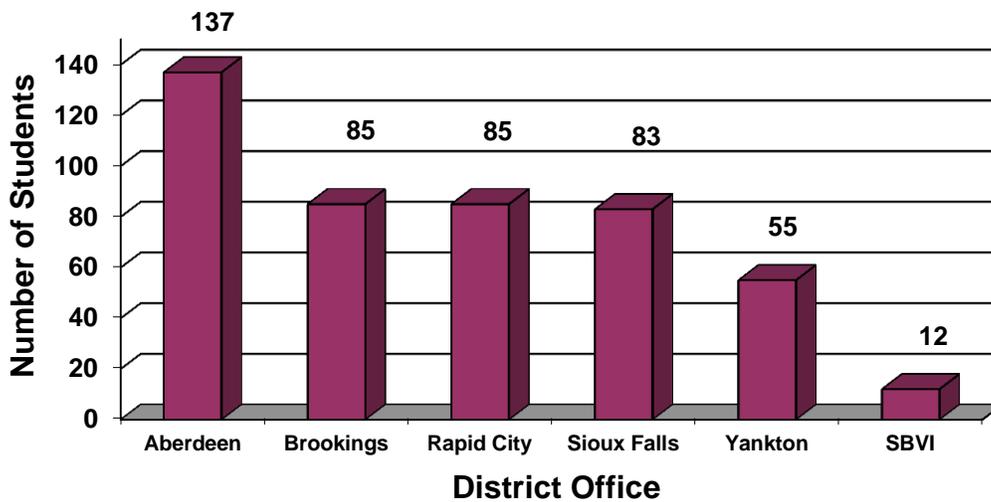


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Many students with significant disabilities don't get an opportunity to gain paid employment experience while in high school. Although willing, most employers cannot afford the supports these students frequently require on their first job. This is 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	457
Percent of Participants with Severe Disabilities	100%
Total Wages & Benefits Paid	\$551,711
Number of Contract Agencies	53
Number of Schools with Project Skills Contracts	140

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Transition Cases vs. All Cases

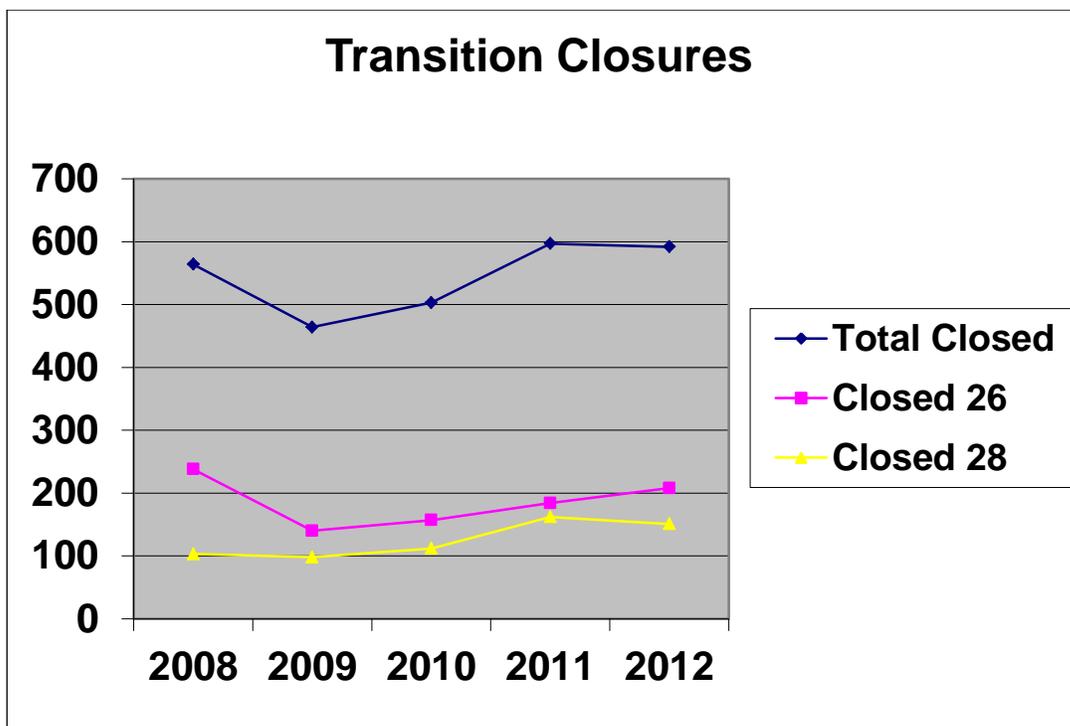
	All 26 Closure Cases	Transition 26 Closure Cases
Avg. Weekly Earning at App.	\$54.87	\$23.91
Avg. Weekly Hours Worked at App.	6.7	3.2
Avg. Weekly Earnings at Closure	\$276.08	\$292.60
Avg. Weekly Hours at Closure	28.8	30.7
Avg. Hourly Earnings at Closure	\$9.59	\$9.54
Avg. Case Cost of 26 Closure	\$4,419.53	\$6,578.84
% SSA of Total Closed Cases	31%	13%
% SEP of Total Closed Cases	18%	10%

