Overview

The Rehabilitation Research & Training Center for Evidence-Based Practice in Vocational Rehabilitation (RRTC-EBP-VR) is designed to generate knowledge and evidenced based vocational rehabilitation practices that improve employment rates, and quality of employment, for persons with disabilities. Through collaboration with key stakeholders (VR, community partners, business & industry, rehabilitation researchers, families and individuals with disabilities), this RRTC is engaged in a comprehensive, participatory action research process to identify, study and exchange essential elements that contribute to successful outcomes.

Focus

Research and Knowledge Translation: the multidimensional, active process of ensuring that new knowledge gained through the course or research ultimately improves the lives of people with disabilities, and furthers their participation in society (NIDRR, 2005).

Impact

- Communicate important research findings related to high performing state VR programs
- Showcase effective VR service delivery
- Enhance and Influence policy development to improve outcomes in the VR system
- Demonstrate effective tools, strategies, and relationships for sharing key information

Funding

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Partners

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