

Division of Services for the Blind

WIOA PARTNERS MEETING

September 5, 2019

DSB MISSION STATEMENT

- ▶ **To enhance the personal and economic independence of blind and visually impaired persons of all ages in Arkansas.**

MEETING THE WIOA CHALLENGE

- ▶ **Changing the way DSB and its WIOA Partners do business**
- ▶ **The foundation of our VR program is the principle that individuals with blindness and vision impairments are capable of achieving high quality competitive integrated employment when provided the necessary services and supports**

MEETING THE WIOA CHALLENGE

- ▶ **Involves substantial changes in performance measures and reporting**

WIOA PERFORMANCE MEASURES

MEASURABLE SKILL GAINS

- ▶ 92 Measurable Skill Gains
 - ▶ 66 Secondary Diplomas
 - ▶ 20 Secondary Report Cards/ Post Secondary Transcripts
 - ▶ 6 Skill Progressions

CREDENTIAL ATTAINMENT

- ▶ 11 Credentials Attained
 - ▶ 1 Vocational/Technical License
 - ▶ 2 Vocational/Technical Certificates
 - ▶ 7 Bachelor's Degrees
 - ▶ 1 Master's Degree

Program Year 2018
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

WIOA PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Employment Rate PY2018

- ▶ 2nd Quarter After Exit - 33%
- ▶ 4th Quarter After Exit - 18.4%

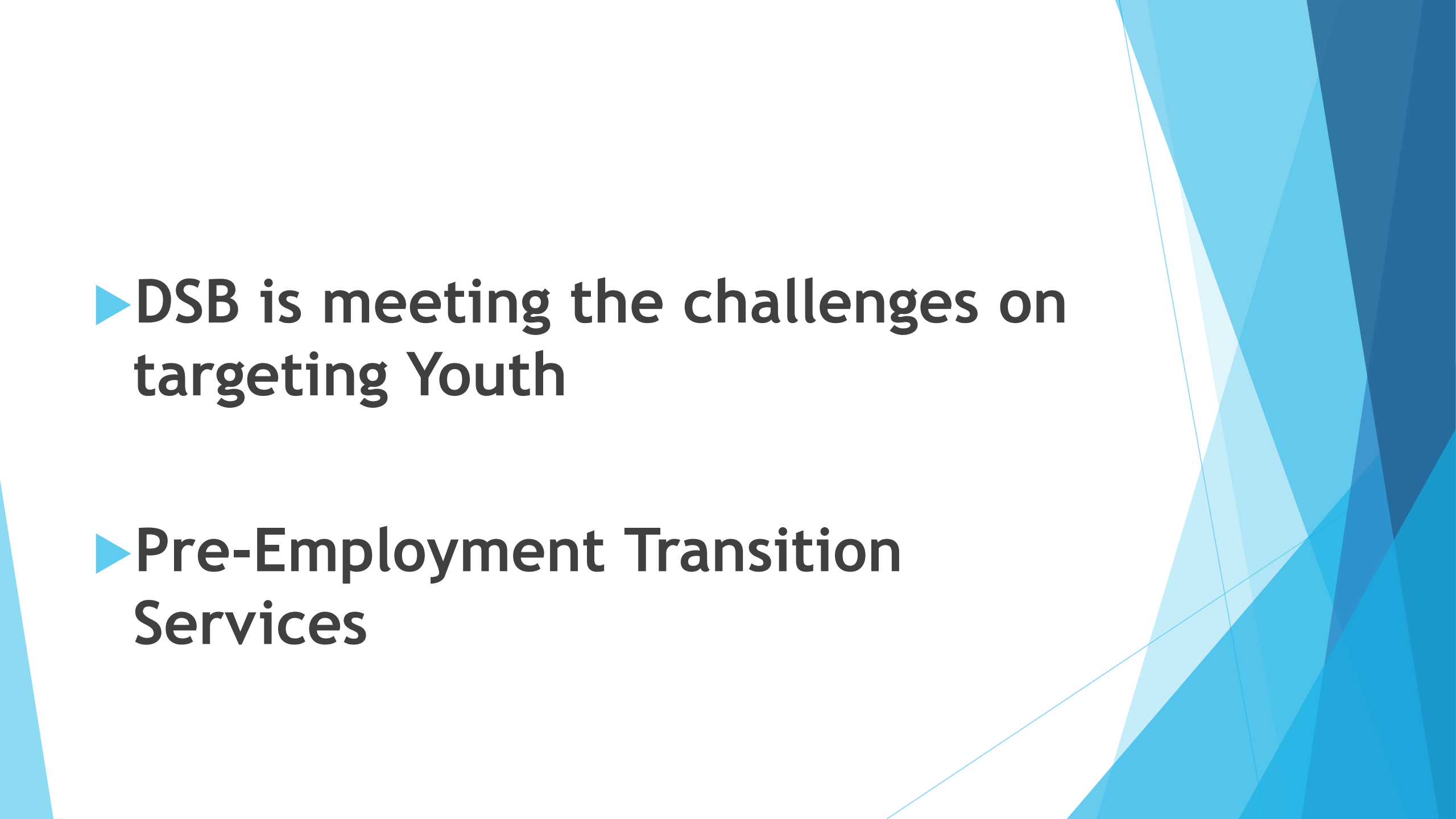
Median Wages PY 2018

- ▶ At Exit - \$12.50 40/week
- ▶ 2nd Quarter After Exit - \$6623.43/quarter

Retention With Same Employer PY2018

- ▶ 4th Quarter After Exit - 35%

Program Year 2018
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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- ▶ **DSB is meeting the challenges on targeting Youth**
 - ▶ **Pre-Employment Transition Services**

Pre - Employment Transition Services

- ▶ **Serving Youth 16 thru 21**
- ▶ **Serving those potentially eligible**
- ▶ **Counselors collaborate with High Schools**
- ▶ **Teachers of Vision Impaired Students**

JUMP START

- ▶ **30 Students with Vision Impairments**
