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

FFY 2016-2017 to date

for SILC meeting 12/15/2017

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) program staff provided 18 technology group training sessions during Mini Center trainings which cover a wide range of topics. 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, the iPad, currency readers, recorders, and books. DSB Assistive Technology (AT) staff also work one on one with training consumers on all AT needs. Additionally, three Mini Centers which provided extended training specifically on the use of iOS technology were provided.

**• 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 334 DSB ILR and ILOB consumers received assistive technology services either in the home and/or in group trainings.

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 take part 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 114 outreach events to increase communication and collaborative efforts with Veterans.

Nine of these events collaborated with the VA or other programs serving veterans.