

Projects of Collaboration Between State VR Agencies and Consumer-Controlled, Membership Organizations Focusing on Mentoring for Transition-Age Youth and Young Adults With Disabilities

We are interested in projects that foster collaborative working relationships between State VR agencies and consumer-controlled, membership organizations in order to demonstrate whether research-based mentoring methods can be effective in increasing meaningful community integration, postsecondary education, and employment outcomes.

A consumer-controlled, membership organization is an entity—(a) With a constitution or bylaws, or both, that detail the operational structure of the organization, including membership classes and dues to be paid by members of each class; (b) that may not be merely a social organization but must actively promote the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society; and (c) of which the majority of the officers and a majority of the membership are individuals with disabilities.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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