

Philadelphia MRS Vision for Employment 2010
Data Workgroup

The purpose of the Data workgroup is to improve ways to collect, present, and use data to better understand employment outcomes and trends and to measure progress towards 2010.

DBH/MRS RIM has created reports of individuals in Community Integrated Employment services and of individuals in non-CIE services (VOC, ADT, CIE-Group [mobile work crews, enclaves], CBI [Community-based Instruction]). We also requested and received data directly from our providers indicating the numbers of individuals receiving these same services for comparative purposes.

Employment data will enable MRS and our providers to see how many individuals are employed, where they are employed, the different types of jobs they perform, and their earnings. The non-CIE data will enable us to see who is receiving other day services and serve as a starting point for discussing employment for those individuals. This data will be shared with the “Capacity” and “Who Wants to Work?” workgroups.

The analysis and use of employment data will enable MRS to see how each provider is performing and, when shared with each provider, enable each provider to see its own performance in order to improve service delivery. This will ultimately result in more individuals employed in an ever greater variety of jobs. MRS will also use this data to measure improvement over time.

For fiscal year 2006, we established a baseline of 655 individuals employed earning \$3,443,889.71. That represents average annual earnings per worker of \$5,258.

The availability of this data in readable, understandable, and “user-friendly” formats will help individuals, families, and Supports Coordinators make decisions about which employment provider to choose. One task of this workgroup will be to create those formats.

To broaden our perspective, the Data workgroup also intends to see how Philadelphia’s employment data compares to that of other Pennsylvania counties and to see how Pennsylvania’s employment outcomes compare to that of other states.

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