required	Placements Made	Placements Required	Placements Made
January 1, 2015	50 (2013-14)	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
July 1, 2015	All (2013-14) + (2014-15)	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
January 1, 2016	NA	NA	50	57	25	118
July 1, 2016	All (2015-16)	17	NA	NA	NA	NA

Total	151	29	50	57	25	118
Total Population	151	-	714	-	1,508	-

Youth Exit Target Population

Consent Decree Requirement: Placement requirements for the Youth Exit Target population are divided into three benchmarks:

- a) By January 1, 2015, the State will provide Supported Employment Placements to at least 50 individuals who left during the 2013-2014 school year,
- b) By July 1, 2015, the State will provide Supported Employment Placements to all remaining individuals in the Rhode Island Youth Exit Target Population who left, or will leave, school during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.
- c) By July 1, 2016, the State will provide Supported Employment Placements to all individuals in the Rhode Island Youth Exit Target Population who left school during the 2015-2016 school year.

Placements Made: The Consent Decree Database identifies a total of 151 members of the Youth Exit Target Population across the three school years identified above and at Table. A total of 101 members of this population currently are receiving services from BHDDH. Specific placement benchmarks occur on January 1, 2015, July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016. The Consent Decree requires that all individuals in the three Youth Exit Populations be placed in integrated supported employment by July 1, 2016. Data provided by the State indicate that by this date 29 individuals (19%) had been placed in integrated employment out of the total of 151 persons who were required to have entered employment by this deadline.

Data on the three Youth Exit Target Groups are based on information provided by RIDE reflecting the numbers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Individuals eligible for BHDDH services who have intellectual disabilities as a secondary or tertiary diagnosis, or youth with developmental disabilities but no intellectual disability diagnosis may also qualify as members of the Youth Exit Target Population but are not included in the 151 count. Data on these individuals have not yet been fully reported by RIDE. Some of these young adults are classified as members of the Youth Exit Population by ORS and BHDDH as they transition into adult services. The State is working to identify these individuals and the number of Youth Exit Population members is expected to increase as more data become available.

Assessment: Provision Not Met. The State has not met Consent Decree placement benchmarks for the majority of the Youth Exit Population. Furthermore, it appears that not all members of this population with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities have been identified (see above).

It is recommended that the State take the following actions:

1. RIDE, in consultation with ORS, BHDDH and EOHHS, develop and submit to the Monitor for approval not later than September 30, 2016 a plan and implementation strategy for identifying all members of the Youth Exit Population. Implementation of the plan should begin not later than October 3, 2016 and provide for the identification of all members of the Youth Exit Population by November 15, 2016.
2. BHDDH, RIDE and ORS collaborate on the development of a strategy and timeline for ensuring supported employment placement opportunities for all individuals in the Youth Exit Population. The strategy and timeline must be submitted to the Monitor not later than October 1, 2016.

Sheltered Workshop Population

Consent Decree Requirement: By January 1, 2016, the State will provide Supported Employment Placements to at least 50 individuals in the Rhode Island Sheltered Workshop Target Population.

Placements Made: A total of 57 individuals in the Sheltered Workshop Population received integrated employment placements by July 1, 2016, exceeding the placement benchmark by seven individuals (See Table 1). The total Sheltered Workshop Target Population identified by the Consent Decree Database is 714.

Assessment: Provision Met

Day Target Population

Requirement: By January 1, 2016, the State will provide Supported Employment Placements least 25 individuals in the Rhode Island Day Target Population.

Placements Made: As July 1, 2016 the State has provided 118 placements of individuals from the Day Target Population into integrated supported employment far exceeding the benchmark of 25 individuals (See Table 1). The total number of individuals in the Day Target Population reported by the Consent Decree Database is 1,508.

Assessment: Provision Met