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Presentation to MAWB



#### The Minnesota Veterans Employment Program at DEED

- The Minnesota Veterans Employment Program is funded by the United States Department of Labor (DOL) Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG)
- Our goal is to provide employment services to eligible Veterans in order to obtain and retain quality employment.
- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialists work individually with Veterans experiencing significant barriers to employment.
- Local Veteran Employment Representatives work with MN businesses to promote hiring Veterans and emphasize the value Veterans bring to employers.



#### Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP)





#### Local Veteran Employment Representatives (LVER)



# **Quick Facts Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020**

702 Veterans received case-managed services (i.e. tracked in Workforce One)

Characteristics of Veterans receiving case-managed services:

69% were between the ages of 25 and 49

46% have a disability which is a barrier to employment

15% are female

23% are from a community of color or are Indigenous

15% were ex-offenders

14% were homeless

17% have high school diploma/GED only; 35% have bachelor's degree or higher

64% were unemployed coming into the program

In other DEED workforce programs and CareerForce locations...

7,054 Veterans served



#### How well did you do it?

Over twice as many Veterans who are women (15% program versus 6% of the Vet population)

Three times as many Veterans from communities of color or Indigenous populations (24% program versus 8% of the Vet population

#### Is anyone better off?

87% of Veterans receiving case-managed services in State Fiscal Year 2020 successfully exited The average wage at exit was \$22.18 per hour.

This is \$7.00 per hour more than the average cost of living for a single adult in Minnesota.

This is \$400 per hour more than the average cost of living for a typical Minnesota family.



### **Updates**

Virtual Services

www.careerforcemn.com/veterans

Military to civilian crosswalk

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans career Fair July Hire Vets

Month!

Executive Order 19-20

Transitioning Service Members

National Guard and Reserve units



#### What We Do





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## Thank you!



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