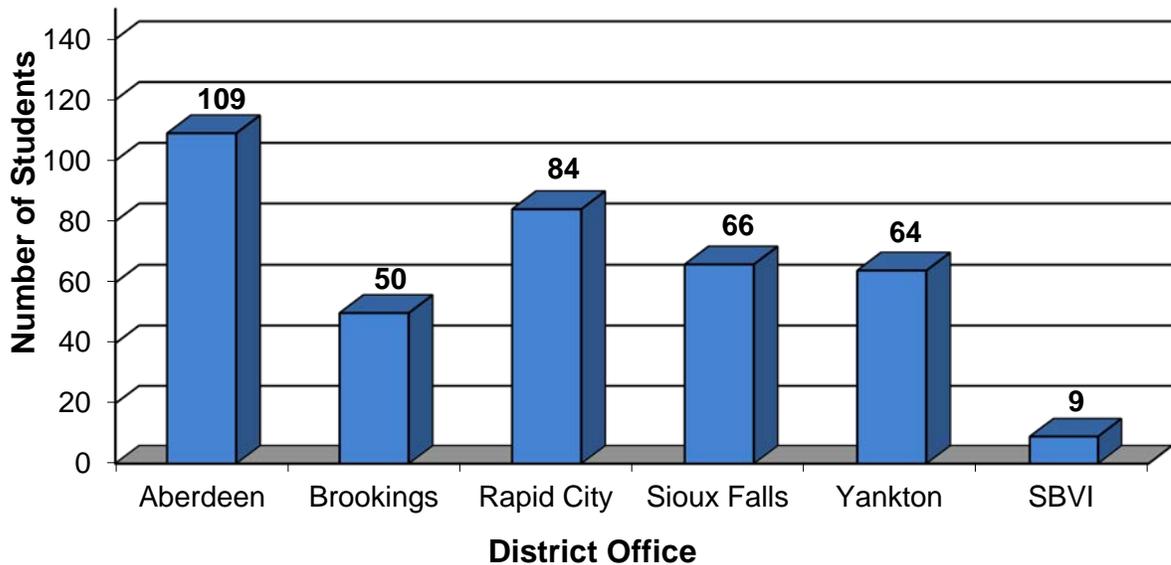


# **Project Skills**

## FFY 2015 Project Skills

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 Service 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	382
Percent of Participants with Significant Disabilities	98%
Total Wages & Benefits Paid	\$540,663.90
Number of Contract Agencies	47
Number of Schools with Project Skills Contracts	153

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### Transition Cases vs. All Cases

	All 26 Closure Cases	Transition 26 Closure Cases
Avg. Weekly Earning at App.	\$64.26	\$27.48
Avg. Weekly Hours Worked at App.	6.69 hours	3.4 hours
Avg. Weekly Earnings at Closure	\$296.15	\$329.83
Avg. Weekly Hours at Closure	27.91 hours	30.8 hours
Avg. Hourly Earnings at Closure	\$10.61	\$10.71
Avg. Case Cost of 26 Closure	\$4,976.13	\$7,934.29
% SSA of Total Closed Cases	48%	32%
% SEP of Total Closed Cases	26%	16%

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

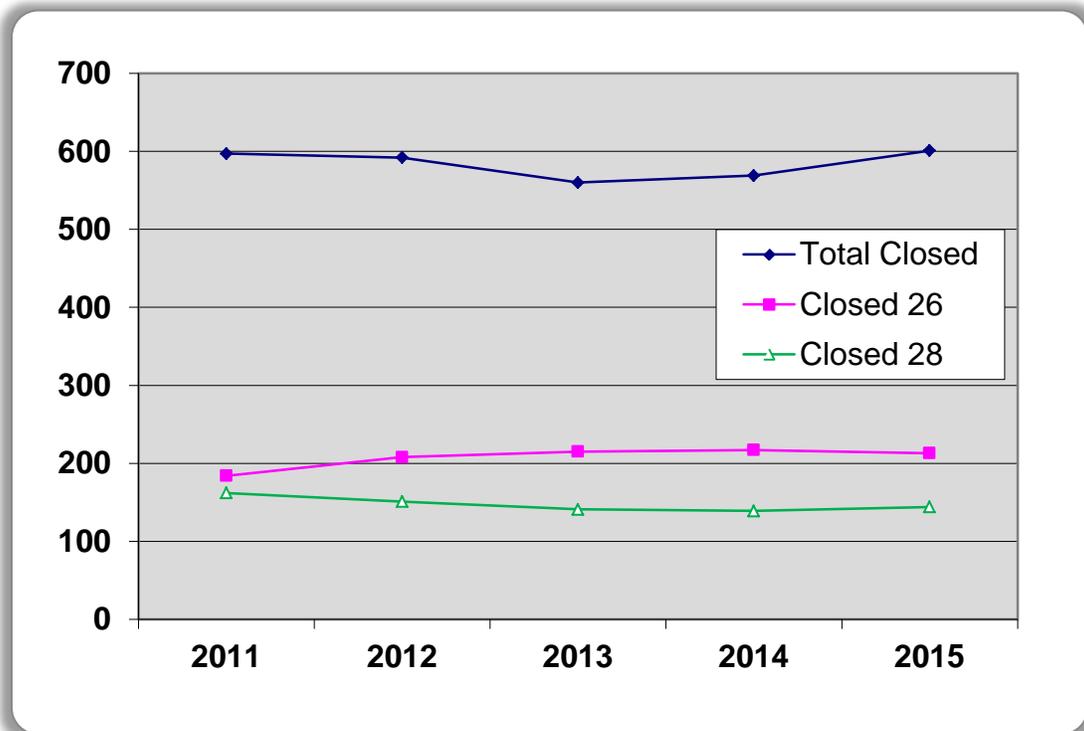
26 Closures = Cases closed successfully rehabilitated

