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**DIRECTIVE:           JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 17-20**

**TO:**                   ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
                          ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
                          ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
                          ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
                          ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
                          ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS  
                          ALL CENTER USERS

**FROM:**               LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS  
                          National Director  
                          Office of Job Corps

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lenita Jacobs-Simmons", is written over the typed name and title.

**SUBJECT:**           Job Corps Disability Program Report: Program Year 2016

1.     Purpose. To provide a status update on the Job Corps Disability Program including who Job Corps serves, the types of services and supports it provides, comparisons of student outcomes between students with disabilities and students without; and moving forward, identify innovations for implementation.
2.     Background. Job Corps ensures students with disabilities have equal access to, and are provided with necessary accommodations to allow full participation in Job Corps programs and services. For students with disabilities to achieve their potential and succeed in the workforce, they must have an opportunity to access program offerings and receive coordinated services from admissions through placement, and beyond.  
  
In September 2017, labor force participation by people with disabilities was 19.6 percent. By comparison, labor force participation by people without a disability was 66 percent.<sup>1</sup> Job Corps' inclusive programming is working toward narrowing that gap by providing an environment that encourages and supports every student, regardless of their ability to set and achieve career goals.
3.     Action. Addressees are to ensure this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.
4.     Effective Date. Until superseded.

<sup>1</sup> Labor force measures are based on the civilian, non-institutional population 16 years old and over. (Persons under age 16, all inmates of institutions, and persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are excluded.) All other members of the civilian, non-institutional population who are 16 or over and have a job or are actively looking for one and available to work are classified as in the labor force <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm>. Labor force rates retrieved October 23, 2017.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Johnetta Davis at (202) 693-8010 or [davis.johnetta@dol.gov](mailto:davis.johnetta@dol.gov).

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