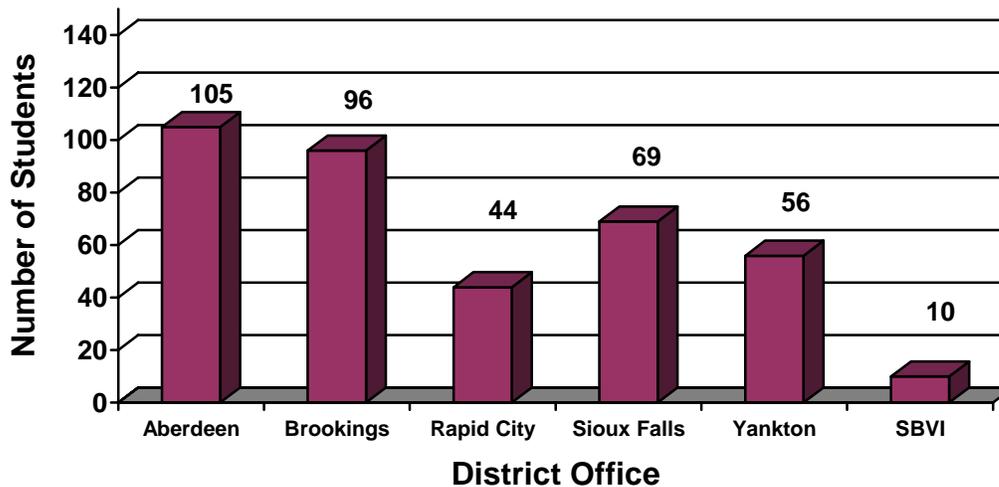


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Many students with significant disabilities don't get an opportunity to gain paid employment experience while in high school. Although willing, most employers cannot afford the supports these students frequently require on their first job. This is an important learning, maturing, and socializing experience. The State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI), fund a program entitled "*Project Skills*" to address this need. Project Skills is a cooperative arrangement between the State VR Agencies and the local school systems. The State VR Agencies fund the wages, workers compensation, and FICA while the schools provide the job development, job coaching, and follow-along for the student at the job site.

Participants by VR Office



Program Demographics	
Total Number of Participants	380
Percent of Participants with Severe Disabilities	100%
Total Wages & Benefits Paid	\$458,316.11
Number of Contract Agencies	42
Number of Schools with Project Skills Contracts	164

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Transition Cases vs. All Cases

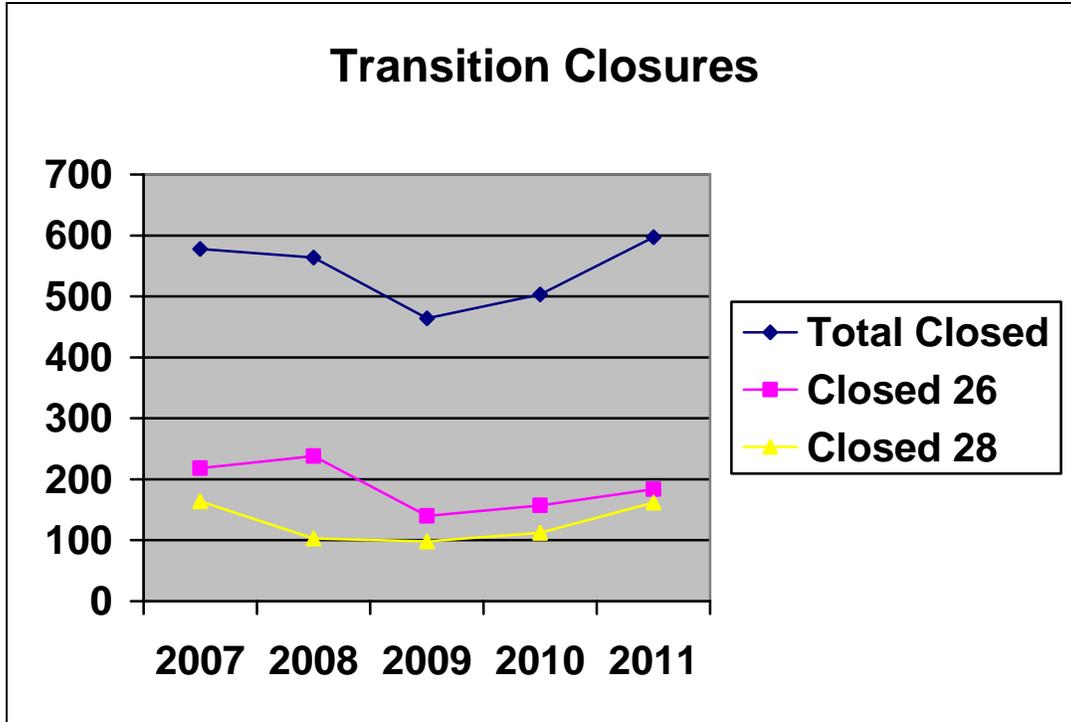
	All 26 Closure Cases	Transition 26 Closure Cases
Avg. Weekly Earning at App.	\$56.67	\$31.88
Avg. Weekly Hours Worked at App.	6.70	4.66
Avg. Weekly Earnings at Closure	\$282.78	\$294.58
Avg. Weekly Hours at Closure	28.85	30.71
Avg. Hourly Earnings at Closure	\$9.80	\$9.59
Avg. Case Cost of 26 Closure	\$4,552.41	\$6,363.17
% SSA of Total Closed Cases	31%	14%
% SEP of Total Closed Cases	18%	9%

