



## ***Using Interagency Collaboration to Increase Opportunities for Competitive, Integrated Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities***

### **What is the level of evidence?**

This practice was identified by Rehabilitation Research & Training Center for Evidence-Based Practice in Vocational Rehabilitation (RRTC-EBP VR), and has been labeled by NTACT as a Research-Based Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

### **What is the practice?**

Benefits of interagency collaboration include the pooling of funding sources, sharing of staff knowledge and expertise, and coordination of services to consumers. Interagency collaboration may include streamlined strategies to engage employers through "one-stop" career centers, seamless services focused on specific populations, or interagency agreements regarding services or data sharing between VR agencies and other entities such as colleges, industry, or other government agencies.

### **Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?**

There are resources on Interagency Collaboration in general for transition-age youth with disabilities at the website of the Division on Career Development and Transition of the Council for Exceptional Children here:

[https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/SPED/34aee1c1-7ded-4d59-af82-da4af08d5fc4/UploadedImages/DCDT\\_IAC%20Fast%20Fact\\_Final.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/SPED/34aee1c1-7ded-4d59-af82-da4af08d5fc4/UploadedImages/DCDT_IAC%20Fast%20Fact_Final.pdf).

You may also correspond with the RRTC-EBP-VR <http://research2vrpractice.org/contact/> to request more detailed information from the original author regarding implementation of this practice.

### **References used to establish this evidence base:**

Fleming, A. R., Del Valle, R., Kim, M., & Leahy, M. J. (2013). Best practice models of effective vocational rehabilitation service delivery in the public rehabilitation program: A review and synthesis of the empirical literature.

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