

**Services to Youth - Year in Review**

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

**Who Are Our**

**Young Consumers?**

**Male 59.5% Female 40.5%**

**Age Profile\* % Served**

16 0.8%

17 4.8%

18 13.0%

19 18.0%

20 16.4%

21 14.3%

22 12.6%

23 10.2%

24 9.8%

**Referral Source**

688 Referral 35.6%

Lead Education Agency 23.4%

TAC-Assigned 0.4%

Other Referral Source 40.6%

**Disability Profile**

Sensory/Communicative 6.7%

Physical/Mobility 6.8%

Cognitive/Psychological 86.6%

*\*Age during Fiscal Year 2017*

**Youth Ages 16-24\***

**Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served **9,685** youths age 16 to 24 during SFY 2017.

**862** of these consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of **$12.41**

Employed young consumers worked an average of **27** hours per week.

During SFY2017, MRC served **5,221** high school and post-secondary education students with disabilities aged 16 to 22 through its VR Area Offices. MRC also operated Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS) contracts with **20** vendors across the Commonwealth serving **824** students. These programs offer work-based learning experiences, job readiness and skills trainings, assistance with enrollment in post-secondary education and training programs, job exploration, and leadership/mentoring services to students with disabilities.

During SFY2017, MRC provided work-based learning experiences for **1,169** young consumers across the Commonwealth through its Local Area Office Internship Program, CVS Health Summer Internship Program, Pre-ETS Contracts, and Transitional Internship Program (TIP). These work-based learning experiences provide employment related skills and guidance, and references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities.

\**Age at application for MRC services*.

**FACTS AT A GLANCE**

The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time.  We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC.

**Youths actively receiving services 9,685**

**Youths enrolled in training/education programs 7,583**

**Average hourly wage for employed youths $12.41**