*Transition closed cases where age at application is under 21 years old.

Primary Impairment of Participants	Count
Intellectual Impairments (impairment involve learn, think, process info and concentrate)	266
Psychosocial Impairments (interpersonal and behavioral impairments, difficulty coping)	44
Other Mental Impairments	35
Other Visual Impairments	7
Both mobility and Manipulation/Dexterity Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	4
Communicative Impairments (expressive/receptive)	4
Blindness	3
Mobility Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	3
Other Physical Impairments (not listed above)	3
Other Orthopedic Impairments (e.g. limited range)	3
Hearing Loss, Primary Communication Auditory	2
Deafness, Primary Communication Visual	2
Manipulation /Dexterity Orthopedic/ Neurological Impairments	1
Other Hearing Impairments (Tinnitus, Menieres Dis.)	1
General Physical Debilitation (fatigue, weakness)	1
Hearing Loss, Primary Communication Visual	1

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Cause of Disability	Count
Intellectual Disabilities	105
Specific Learning Disabilities	101
Autism	51
Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	38
Cause unknown	20
Depressive and other Mood Disorders	17
Congenital Condition or Birth Injury	13
Cerebral Palsy	5
Borderline Intellectual Functioning	5
Physical Disorders/ Conditions (not listed elsewhere)	5
Personality Disorders	4
Anxiety Disorders	3
Epilepsy	3
Mental Illness (not listed elsewhere)	2
Cancer	2
Accident/Injury (other than TBI or SCI)	2
Muscular Dystrophy	2
Stroke	1
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	1



Vendor Name	# of PS	Wages & Benefits
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	Services	Paid
Aberdeen Central High School	41	\$55,535.53
Beresford School District	1	\$2,057.40
Black Hills Special Services	44	\$61,058.11
Brandon Valley School District	9	\$3,359.30
Brookings School District 5-1	11	\$13,016.73
Career Connections	17	\$21,701.35
Centerville School District	1	\$1,555.20
Community Education-Custer School	1	\$121.50
Cornerstones Career Learning Center	9	\$11,785.74
Dakota Valley School Dist 61-8	6	\$3,868.64
East Dakota Educational Coop	30	\$31,126.48
Employment Connections	5	\$5,498.11
Flandreau Public Schools	3	\$3,800.42
Gettysburg High School	1	\$1,077.34
Groton School District	2	\$1,406.18
Hyde School	1	\$217.94
Ipswich Public School #22-6	1	\$237.36
Langford High School	1	\$192.78
Lemmon School District	1	\$923.40
Leola School District	1	\$1,417.54
Mid-Central Cooperative	4	\$5,682.32
Milbank School District	3	\$5,298.46
Mobridge School District	3	\$2,073.72
Northeast Educational Services Coop	48	\$53,004.93
Northwest Area Schools Ed Coop	5	\$5,184.18
Oahe Special Education Coop.	3	\$2,118.69
Pierre School District 32-2	10	\$13,748.20
Redfield High School	3	\$2,922.54
Rutland School District	1	\$1,937.01
SD School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired	6	\$4,923.40
Sioux Falls School Dist #49-5	44	\$49,265.42
Smee School District 15-3	1	\$1,875.18
South Central Cooperative	10	\$9,981.85
Southeast Area Cooperative	8	\$7,440.93
Three Rivers Special Services	9	\$4,913.10
Tiospa Zina Tribal School	1	\$345.88
Vermillion School District	6	\$4,448.42
Warner High School	1	\$1,911.60
Watertown School District	38	\$53,237.42
Waubay School District 18-3	8	\$7,584.12
Wessington Springs School District	1	\$97.20
Woonsocket School District	1	\$364.50
TOTAL	400	\$458,316.11