



## Technical Assistance and Transition Service Information for Schools

### ACCES-VR - What is the Role of the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor?

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors (VRCs) work with people with disabilities, helping them to lead self-sufficient lives both at home and on the job.

#### **ACCES-VR VRCs:**

- ◆ Determine an individual's eligibility for ACCES-VR services
- ◆ Assist individuals to learn what they are able to do as well as understand their limitations
- ◆ Help individuals to discover what they are interested in and set goals for employment
- ◆ Assist individuals to find jobs and the training and supports needed to maintain employment
- ◆ Work with individuals to develop and write their Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW:

- Each school district has an ACCES-VR VRC liaison assigned to work with the school's point person to develop a process for student referrals to ACCES-VR
- Students who are within 2 years of exiting school can be referred to ACCES-VR
- Contact your VRC liaison early to discuss the referral plan and set aside dates for the upcoming school year
- Consider including additional information such as career assessments, work experience/job coaching reports, employability profiles and transcripts to assist the VRC with the development of the Individualized Employment Plan (IPE)

### LET US PARTNER WITH YOU

Contact your CES to discuss developing a training plan to support successful transition practices with topics including ACCES-VR services, state and community resources, work readiness and more.

We look forward to working with you and your staff!

**Individual Meetings - Department Meetings - Staff Development Days**

**NEW DATE  
&  
LOCATION!**

**TRANSITION  
SUMMIT  
2017-18**

**April 12, 2018**

**ES BOCES  
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16 Andrea Road  
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ACCES-VR encourages early engagement in career exploration and job readiness training which can provide the tools and guidance that students with disabilities need to successfully seek, find, advance in, and/or maintain employment.

## CAREER EXPLORATION - How do we help Students find their Path?

Zookeeper, Teacher, Biologist, Sanitation Specialist... so many options – **how do we help students find their direction?** Let's look at some tools that can assist them in exploring their interests, skills, and challenges.

The following links offer students the opportunity to complete interest profiles

that match their interests to jobs, careers and education requirements.

- [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org): User friendly site to explore careers and gather relevant job information
- [www.careerzone.ny.gov](http://www.careerzone.ny.gov): Site created for high school students that offers an interest profile that matches the Holland Interest Code to jobs and careers
- [www.Do2Learn.com](http://www.Do2Learn.com): Site designed for students with disabilities. Offers resources, games, and employment information

**It doesn't stop there...**there are numerous activities that students can participate in during high school that can assist them with identifying career interests and exploring employment options. Some of these activities include:

- ♦ **Job Shadowing** - gives students a glimpse of what an occupation is like
- ♦ **Internships** - temporary, supervised assignments designed to give students practical hands-on experiences
- ♦ **School or Community Work-based Learning Experiences** - supervised activities focused on developing foundational skills that help prepare students for becoming college and career ready
- ♦ **Jobs** - a summer or part-time job gives students the opportunity to learn about different careers while earning money
- ♦ **School Committees and Clubs** - can spark a student's interests and help them identify their strengths and skills (Examples: Yearbook Committee, Science Club, & Social Organizations)
- ♦ **Student Organizations** - can promote career and work readiness (Examples: SkillsUSA, DECA, & Future Business Leaders of America)
- ♦ **Community Service** - volunteering allows students to serve their communities and bolster their experiences (Examples: Religious institutions, local non-profits, government municipalities utilize volunteers to fill a variety of positions)



## Work Based Learning Resources

The **NEWLY REVISED** WBL manual can be found at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/wbl/home.html>

**The WBL manual** is a guide that gives you an Introduction to WBL, Career Awareness/Exploration, Career Development Application, Classroom Curriculum and Instruction, Department of Labor Regulations and Sample Forms to use with your program.

**CTE Technical Assistance Center of NY** - operates through a State Contract with NYSED to provide information on research based methods and strategies. There are several useful webinars on WBL at:

<http://nyctecenter.org/webinars/libraries>

## RSE-TASC Interagency Transition Teams

An interagency transition team brings together a variety of stakeholders who are supporting youth with disabilities so they can have the best chances for success as adults. The LI RSE-TASC Transition Team has established two strong, dynamic, ever-expanding and transformative teams in each county.

Sharing evidenced-based practices in this venue, providing a forum for our regional leaders to explore and work with them in the context of their work and then take them back to their individual districts and/or agencies, is the most efficient and effective way for us to build capacity in the region. **PLEASE JOIN US!!**

**Suffolk Interagency Transition Team (SCITT)**  
First Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 29th 9-12pm  
ES BOCES Hines Administration Center  
201 Sunrise Highway, Patchogue

**Nassau Interagency Transition Team (NCITT)**  
First Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 12th 9-12pm  
Nassau BOCES George Faber Administrative Center  
71 Clinton Road, Garden City