**NC Division of Services for the Blind**

**Report for the NC SILC for July 15, 2016 Meeting**

DSB is pleased to welcome our new IL Program Specialist, Crystal Jackson Cheek, who began on June 1, 2016. Welcome, Crystal!

The below data on numbers served and rehabilitated is preliminary data. Complete data through the end of June is not available until July 15th.

For the State Fiscal Year ’15-’16 DSB’s Independent Living Rehabilitation and Independent Living Older Blind Programs served the following:

Independent Living Rehabilitation = 398

Independent Living Older Blind = 693

Total served both programs = 1,091

Individuals who successfully achieved their independent living goals:

Independent Living Rehabilitation = 198

Independent Living Older Blind = 324

Total successfully closed in both programs = 522

NC Division of Services for the Blind held 31 Mini Centers serving approximately 350 participants in the State Fiscal Year. Mini Centers are community based learning programs in which individuals receive instruction in adaptive living skills, safe travel techniques, peer support and hands-on instruction with a variety of low and high tech devices. Instruction and adjustment counseling is also provided in the home.

Submitted by Patricia Sikes, Chief of Rehabilitation Programs & Facilities, 07/05/2016