

Division of Services for the Blind

WIOA PARTNERS MEETING

September 25, 2018

DSB MISSION STATEMENT

- ▶ **To enhance the personal and economic independence of blind and visually impaired persons of all ages in Arkansas.**

MEETING THE WIOA CHALLENGE

- ▶ **Changing the way DSB and its WIOA Partners do business**
- ▶ **The foundation of our VR program is the principle that individuals with blindness and vision impairments are capable of achieving high quality competitive integrated employment when provided the necessary services and supports**

MEETING THE WIOA CHALLENGE

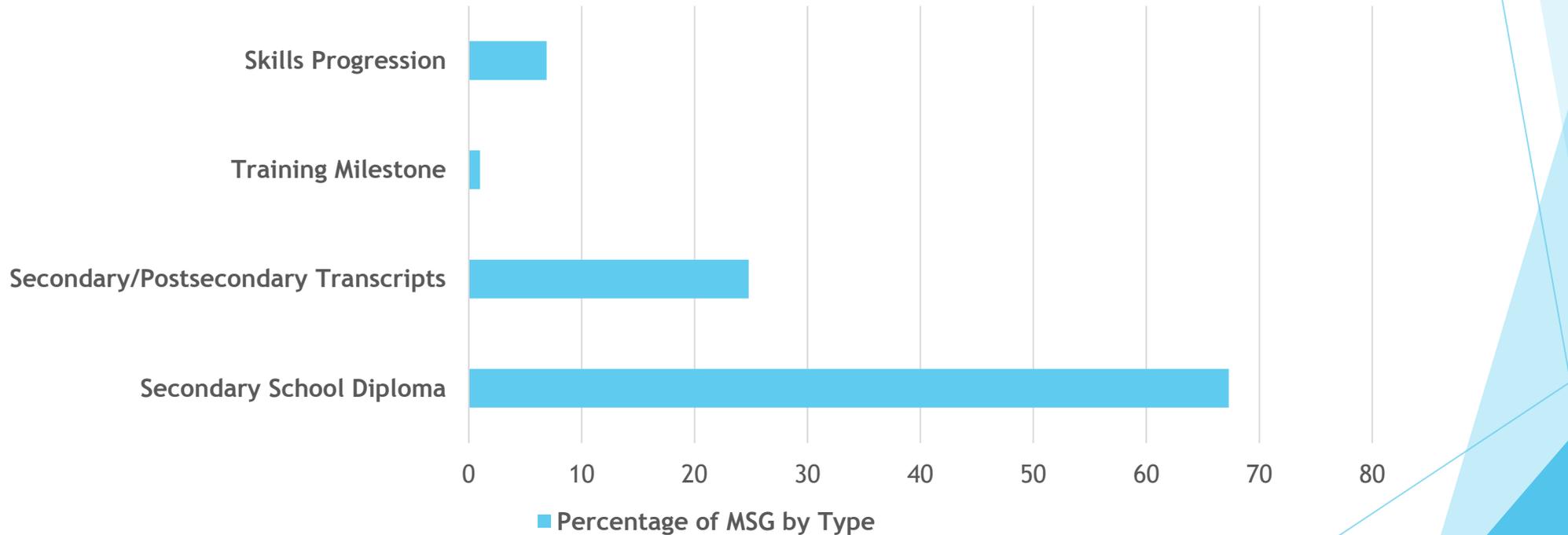
- ▶ Substantial changes in performance measures and reporting
- ▶ Targeted focus on “youth” including those who are potentially eligible
- ▶ Concentration of serving individuals with most significant disabilities
- ▶ Strong emphasis on “Competitive Integrated Employment”
- ▶ Requirements to gather and share new data elements
- ▶ System integration with Core Partners

