

# The Financial Impact of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

## Positive Employment Outcomes

3,697 individuals with disabilities obtained or maintained employment after receiving services from the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in federal fiscal year 2017.

## Facts about these individuals

- As a group, the 3,697 individuals increased their tax payments by an estimated \$14.6 million.
- Federal Income tax payments increased by  $\approx$  \$6.2 million
- State Income tax payment increased by  $\approx$  \$2.3 million
- Social Security tax payments increased by  $\approx$  \$6.1 million

## Personal Income and Insurance Benefits

- When they applied for OVR services, 1,468 (40%) reported that their primary source of support was their personal income with the rest depending upon family or government benefits. At closure, 3,169 (86%) listed personal income as their primary source of support. This is an increase of +1701 people supported by their own income.
- The average income increased by 74%. Their average weekly earnings were \$282.35 at application. After employment when their case was closed, they averaged \$492.44 in earnings per week. This represents an average increase of \$210.09 in weekly income, or \$10,924.68 per year.
- At case closure, 1,931 consumers (52%) were receiving private health insurance benefits

## Working with Others

In federal fiscal year 2017, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation purchased \$23,118,104.48 of services for its consumers. These expenditures went to 33,184 individuals, business and organizations in communities all over the state.