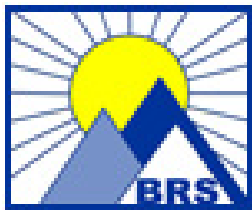


RESC/SERC Transition Resource Counselor Initiative

“Student and Adult Services - Partners for Future Employment”



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The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Regional Educational Service Center (RESC)/ State Education Resource Center (SERC) Transition Resource Counselor Initiative.

The intentions are to:

- *develop effective working partnerships between BRS and the local education agencies (LEAs);*
- *coordinate effective and efficient services for students and families regarding employment;*
- *increase RESCs/SERC's capacity to work collaboratively with BRS and other state and local adult service agencies; and*
- *develop RESCs/SERC's sustainability plans to continue the systems changes that were initiated during the grant period.*

This initiative is made possible through funding provided by BRS. It is a collaborative partnership between the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), the Regional Educational Service Centers (ACES, CES, CREC, EASTCONN, EDUCATION CONNECTION, LEARN), the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC), and the State Education Resource Center (SERC).

Each RESC and SERC has hired one (1) Transition Resource Counselor to support this initiative beginning February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. These seven (7) Transition Resource Counselors will collaborate with all of the initiative partners to identify supports and services available through BRS and other adult service agencies (DMHAS, DDS, BESB, and DPH).

The roles of the Transition Resource Counselor are to:

- *work with families and LEAs in their catchment areas to assist students in being better prepared to access competitive employment opportunities;*
- *provide information to LEAs and families about BRS and other adult service agencies that serve youth with disabilities;*
- *provide information to LEA staff regarding adult service agencies and community resources;*
- *facilitate, with the LEA and BRS Transition Counselor, the BRS referral process for appropriate students;*
- *participate in all Regional Transition Expos, family nights, and BRS information sessions; and*
- *collaborate with CPAC to provide information about adult service agencies and community resources to families and students.*

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