*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)	332
Psychosocial Impairments (interpersonal and behavioral impairments, difficulty coping)	52
Other Mental Impairments	33
Other Visual Impairments	9
Both mobility and Manipulation/Dexterity Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	4
Communicative Impairments (expressive/receptive)	4
Blindness	3
Mobility Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	4
Other Physical Impairments (not listed above)	4
Other Orthopedic Impairments (e.g. limited range)	3
Hearing Loss, Primary Communication Auditory	4
Deafness, Primary Communication Visual	1
Manipulation /Dexterity Orthopedic/ Neurological Impairments	3
General Physical Debilitation (fatigue, weakness)	1

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Cause of Disability	Count
Intellectual Disabilities	109
Specific Learning Disabilities	127
Autism	62
Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	45
Borderline Intellectual Functioning	22
Cause unknown	21
Depressive and other Mood Disorders	20
Congenital Condition or Birth Injury	18
Anxiety Disorders	8
Cerebral Palsy	6
traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	6
Physical Disorders/ Conditions (not listed elsewhere)	4
Muscular Dystrophy	3
Epilepsy	2
Personality Disorders	1
Mental Illness (not listed elsewhere)	1
Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	1
Stroke	1



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Vendor Name	# of PS Students	Wages & Benefits Paid
Aberdeen Central High School	54	\$67,476.11
Agar-Blunt-Onida School District	2	\$3,190.72
Beresford School District	1	\$503.82
Black Hills Special Services	95	\$113,887.40
Brandon Valley School District	9	\$5,985.32
Brookings School District 5-1	5	\$6,682.14
Career Connections	11	\$15,444.29
Centerville School District	1	\$707.41
Chamberlain School District	4	\$3,568.23
Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School	1	\$274.60
Colman Egan School District	2	\$3,337.20
Community Education-Custer School	1	\$674.74
Cornerstones Career Learning Center	15	\$15,927.32
Dakota Valley School Dist 61-8	1	\$980.10
Doland School District	2	\$2,585.62
East Dakota Educational Coop	26	\$36,581.49
Employment Connections	6	\$7,477.48
Faulkton Area School 24-3	1	\$170.10
Flandreau Public Schools	2	\$3,092.21
Gettysburg High School	1	\$1,906.74
Groton School District	2	\$2,878.00
Highmore School District	4	\$2,246.38
Howard School District 48-3	1	\$1,835.50
Ipswich Public School #22-6	1	\$1,313.04
Lemmon School District	3	\$2,702.75
Leola School District	1	\$1,590.92
Marty Indian School	1	\$448.76
McLaughlin School District 15-2	2	\$2,106.08
Mid-Central Cooperative	6	\$7,565.20
Milbank School District	6	\$7,162.19
Mobridge School District	5	\$4,402.46
Northeast Educational Services Coop	41	\$50,497.30
Northwest Area Schools Ed Coop	1	\$405.00
Northwestern School	2	\$584.04
Oahe Special Education Coop.	5	\$4,373.42
Pierre School District 32-2	9	\$8,882.24
Redfield High School	1	\$2,048.58
SD School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired	7	\$8,550.91
Sioux Falls School Dist #49-5	52	\$46,421.20
Smee School District 15-3	1	\$1,765.86

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South Central Cooperative	12	\$12,753.77
Southeast Area Cooperative	10	\$10,211.25
Stanley County School District	1	\$1,377.86
Three Rivers Special Services	22	\$17,200.71
Tiospa Zina Tribal School	1	\$665.82
Vermillion School District	2	\$1,724.43
Wall School District #51-5	1	\$991.46
Watertown School District	35	\$47,278.12
Waubay School District 18-3	7	\$7,133.92
Wessington Springs School District	2	\$882.12
Winner School District	1	\$1,240.14
Woonsocket School District	1	\$1,303.72
Yankton School District 63-3	2	\$2,577.48
TOTAL	488	\$553,992.45