NC Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) Goal 6 Report

for SILC meeting 05/05/2017

Objective 6.2: DSB & DVR will provide Assistive Technology supports that will enable People with Disabilities to increase independence in their home and community

**Activities:**

**• At a minimum, DSB will provide two (2) technology group trainings to consumers per year.**

DSB Independent Living Rehabilitation (ILR) and Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) programs staff gave nine technology group training sessions. Our Mini Centers instructors teach on the use of technology for communications, talking clocks, talking watches, talking scales, labeling wands, dialing keypads on mobile phones, iPad, currency readers, recorders, and books. DSB Assistive Technology (AT) staff work one on one with training consumers on all AT needs.

**• At a minimum, DSB & DVR will provide assistive technology training to a minimum of 100 participants in the community.**

DSB ILR and ILOB programs staff provided AT group training sessions on various AT devices during this reporting period. A total of 218 DSB ILR and ILOB consumers received assistive technology services either in the home and/or in group training.

Objective 6.3: DSB & DVR will enable Veterans with disabilities to receive seamless supports and services that allow them to live independently.

**Activities:**

**• At a minimum, DSB & DVR will participate in five (5) events per year to increase communication and collaboration with the Veterans Administration and other programs serving veterans.**

DSB staff took part in 33 outreach events to increase communication and collaborative efforts with Veterans.

Four of these events partnered with the VA or other programs serving veterans.