

ARRA and Jobs Reporting

Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires counties, as sub-recipients of ARRA funds for preschool special education services, to report the number of jobs retained with ARRA funding. Based on the revised guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, counties must report jobs retained with ARRA funding in the current quarter. However, because ARRA funding was used to reimburse preschool special education services over the full 2009-10 school year, counties should estimate the number of jobs saved for the full 2009-10 school year. The State Education Department (SED) calculated jobs retained/funded for the full 2009-10 school year by preschool special education providers whose rates are established and certified by SED's Rate Setting Unit. Those job estimates have been posted on each county's unsubmitted report on the ARRA reporting system (portal.nysed.gov). Counties should review the data in the ARRA reporting system, revise as needed, and certify and submit the information no later than October 25, 2010.

SED Calculation of Jobs Retained

SED's job calculation methodology is described below.

- To calculate jobs retained/funded, SED divided the ARRA funds paid to the vendor or county for salaries and fringe benefits for the year by the average annual salary and fringe benefits of the vendor's or county's preschool special education program.

Example:

County X			
Vendor	ARRA Paid [A]	Average Annual Salary [B]	Jobs Funded [A/B]
010100115658	\$46,771	\$40,137	1.2
010100997850	\$181,741	\$44,572	4.1
010402880287	\$406,444	\$58,081	7.0

- SED calculated the program's average annual salary by dividing the reported total annual salaries and fringe benefits allocated to a program by the number of full-time equivalent employees allocated to that program.
- The data needed to calculate jobs funded is provided from the claims counties submit to its STAC, Special Aids and Medicaid Unit and from the Consolidated Fiscal Reports submitted by preschool special education providers to SED's Rate Setting Unit.

County Calculation of Jobs Retained

Because SED can not identify the vendors providing related services and transportation services, counties must estimate the number of jobs retained for these services. Counties can calculate jobs saved for these services using the same

methodology as SED (see above). To use this methodology, counties would:

- Determine the amount of ARRA funds used to reimburse vendors that provided related services and transportation services, and
- Divide the ARRA funds paid to the vendor for salaries and fringe benefits for the year by the average annual salary and fringe benefits of the vendor.

Example:

County X			
Related Service Provider or Transporter	ARRA Paid [A]	Average Annual Salary [B]	Jobs Funded [A/B]
5658	\$26,771	\$30,130	0.9
7850	\$101,640	\$42,570	2.4
0287	\$46,444	\$48,081	1.0

Counties can also calculate jobs retained/funded based on the number of hours worked. To use this methodology, counties would divide the total number of ARRA-funded hours worked in the year by the number of hours in a full-time work schedule in a year as defined by the vendor. If a full-time work schedule is 40 hours a week, then the total number of work hours in a year is 2,080 (40 hours per week x 52 weeks per year).

Example:

If two employees each worked 2,080 hours for the year and another employee worked 520 hours for the year, then the total hours worked during the year for the three employees is 4,680 (2,080 + 2,080 + 520). The 4,680 hours worked during the year divided by 2,080 work hours in a year equals 2.25 jobs funded by ARRA.

Because parental mileage reimbursement for transportation is not employment, there is no need to include those costs in jobs retained. In addition, the transportation cap adjustment was not applied to any ARRA claims and should not be considered in reporting jobs retained.

Remember that once the number of jobs retained has been calculated, the authorized user must enter or update the number of jobs reported on the portal at <http://portal/nysed.gov/> no later than **October 25, 2010**.