

RSA Commissioner's Update

From Commissioner Lynnae Rutledge

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Welcome to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)! The purpose of the *RSA Commissioner's Update* is to increase awareness and knowledge of RSA activities. You will receive the update via e-mail.

Of Interest

The White House convened a meeting to discuss the contributions that RSA and state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies can make to the implementation of the President Obama's executive order on employment in federal government for individuals with disabilities. To read the executive order visit www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/executive-order-increasing-federal-employment-individuals-with-disabilities

Grant Competitions

RSA will be publishing notices in the Federal Register in 2011, inviting applications for the following programs: Long-Term Training Program (84.129); Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program (84.128G); Recreational Programs (84.128J); American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (84.250); and the National AT Activities Program (84.224B). Applications will be due 45 days from the publication date. Visit www.ed.gov

Webinars

RSA will be sponsoring a series of technical assistance webinars on topics that will serve a variety of professional communities. Visit <https://ncrtm.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=193> to engage in previous, current and future webinars.

Upcoming Webinars:

- Feb. 11: RSA and NTAC Present Employment Services and Outcomes for People with ID/DD: National Trends and Successful Collaborations
- Feb. 28: RSA and NTAC Present Vocational Rehabilitation Outreach to Underserved Populations

FY 2009 Vocational Rehabilitation Performance Wall Chart

The *FY 2009 Vocational Rehabilitation Performance Wall Chart* provides performance data for the 80 VR agencies in the states and territories, organized by the three agency types: blind, general and combined. National totals and agency-specific averages and totals are provided for comparison. A definition and data sources for each measure are also provided on the chart. State agencies are sorted based on the "number of cases closed with employment." The information contained on the chart reflects the information submitted by VR agencies to RSA. Both printed and Microsoft Word versions of the tables are available. If you have any questions or wish to acquire a copy of the wall chart, please contact Joe Pepin, chief of the Data Unit, at joe.pepin@ed.gov or at 202-245-7598.