

Introducing the Technical Assistance (TA) Network – RSA's Community for Technical Expertise

The recently formed TA Network combines the resources of multiple entities to provide current research, practical experience, grass-roots networks and the input of recognized experts to state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies and their partners.

Members of the TA Network will work collaboratively to provide timely expertise in response to needs of the state VR agencies and their partners with the ultimate goal of improving state VR performance.

The TA Network includes:

- **TACE Centers** – Ten centers provide technical assistance (TA) and continuing education (CE) directly to state VR agencies and their partners, in their designated federal regions.
- **Parent Information and Training Centers** – A national network of centers provide TA and training to families of children with disabilities.
- **CIL-Net and SILC-Net** – Title 7 funded grantees provide TA and training programs for State Independent Living Centers (SILC) and Centers for Independent Living (CIL).
- **NIDRR RRTCs** – Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs) funded through grants from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), conduct employment and VR specific research and training.
- **State VR Agencies and their partners** – These members define state specific needs for TA and CE and may also provide expertise to other Network entities.
- **NTAC** – The National Technical Assistance Center coordinates activities and communication among network members, maintains databases of experts and TA and CE materials and provides expertise in the development of program management tools.
- **RSA** – Staff serve in multiple roles interacting with the TA Network including consultation, approvals and oversight.
- **Others** – New NIDRR or RSA grantees that can provide TA and CE or consultants who are subject matter experts will be added to the network as it develops.

For more information on the TA Network, a calendar of up-coming events, or to obtain this information in alternate formats, contact:

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