Primary Impairment of Participants	Count
Intellectual Impairments (impairment involve learn, think, process info & concentrate)	269
Psychosocial Impairments (interpersonal & behavioral impairments, difficulty coping)	57
Other Mental Impairments	18
Other Visual Impairments	7
Both mobility and Manipulation/Dexterity Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	6
Hearing Loss, Primary Communication Auditory	5
Other Physical Impairments (not listed above)	4
Mobility Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	4
Communicative Impairments (expressive/receptive)	4
Manipulation / Dexterity Orthopedic / Neurological Impairments	3
Deafness, Primary Communication Visual	2
Deafness, Primary Communication Auditory	1
Other Orthopedic Impairments (e.g. limited range)	1
Blindness	1

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Impairment Cause	Count
Intellectual Disabilities	92
Specific Learning Disabilities	76
Autism	51
Borderline Intellectual Functioning	41
Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	38
Congenital Condition or Birth Injury	21
Depressive and other Mood Disorders	12
Cause unknown	11
Cerebral Palsy	11
Anxiety Disorders	9
Mental Illness (not listed elsewhere)	5
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	5
Epilepsy	3
Physical Disorders/ Conditions (not listed elsewhere)	3
Amputations	1
Cancer	1
Personality Disorders	1
Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders	1

### Transition Closures



**26 Closures** = Cases closed successfully rehabilitated

**28 Closures** = Cases closed unsuccessfully rehabilitated after services were provided.

## FFY 2015 Project Skills

Vendor Name	Number of Project Skills Students	Wages & Benefits Paid
Aberdeen School District 6-1	35	\$ 43,365.93
Alcester-Hudson School	5	\$ 6,725.05
Black Hills Special Services	83	\$ 127,939.47
Brandon Valley School District	4	\$ 1,602.41
Brookings School District 5-1	3	\$ 4,304.33
Centerville School District	4	\$ 5,450.63
Chamberlain School District	2	\$ 3,041.70
Dakota Valley School District 61-8	1	\$ 733.45
East Dakota Educational Co-Op	44	\$ 33,064.56
Elk Point-Jefferson School District	1	\$ 599.09
Eureka Public School District 44-1	2	\$ 2,640.20
Faulkton Area School 24-3	1	\$ 1,699.70
Flandreau Public Schools	1	\$ 238.75
Groton School District	4	\$ 4,727.89
Highmore School District	4	\$ 2,030.36
Huron School District 02-2	1	\$ 707.67
Irene-Wakonda High School	2	\$ 4,527.71
Iroquois School District 2-3	1	\$ 2,296.79
Lemmon School District	2	\$ 3,866.57
Little Wound School	3	\$ 3,003.49
McLaughlin School District 15-2	2	\$ 3,712.11
Mid-Central Cooperative	10	\$ 9,629.26
Milbank School District	5	\$ 5,316.94
Miller Area School District #29-3	3	\$ 4,295.24
Mitchell School District	5	\$ 7,137.73
Mobridge School District	7	\$ 10,838.52
Northeast Educational Services Co-Op	24	\$ 25,693.07
Northwest Area Schools Educational Co-Op	3	\$ 2,215.60
Northwestern School	1	\$ 314.73
Oahe Special Education Co-Op	4	\$ 5,931.25
Parkston High School	1	\$ 1,651.20
Pierre School District 32-2	20	\$ 22,446.05
Redfield High School	6	\$ 7,404.38
SD School for the Blind & Visually Impaired	4	\$ 5,504.52
Sioux Falls School Dist #49-5	65	\$ 55,935.13
Sisseton School District 54-2	16	\$ 18,803.94
Smee School District 15-3	3	\$ 5,014.88
South Central Co-Op	5	\$ 5,972.12
Southeast Area Co-Op	5	\$ 4,658.82
Three Rivers Special Services	10	\$ 11,835.07
Vermillion School District	9	\$ 13,907.40
Warner High School	2	\$ 3,038.75
Watertown School District	31	\$ 33,801.24

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Vendor Name	Number of Project Skills Students	Wages & Benefits Paid
Waubay School District 18-3	5	\$ 9,726.90
Webster School District	1	\$ 2,243.25
Wessington Springs School District 36-2	1	\$ 2,272.36
Yankton School District 63-3	5	\$ 8,797.69