

Greetings from the WIPA National Training Center at Virginia Commonwealth University!

We would like to announce that registration is now open for the following training opportunity:

## **Establishing Effective Partnerships with State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 19, 2011

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 2:00pm Eastern Time

**Training Format:** Webinar

**Trainers:** Dr. John Kregel, VCU WIPA National Training Center  
Gail Falk, VCU WIPA National Training Center

**Guest Speakers:** Joyce Armstrong and Nora Bishop, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Connecticut  
Angie Howell, Easter Seals Nebraska

### **Training Description**

This webinar, designed for WIPA staff, will address why effective working relationships with vocational rehabilitation are so important. In addition to looking at the benefits to the operation of the WIPA program, the advantages for the beneficiary of true partnership will be evident.

The webinar will begin with an orientation to the vocational rehabilitation system, designed to help the CWIC see the advantages to the VR counselor of a good working relationship with the WIPA. Next, we will discuss some strategies for working with shared consumers throughout the different phases of involvement with VR and WIPA programs. We will then provide an overview of the Partnership Plus program, and how WIPA projects can promote beneficiary involvement.

**Topical areas covered include:**

1. Effective strategies for establishing a mutually beneficial partnership with VR.
2. Ensuring effective and appropriate referrals between State VR agencies and WIPAs.
3. Collaboration throughout the employment process.
4. The advantages of the Partnership Plus program.

**Registration Information:**Who should register for this training event?

Since this training is intended to build upon existing work incentives knowledge, it is only open to individuals who have successfully completed the CWIC initial training program and have achieved CWIC certification or recertification.

All WIPA Project Directors and Managers are also encouraged to participate regardless of their certification status.

As a supplemental training, CWICs are not required to participate in this webinar. However, we strongly encourage all WIPA personnel to register for this event to ensure that your project is equipped to provide comprehensive information and effective support to beneficiaries.

How do I register?

Click on the link below to register for this training on the WIPA NTC web site:

<http://www.vcu-ntc.org/training/supplemental.cfm>

A message will appear immediately following your completion of the registration form that your registration was received successfully.

Once registration is closed, all individuals will be notified via email as to whether or not their participation in the session is confirmed. If you are confirmed to attend, you will receive an email message providing detailed information on training session logistics as well as any materials you will need to print out and have on hand during the training event.

You will receive a second email a few days before the training event providing you with the information you need to access the webinar from the Internet.

Any questions or support needs regarding registration for this course can be directed to Julie Schall at [jaschall@vcu.edu](mailto:jaschall@vcu.edu) or 804.827.0741.