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6TH ANNUAL SUMMIT ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM EVALUATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE



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- Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center on VR Program Management
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- Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)



6th Annual Summit

Vocational Rehabilitation Program Evaluation & Quality Assurance

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Please Join Us at the 6th Annual Summit on VR Program Evaluation & Quality Assurance

Opportunities for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Professionals

- Learn about promising practices in program evaluation and quality assurance
- Share your experiences, strategies, and tools with others in your field
- Find support to continue improving employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities

Who will be there?

- Program planners/evaluators and quality assurance specialists
- Researchers, educators, and graduate students
- VR administrators
- Rehabilitation service providers
- Agencies serving individuals who are blind
- State rehabilitation council members and disability advocates

Summit Highlights

- Formal and informal networking opportunities
- Nationally renowned keynote speakers
- 20 breakout sessions on program development, evaluation, and improvement
- Poster sessions showcasing the latest research in the field
- Diverse selection of presenters, including practitioners, educators, graduate students, disability advocates, and professional program evaluators

Presentation and Poster Topics

- Choosing appropriate program evaluation methods and instruments
- Data analysis: interpreting and reporting evaluation results and sharing findings
- Utilization-focused program evaluation and decision-making (for strategic planning)
- Cost and cost-benefit analysis (return on investment, economic impact)
- Recruiting and retaining VR program evaluators (pre-service programs, mentoring)

Why You Can't Miss It

- Given the current need to tie services to accountability/performance measures, improved knowledge is vital. Learn first-hand how other state VR agencies have invested in evaluation strategies, infrastructure, and data utilization to assure quality service delivery. Help your agency take steps towards continuous improvement – earn CRC credits while you're at it!
- As a decision-maker in your agency, the summit will help build skills in interpreting and using data to make informed decisions.
- Summit attendance sends the message throughout your agency that program evaluation is everybody's business.

No registration fee to attend

A small number of stipends to support graduate students and self-advocates (to help defray travel expenses) may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Online registration begins June 21st. Discover more details at www.VRSummit.org.