

AGENCY RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT

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SUBJECT: Audit of Cincinnati Job Corps Center's Student Leave
and Unexcused Absences
Report No. 03-07-003-01-370

We have reviewed your draft report pertaining to the audit of the Cincinnati Job Corps Center's Student Leave and Unexcused Absences. That draft report summarized the two prevailing areas that were investigated, and the question of whether the center operators used student codes to improperly extend the stay of students, and whether the center took appropriate actions to address students who had excessive unexcused absences from class.

Job Corps takes very seriously the need for high data integrity in a program such as this. Having data accurately captured and presented is critical to determining program performance and overall effectiveness. As a consequence, we are undertaking a targeted review of our existing policies to determine if the relevant policies need to be strengthened and/or clarified. We will provide you with a timely response on the changes that may be an outgrowth of that review as soon as it is completed. The results of those changes will be reflected in published changes to existing policy.

We appreciate your review and your on-going efforts to help us make Job Corps an even better organization.