

# TRANSITION: RESOURCE MAPPING AND BLENDING OF RESOURCES



**REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND**  
**REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

# REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA)

2

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) was established by Congress as the principal federal agency authorized to carry out Titles I, III, VI and VII, as well as specified portions of Title V of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended.

We are organized with two Divisions and the Commissioner's Office:

- Training and Service Program Division (TSPD)
- State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division (SMPID)
- Program Support Staff (PSS) in the Office of the Commissioner

## TOPICS

VR Service Delivery  
for Transition-aged  
Youths

RSA  
Demonstration  
Projects

VR Innovative  
Practices  
supporting  
Successful  
Outcomes

VR Performance  
Measures

Section 103(a) (15) and 103 (b)(6) of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, authorizes the VR agencies to engage in transition services for students with disabilities.

### Transition-age Youths Referred and Served

- In FY 2008, 116, 544 transition-age youths records were closed after receiving services from the 80 state VR agencies.

# **VR SERVICE DELIVERY FOR TRANSITION-AGED YOUTHS**

4

- **Assessment Services**
- **Vocational Guidance and Counseling Services**
- **Job Search Assistance**
- **Job Placement Services**
- **On-the-Job Supports**
- **Postsecondary Education**

# RALPH WALDO EMERSON

5

**IT IS A FACT OFTEN OBSERVED, THAT MEN  
HAVE WRITTEN GOOD VERSES UNDER THE  
INSPIRATION OF PASSION, WHO CANNOT  
WRITE WELL UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.**

# CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS... RSA'S DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

6

- Maryland Seamless Transition Collaborative
- Massachusetts Transition Works
- Ohio Promoting Rehabilitation and Educational Results through State, Regional and Local Collaboration
- Oregon Project *ACCESS*: Accelerated Career Counseling and Employment Support Services
- Pennsylvania Community on Transition: Achieving Outcomes through a Shared Agenda
- South Carolina Youth Employment Services (YES)

## GUIDEPOSTS

School-based  
Preparatory  
Experiences

Career Preparation  
and Work-based  
Learning Experiences

Youth Development  
and Leadership

Connecting Activities

Family Involvement  
and Support

### Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy's, High School/High Tech Program

- A comprehensive transition program that uses a variety of activities and innovative approaches to expose youths with disabilities to careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (referred to as the STEM careers) and other technology-based professions.
- Achieves objectives by maintaining high expectations, exposing youth to high-growth industries, facilitating youth development and leadership, and encouraging the involvement of family members and caring adults.

# **VR INNOVATIVE PRACTICES SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES**

8

- **College Preparation Programs**
- **Career Preparation and Training Initiatives**
- **Shared Youth Vision Federal Collaborative Partnerships**
- **Interagency Agreements-Assistive Technology**
- **Statewide Partnerships Leveraging Resources and Maximizing Access to Services for Transitioning Youths**
- **Leveraging Resources and Maximizing Access to Service for Transition Youths Through Statewide Partnerships**



# **RSA-911 DATA REPORT NATIONAL TOTALS FY 2009**

9

## ***Youths Served with Cognitive Impairments***

- 60,826 served
  - 16,497 received postsecondary education services
  - 32,908 achieved competitive employment

## ***Youths Served with Cognitive, Psychosocial, and/or Other Mental Impairments***

- 85,326 served
  - 23,846 received postsecondary education services
  - 44,053 achieved competitive employment

## ***Total Transition-aged Youth Served***

- Transition Age Youths with a competitive employment outcome for FY 2009: 57,631

# NATIONAL TOTALS CLOSURE PERFORMANCE COMPETITIVE TRANSITION-AGED YOUTHS

10

DATA Number of Youths Served	FY 2007	FY 2008
Closure with Employment	64,860	64,979
Closure with Competitive Employment (min. wage)	63,524	62,429
Closed with Competitive Employment at 35 or more hours per week	35,707	34,098

# RESOURCES

11

## RSA MIS

[www.rsa.ed.gov](http://www.rsa.ed.gov)

- View grant information and published data about any state
- View the *Annual Review Report* for any state
- View performance measure tables
- Generate custom tables and graphs from RSA data
- View Publications and general information

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

- Monitoring Reports
- Promising Transition Practices
- RSA State Liaisons

**THANK YOU**

12

**The future depends on what we  
do in the present.**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

# FURTHER INFORMATION

13

Cassandra P. Shoffler

202-245-7827

[cassandra.shoffler@ed.gov](mailto:cassandra.shoffler@ed.gov)