

RPO Update

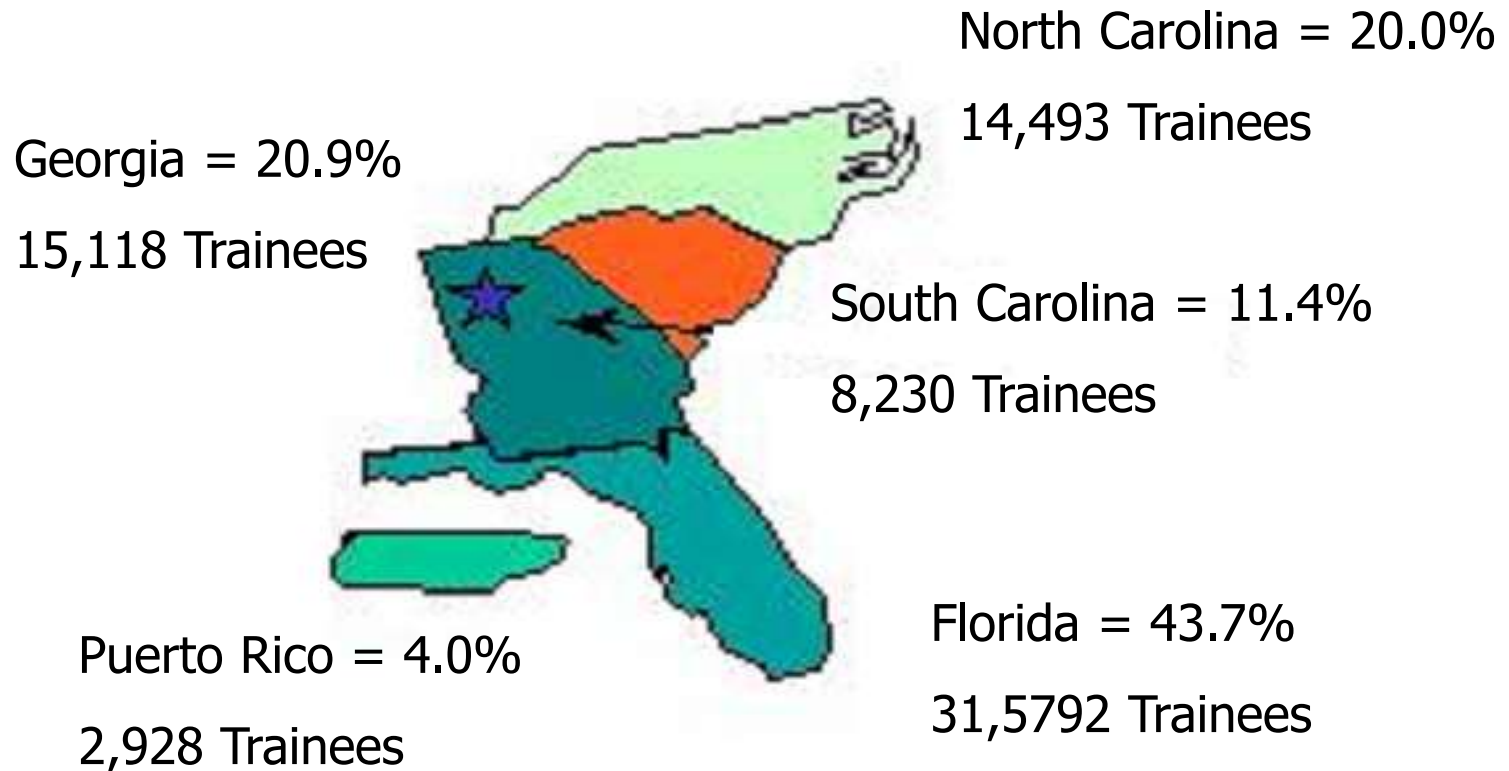


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RPO Jurisdiction & Trainees



Snapshot of Trainees on the roles as of February 29, 2012

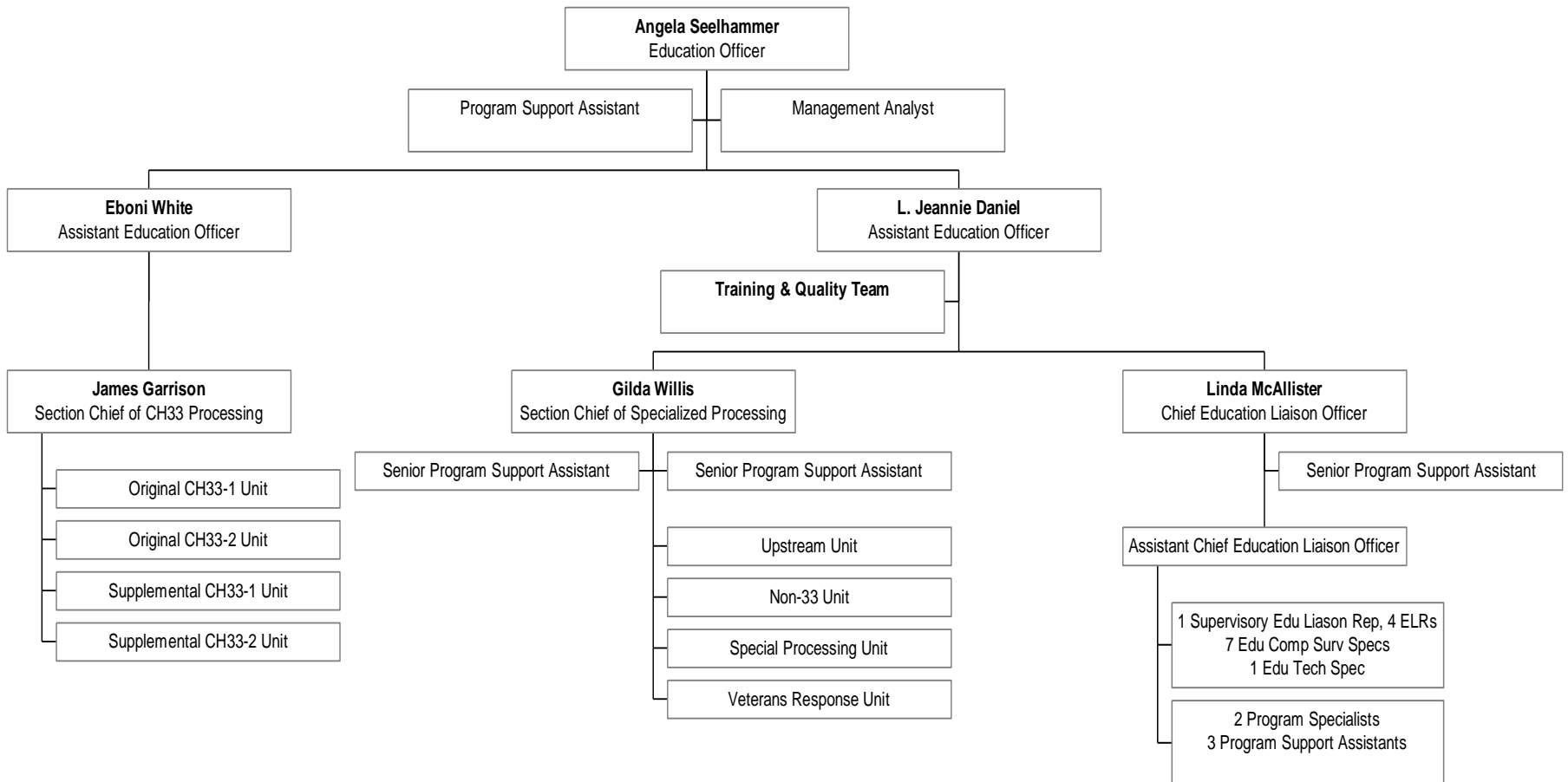
Staffing

- Ceiling: 263
- On Board: 228
 - Atlanta RPO – 218
 - St. Petersburg RO – 6
 - Columbia RO – 1
 - San Juan RO – 1
 - Winston-Salem RO – 2



Staffing

Education Division



Timeliness

FY12	Target (in days)	FYTD (in days)
Original	23.0	29.7
Supplemental	12.0	14.1



Quality

Central Office Review, FY12	Target	Payment Accuracy
Quarter 1	97.0%	91.3%
Quarter 2	97.0%	98.9%
FYTD	97.0%	95.1%

System Improvements

- **In June 2010, Long Term Solution (LTS) was deployed for Chapter 33 processing**
- **October – December 2010, LTS added the features of:**
 - Introduced pre-populated award letters
 - VAONCE enrollments started to pre-populate into LTS
 - Payment and authorization section so VCEs could allow for payments to automatically generate from LTS to BDN

System Improvements

•March 2011 – December 2011, LTS Release Updates to include Public Law 111-377 Modifications of the Post-9/11 GI Bill:

- Included changes in payment rules (Public Schools: net cost for in-state tuition and Public Schools: \$17,500 cap rate/yr.)
- Allows for payments of Licensing & Certification Tests and National Exams
- Kicker payments are received on a monthly basis
- Payments to Non-College Degree (Non IHL) schools, Flight Training, On-the-Job Training, Apprenticeship Programs, and Correspondence
- Updates to system letters include “75B” letter to schools

System Improvements

- October 2011, Flight, On-the-Job training, Correspondence, and Apprenticeship System (FOCAS) was deployed
- January 23, 2012, claimants using Survivor's and Dependent's Educational Assistant Program (Chapter 35) can receive direct deposit

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

- VRAP is apart of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011
- **Purpose:** To offer 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans
- **Program is limited:**
 - 45,000 participants during FY 2012
 - 54,000 participants during 10/01/12 to 03/31/14



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