

The MARYLAND STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

MARYLAND'S ADVOCATES FOR PUBLIC VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



Disability Mentoring Day at Johns Hopkins Bayview

We Enabled More Marylanders with Disabilities to Achieve Employment!

Even in this difficult economy, DORS helped 2,408 individuals with disabilities achieve employment.

The Council applauds the General Assembly for its steadfast commitment to the DORS budget, assuring receipt of the maximum amount of federal funding available. An emerging challenge is maintaining sufficient rehabilitation counselors to work with all individuals with disabilities who want to work. Because of extended vacancies in DORS counselor positions, the waiting list for services is once again increasing. The Council is advocating that Rehabilitation Counselors be excluded from the state hiring freeze so that more individuals with disabilities can receive employment services, get a job and contribute to Maryland's economy.

We are grateful for your continuing commitment to this cost effective, life changing program.

Kali Mallik, Chair
Maryland State
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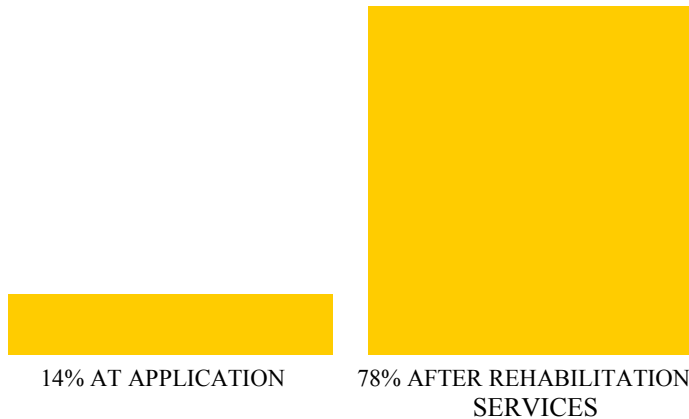
DORS' Successes Add \$35.2 Million to Maryland's Economic Recovery

- 2,408 new workers added \$35.2 million to MD's economy
- 1,075 people moved from public benefits into paid employment
- The average cost to achieve a successful employment through DORS - \$4,413



Community Service Activity at the Food Bank - WTC Consumers Practice Work Skills

REHABILITATION PROMOTES SELF-SUFFICIENCY



PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH WAGES AS THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF SUPPORT

Average Wage - \$10.91 per hour