

Department of Labor Office of Job Corps



Job Corps

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's largest residential, educational and career technical training program for at-promise youth ages 16 through 24. The 122 Job Corps centers nationwide provide an integrated, comprehensive array of services that include: academic, career technical and life skills training; career planning and work-based learning; health care; and post-program placement and transition support.

Job Corps GPRA Goals and Quarterly Performance

PY 2008 (7/1/08 - 6/30/09)

Measure	PY 07 Goal	PY 07 Result	PY 08 Goal	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Entered Employment/Education	82%	73%	84%	70%			
Attained HSD/GED or Vocational Certificate	64%	53%	65%	51%			
Achieved Literacy or Numeracy Gains	58%	53%	59%	54%			

National Numbers — PY 2008 Results through Sept. 30, 2008

Enrollments (New Arrivals)	17,092
Average On Board Strength	40,693 (94% of plan)
Average Length of Stay	7.9 months
Average Length of Stay (Graduates)	12.2 months
Exiters	15,278
Zero Tolerance Separations	12%
AWOL Separations	27%

Student Outcomes — PY 2008 Results through Sept. 30, 2008

Total Placed	70% (rounded)
Placed in Job or Military	57%
Placed in Education	14%
Average Wage at Placement	\$8.91/hour
Number of High School Diplomas	1,988
Number of GEDs	2,615
Number of HSDs/GEDs	4,603
Number of Career Training Completions	6,517



Oconaluftee Job Corps Center Re-opens

On Oct. 1, 2008, Oconaluftee Job Corps Center (located in Cherokee, N.C.) reopened for the first time since being closed in March 2007 for safety and health reasons. "The Department of Labor is pleased to re-open Oconaluftee to offer America's "at-promise" youth the opportunity to expand their education and to acquire job skills. It is my expectation that Oconaluftee will provide an environment that is conducive to learning and one that helps to promote stability in the lives of our students," said Dr. Esther R. Johnson, National Director of Job Corps (pictured above).