- ▶ **3 Weeks on the ASBVI Campus**
- ▶ **Work Experience**
- ▶ **Post-Secondary**
- ▶ **Educational Classroom**
- ▶ **Peer Mentoring**
- ▶ **Talent Show at Governor's Mansion**

TRANSITION FAIRS

- ▶ **Host Transition Fairs**
- ▶ **Back to School Workshop and Parent Summits**
- ▶ **Resources and Information**

STYLE PROGRAM

- ▶ **World Services for the Blind**
- ▶ **Classes at headquarters in LR**
- ▶ **Area Workshops**
- ▶ **Work Experience**

SUPERIOR SUCCESS

- ▶ **College Prep**
- ▶ **Career Development**
- ▶ **ACT**

Work Based Learning Experience

- ▶ **On the Job paid work experience for students**
- ▶ **Matched according to their interests and skills**
- ▶ **Arkansas Children's Hospital**
- ▶ **Attorney General's Office**
- ▶ **CHI St. Vincent's**

PEER MENTORING

- ▶ **Pre-ETS Students Statewide**
- ▶ **Partnering with NFB and ASBVI Alumni**
- ▶ **Assist students to live and work in their community**

PROJECT SEARCH

- ▶ **Job Training Program**
- ▶ **Students and Adults**
- ▶ **9 months (3 Rotations)**
- ▶ **Hospitals and Colleges**
- ▶ **Jobs upon graduation**

LOANER EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

- ▶ **Enables youth to try equipment before purchasing**
- ▶ **Making sure it works for them**

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ **Coordinate with NET - National Partners**
- ▶ **Chamber of Commerce**
- ▶ **Coordinate with other WIOA Partners**

SYSTEM INTEGRATION WITH PARTNERS

- ▶ **Integrated Resource Team (IRT) Pilot**
- ▶ **Partners work as a team to coordinate services for the individual so that they can achieve their employment goal.**
- ▶ **Two areas**
- ▶ **10-12 Consumers**

PARTNERS SHARING DATA

- ▶ **Career Index Plus**
- ▶ **Share Labor Market Information**
- ▶ **Career Data**

DEAF BLIND PROGRAM

- ▶ **Helen Keller National Center**
- ▶ **Goodwill**
- ▶ **Training for staff**

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