

ADVOCACY ALERT



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Comments needed on VESID and how it can improve its services

Your input is important. We have an opportunity to advocate. Please share your thoughts with VESID in regards to the below information.

Each year VESID, in cooperation with the State Rehabilitation Council, holds a series of **public meetings to gather ideas on how VESID can improve services and results.** This year, VESID is particularly interested in obtaining your comments on interagency partnerships related to transition, supported employment and postsecondary education - areas where VESID anticipates change in policy, procedure and coordination over the next year.

Three public meetings will be held **January 30, February 12 and 13, 2008** - in New York City, Albany and Rochester.

In addition, individuals can post comments related to the State Plan on an interactive web page throughout the public comment period (January 21 –February 28) at a public meeting. Electronic submission can be sent to VRpolicy@mail.nysed.gov or through the Virtual Public Meeting, <http://discus.nysed.gov/cgi-bin/discus-mando/discus.cgi> (available January 21, 2008 through February 25, 2008). In addition to the public meetings, recommendations can be submitted in writing to VESID, VR Policy and Partnerships Unit-Room 1603 (OCP), NYS Education Department, Albany, NY 12234.

The current State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services is available for review at:
<http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/stateplan/>