

RSA Commissioner's Update

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Welcome to the *RSA Commissioner's Update*! Published by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), this update is intended to increase awareness and knowledge of RSA activities. We will send you a new edition via email and we hope you enjoy it.

STATE MONITORING AND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

- **Reallotment of federal funds** for vocational rehabilitation services from agencies not expected to utilize their full FY 2011 allotment by the end of this FY will occur from July 15, 2011, to August 15, 2011.
- **FY 2011 On-site Monitoring.** In August 2011, RSA's State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division (SMPID) will conduct FY 2011 vocational rehabilitation on-site monitoring visits to Maine General and Nevada vocational rehabilitation agencies and Centers for Independent Living on-site visits to Mainstream Independent Living in Arkansas and Independent Living Resources in Oregon to ensure consistency with federal requirements and to ensure the continued implementation of programs designed to improve results for individuals with disabilities.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Located on the RSA website at <http://rsa.ed.gov> you will find the Commissioner's Corner. The Commissioner's Corner was created with you in mind in an effort to share information. At the Commissioner's Corner you will find information regarding events and federal partnerships, as well as archived Commissioner's Updates and Quarterly Times. Please visit this site as updates are posted

RESOURCES

The Campaign for Disability Employment is a collaborative effort between several disability and business organizations that seek to promote positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities by encouraging employers and others to recognize the value and talent they bring to the workplace, as well as the dividend to be realized by fully including people with disabilities at work. People with disabilities make important contributions to America's businesses every day. By implementing good workplace practices, like maintaining a flexible and inclusive work environment, businesses can capitalize on the talents of qualified people with disabilities, benefitting everyone. For more information, visit www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org.

WEBINARS

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

CONFERENCE

August 23-26. FY 2011 National Financial Management Conference.

RSA, in cooperation with the regional Technical Assistance and Continuing Education centers, will conduct a national financial management conference, in Arlington, Va. The conference will feature working sessions in areas of fiscal management of the vocational rehabilitation (VR) program, including resource management, match and maintenance of effort, internal controls, and allowable or allocable costs. In addition, the conference will provide opportunities for sharing fiscal management practices used by VR agencies.

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