WIOA Performance Standards Employment After Exit

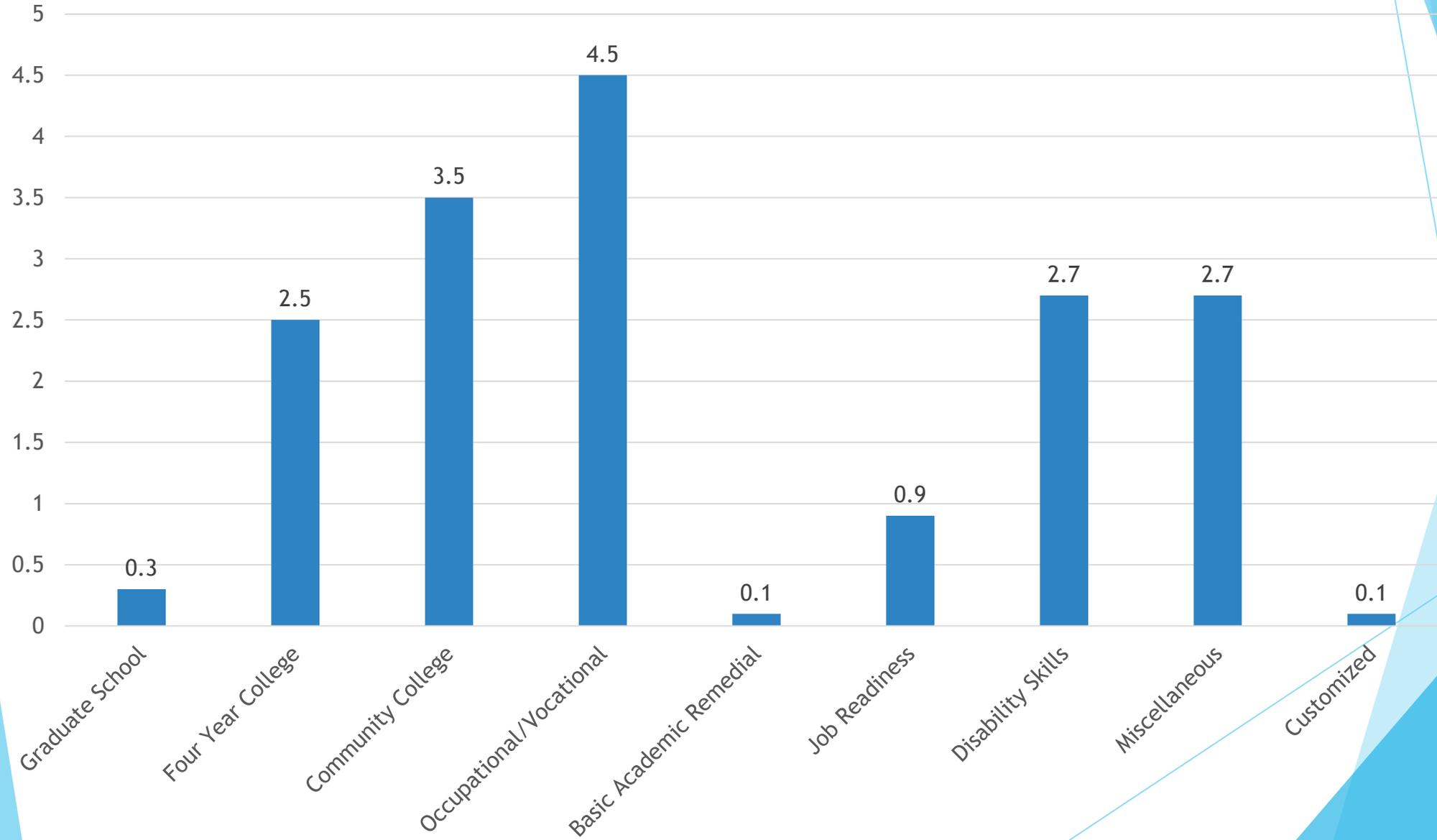
	2 nd Quarter After Exit	Median Earnings 2 nd Quarter After Exit
1 ST Quarter of 2018	40%	\$5,185.34
2 ND Quarter of 2018	42%	\$5,298.31

