



# Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

# Vocational Rehabilitation

# Update

February 2024



# VR 2023 Highlights

- RSA Monitoring – no findings
- Opened second service priority category and shared goal for ending order of selection in 2024
- Exceeded 15% federal reserve pre-ets requirement
- Drafted new state plan
- Implemented provider performance incentive payments
- Kicked off SE+, following the initial planning year
- Reengaged Employment Advisory Group
- Exceeded federal timeliness standards (eligibility/IPE 97%)
- Exceeded all federal performance measure targets



# Federal Performance Indicators

- Positive trend SFY21 (PY2020) to SFY23 (PY2022 ending June 2023)
- Exceeded targets in all five performance measures in PY22

| Indicator              | 2020    | 2021    | 2022 targets | 2022 actual |
|------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Employment rate Q2     | 47.90%  | 56.00%  | 51.30%       | 60.40%      |
| Employment rate Q4     | 45.00%  | 51.40%  | 48.30%       | 57.90%      |
| Median earnings        | \$3,082 | \$3,448 | \$3,431      | \$3,561.54  |
| Credential rate        | 13.50%  | 34.50%  | 20%          | 47.70%      |
| Measurable skill gains | 63.70%  | 63.50%  | 63.80%       | 65.20%      |



# Annual Report and State Plan

- [2023 VR Commission Annual Report](#)
- *Draft* 2024-2027 Unified WIOA State Plan posted for public comment and can be accessed [here](#)
  - VR, Section VI, starting at page 72
  - [Link for submitting comments](#)
  - VR Goals: Improving participant engagement and improving participant outcomes



# Order of Selection Update

- Over 3700 released from waitlist to date
  - Most recent release January 2024 (second group from priority category 3)
- Priority category 2 opened July 2023
- Currently one category closed – priority category 3
- As of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 586 remain on waitlist (all priority category 3)
- Next release – April 2024
- Order of Selection targeted to end this year (CY24)



# Provider Incentive Payments

- Rolled out August 2023
- 114 authorized and 66 paid as of February 9, 2024
  - Level 1 \$226 = 26 authorized with 17 paid (\$3,842)
  - Level 2 \$791 = 40 authorized with 25 paid (\$19,775)
  - Level 3 \$1,356 = 48 authorized with 24 paid (\$32,544)
  - Total payment value to date \$56,160
- Partnering with PCG to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of incentive payment structure



# RSA Federal Monitoring Visit

- Final Monitoring Report now posted [2023 Indiana VR Monitoring Report](#)
- Strategic Action Plan – 5 priority areas:
  1. Program Growth – increase # of participants served
  2. Increase % of students receiving pre-ets who enter VR
  3. Increase postsecondary enrollment of VR participants
  4. Improve vendor capacity
  5. Explore opportunities to increase non-federal match

*SAP aligns with State Plan goals and priorities*



# *Questions*