**Blind Field Services Program Report**

**Second Quarter 2024 - 25**

**October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

It is the vision of BFS to increase the number of successful employment outcomes for consumers seeking competitive employment and ensure that every blind and visually impaired Californian who wants to work, obtains employment; and every blind and visually impaired Californian who may not believe they can work, is provided the necessary counseling and guidance to overcome their individual barriers to employment.

Unless otherwise stated, all data is 10/1/2024 through 12/31/2024. Data was gathered from Aware and the DOR Dashboard.

**BFS Statistics for State Fiscal Year to Date (SFYTD) 2024 – 2025**

**Total Applications as of 12/31/2024: 338**

Applications as of the same date in 2023; 284

Applications as of the same date in 2022; 288

Applications as of the same date in 2021; 227

Applications as of the same date in 2020; 186

Applications as of the same date in 2019; 260

**Services to Students with a Disability (SWD) Applications**

The Term "Student with a Disability" means, in general, an individual with a disability in a secondary, postsecondary, or other recognized education program who is aged 16-21.

**SWD Applications of the total number above:**

**10/1/2024 - 12/31/2024:  29 or 10 % of the total number of applications**

SWD as of the same date in 2023; 47 or 16.5% of total apps.

SWD as of the same date in 2022; 40 or 13.88 % of total apps.

SWD as of the same date in 2021; 24 or 10.5 % of total apps.

SWD as of the same date in 2020; 21 or 11.29% of total apps.

SWD as of the same date in 2019; 26 or 10 % of total apps.

**Total number of individuals served this quarter:**

Total Number of Individuals Served this quarter 4325

**WAGE DATA**

**This information covers October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

BFS has the highest hourly wages at $30. 65per hour. The statewide average was $23.41 per hour.

The median hourly wage for BFS was $23.08.  The statewide median hourly wage was $20.00

The average hours worked per week for BFS was 31.  The statewide average hours per week was 33

The median hours worked per week for BFS was 37.  The statewide median hours per week was 40.

**Total Successful closures as of 12/31/2024:  70**

Successful closures as of the same date in 2023; 81

Successful closures as of the same date in 2022; 78

Successful closures as of the same date in 2021; 95

Successful closures as of the same date in 2020; 56

Successful closures as of the same date in 2019; 88

**Successful Closure Information - Placements earning $25 per hour or more**

* Mechanical Engineer; $ 25.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Computer Support Specialist; $25.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Teachers and Instructors, Vocational Education and training, $25.00 per hour, 30 hours per week.
* New Accounts clerks, $25.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Medicine and Health services managers; $25.81 per hour, 17 hours per week.
* Social Workers, $25.96 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All other teachers and instructors; $27.00, 10 hours per week
* All other teachers and instructors; $28.00 per hour; 32 hours per week.
* All other postsecondary teachers; $28.85 per hour; 40 hours per week.
* Social workers, $30.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Radio Operators, $30.00 per hour, 20 hours per week.
* Electrical and Electronic engineer; $30.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Construction Trades Workers; $30.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Insurance Policy Processing Clerks; $31.73 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Teachers and Instructors; $32.05 per hour, 18 hours per week.
* Sales Agents, Real Estate; $32.85 per hour, 40 hours per week
* Customer Service representatives; $33.85 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Medical and Public Health Social Workers; $34.13 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Reservation And Transportation Ticket Agents; $34.15 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Medical and Public Health Social Workers; $35.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Computer Engineers; $35.19 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Computer Support Specialists; $37.50 per hour; 40 hours per week.
* Audio and Video Equipment Technicians; $38.39 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Teachers, Special Education, $39.69 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Instructors, Nonvocational Education, $39.84 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers, $46.15 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Substitute Teachers, $45.15 per hour, 5 hours per week.
* Personal Financial Advisors, $46.15 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, $47.31 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Financial Specialists, $49.04 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Nurse Practitioners, $49.75 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Religious Workers, $50.00 per hour, 5 hours per week
* Tax Preparers, $50.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Administrative Services Managers, $55.29 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Therapists, $62.50 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* All Other Teachers and Instructors, $65.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* General and Operations Managers, $72.12 per hour, 40 hours per week.
* Massage Therapists, $75.00 per hour, 40 hours per week.

**Key Staff Updates:**

Director, Joe Xavier retired in December 2024.

RD, Peter Dawson retired in December 2024 – 24 years.

DA, Laura Rasmussen retired in December 2024 -36 years.

Two QRPs retired last quarter:

Frank Blais – 31 years.

Douglas Mochidome – 24 years.

Acting Director; Victor Duron.

Regional Director covering for BFS: Maria Turrubiartes

Acting District Administrator: Deyanire Villachica

**Office Updates:**

Regular office business hours were interrupted in Southern CA due to the fires, and poor air quality, and/ or power outrage.

Pasadena Office.

Glendale Office.

Van Nuys Office

Torrance Office.

**Upcoming Training**

* SB-105 for 2025 will be coordinated once the DA is hired.
* CTEBVI will be carried out in April and some staff will be attending, mostly from Northern CA.
* CSUN Conference- Staff is encouraged to attend this even to continue updating their knowledge and skills regarding Assistive Technology.
* A series of videos addressing eye diseases, assistive technology, and low vision aids, will be uploaded to the learning management system. The purpose of these videos is to educate DOR staff, including new BFS counselors, about specialized services.