WIOA Performance Standards- Measurable Skill Gains

Percentage of MSG by Type



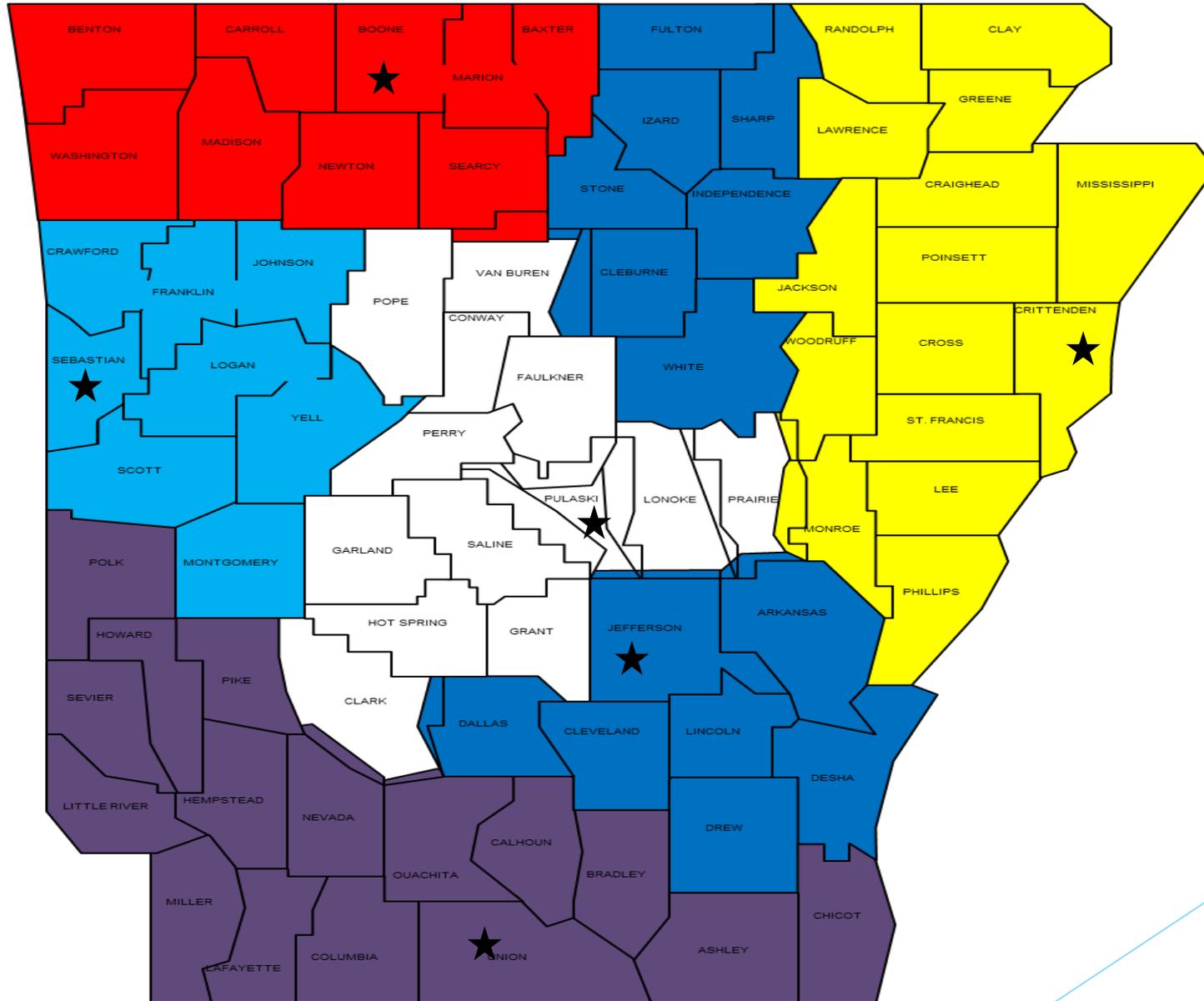
Percentage in Education or Training Program



DSB Meeting the Challenge on Targeting Youth

- ▶ **Job Exploration Counseling**
- ▶ **Work-based Learning Experiences**
- ▶ **Counseling on Post-Secondary Educational programs**
- ▶ **Workplace Readiness Training**
- ▶ **Self-Advocacy**

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind Pre- ETS Transition



Pre - Employment Transition Services

- ▶ **Served 119 Students**
- ▶ **Counselors visit High Schools**
- ▶ **IEP's**
- ▶ **Teachers of Vision Impaired Students**

JUMP START

- ▶ **26 Students in 2018**
- ▶ **3 Weeks on the ASBVI Campus**
- ▶ **Work Experience**
- ▶ **Post-Secondary**
- ▶ **Educational Classroom**
- ▶ **Volunteered**
- ▶ **Talent Show at Governor's Mansion**

TRANSITION FAIRS

- ▶ **Host Transition Fairs**
- ▶ **Back to School and Parent Summits**
- ▶ **Resources and Information**

STYLE PROGRAM

- ▶ **World Services for the Blind**
- ▶ **Classes at headquarters in LR**
- ▶ **Area Workshops**
- ▶ **College Prep Course**
- ▶ **Work Experience**

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

- ▶ **JAG - Jobs for America Graduates**
- ▶ **Loaner Equipment Program**

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ **Serving those with most significant disabilities**
- ▶ **Working with new Vendors**
- ▶ **Vendors Training Program**

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ **Business Engagement Manager**
- ▶ **NET - National Partners**
- ▶ **Chamber of Commerce**
- ▶ **Strategic Planning**

2017 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR



EMPLOYERS RECOGNITION



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