



Resources for Employment Professionals

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

JAN is a source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace. askjan.org/index.html

SEDL's Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

SEDL conducts research and knowledge translation designed to improve the quality and responsiveness in vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). autism.sedl.org

Institute for Community Inclusion—Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Quality Employment Practices

This publication describes autism spectrum disorders and offers strategies for supporting employment and workplace accommodations. The article is intended for direct support professionals. www.communityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=266

Moving TANF Recipients to Work

This brief examines activities to help move recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who have a disability to employment. It looks at the opportunities and challenges to state governments in crafting supports and services. It also offers a glimpse of some strategies and approaches being used by state TANF agencies to help recipients with a disability secure and maintain employment. www.dol.gov/odep/pdf/ntar-issue-brief7-tanf.pdf

Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Effective programs have been identified to demonstrate on-the-ground examples of effective activities and strategies that are achieving exceptional results in the employment of persons with ASD. <http://autism.sedl.org/index.php/resources/gep.html>

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Workplace Accommodations

This national center has case studies from around the country that illustrate workplace / job accommodations that have been made for specific employees with disabilities in a variety of occupational settings.

<http://workrerc.org/accommodations.php>

The Job Development Exchange

This service provides vocational rehabilitation counselors with the wealth of information they need to successfully engage both large and small employers. It offers a range of strategies, techniques, and tools needed to insure that all individuals with disabilities obtain employment outcomes. The Exchange focuses on what counselors need to know, whether they are buying job development services or doing it themselves. tacesoutheast.org/myportal/index.php

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center

This Virginia Commonwealth University center is a national resource for rehab programs and professionals. VCU has extensive research on its website and archives of the Journal for Vocational Rehabilitation which it publishes.

www.worksupport.com

Certified Employment Support Professional Certification

Training and certification for job development professionals. www.tennesseeworks.org/wp-content/uploads/CESP-General-Flyer-April-2016-2.pdf

Southeast TACE

TACE is funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administrations to support state VR programs and their partners. It provides technical assistance and continuing education activities, including the opportunity to earn education credit and/or certificates.

www.tacesoutheast.org/index.php



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NTAR Webinars

The National Technical Assistance and Research Center to Promote Leadership for Increasing Employment and Economic Independence of Adults with Disabilities is a collaboration of partners with expertise in workforce development, disability employment, economic development, financial education, benefits planning, and leadership development.

www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/projects/national-technical-assistance-and-research-center-promote-leadership-increasing-employment

Other Resources

The Arc Tennessee

The Arc advocates for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. (800) 835-7077, www.thearctn.org

Creating a Pathway to a Better Financial Future: Developing State Strategies for Asset Development and Wealth Creation for People with Disabilities.

This brief introduces basic asset development concepts, tools, and activities that states can use as a framework for developing comprehensive, integrated state asset development strategies for people with disabilities and their families.

www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/products/uploads/Asset_Development_Brief.pdf

Vanderbilt Resources

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (VKC)

The VKC works with and for people with disabilities and their family members, service providers and advocates, researchers and policy makers. It is among only a few centers nationwide to be a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, a *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, and a Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Training Program.

vkc.vumc.org

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder

Pathfinder is a free statewide phone, web, and print referral service in English and Spanish. It connects the Tennessee disability community with service providers and resources. Its website database has over 3,000 agencies searchable by Tennessee county and service. Pathfinder is a project of the VKC, TN Council on Developmental Disabilities, TN Department of Health, and the TN Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. (615) 322-8529, toll-free (800) 640-4636 www.familypathfinder.org

Employment of Persons with Disabilities

The VKC is committed to working in the area of employment of persons with disabilities. Activities promote meaningful work for youth and adults with disabilities through model service programs and technical assistance, training, research, and information sharing.

www.tennesseeworks.org

TennesseeWorks has a page designed to meet the needs of employment professionals:

www.tennesseeworks.org/agencies/

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