

U.S. Department of Labor
Veterans' Employment Training Service
VETS



Competitive Grantees Training Conference Summary

August 8 through August 11, 2005

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment Training Service (VETS) held their 2005 Competitive Grantees Training Conference in Denver, Colorado from August 8 through August 11. During this time, conference attendees had the opportunity to attend general conference sessions as well as separate breakout training sessions

The titles of each session, as indicated on the conference agenda, were as follows:

- Opening Ceremonies and Welcomes
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- National Institute of Corrections
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Grantee Best Practices
- Intensive Services through Case Management
- Job Coaching the Offender Population
- Stand Down Activities Overview
- Grantee Stand Down Best Practices
- Federal Bonding Program
- Nationwide One Stop Career Centers
- Partnering with Disability Navigators
- Partnering with the Nationwide Network of DVOP and LVER Staff
- VA Compensation Claims
- Compensated Work Therapy Program
- General and Special Grant Provision Breakout Sessions
- VOPAR Internet Based Reporting System
- Child Support Workshop
- On-Site Monitoring/Technical Assistance
- "First Step" HUD/HHS Interactive Tools

Conference Participants

Overall, 289 persons representing 32 states and the District of Columbia attended the conference. See the attached Grantees Roster that contains the names, titles and contact information for all conference attendees.

Evaluation Data Summary

At the end of each conference day, conference attendees were asked to complete a daily evaluation. Attendees were asked to rate each session using the following scale:

Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
1	2	3	4

The evaluations also had space in which attendees could write comments regarding the sessions. Once the evaluations were completed, attendees returned the evaluations to the staff at the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) and the data was entered and summarized as shown in the next section.

The following displays the number of evaluations received for each session (the "Count") and the average statement agreement score based on the 4-point scale:

Session	Count	Average Score
Opening Ceremonies and Welcomes	137	3.28
Department of Veterans Affairs	139	3.27
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans	140	3.40
National Institute of Corrections	146	3.32
Department of Housing and Urban Development	142	3.06
Grantee Best Practices	145	3.35
Intensive Services through Case Management	79	3.60
Job Coaching the Offender Population	84	3.44
Stand Down Activities Overview	39	3.21
Grantee Stand Down Best Practices	41	3.34
Federal Bonding Program	31	3.31
Nationwide One Stop Career Centers	59	3.32
Partnering with Disability Navigators	61	3.18
Partnering with the Nationwide Network of DVOP and LVER Staff	57	3.28
VA Compensation Claims	58	3.22
Compensated Work Therapy Program	54	3.26
General and Special Grant Provision Breakout Sessions	40	3.25
VOPAR Internet Based Reporting System	35	1.89
Child Support Workshop	9	3.22
On-Site Monitoring/Technical Assistance	29	3.17
"First Step" HUD/HHS Interactive Tools	21	3.29
Grantee Best Practices	27	3.30