

## Voc Rehab Public Hearings 2007

<b>Please choose three strategies you feel are most important – (1= highest priority)</b>					
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Rating Average	Response Count
*Establish and fill specialized staff positions	<b>58.9% (33)</b>	26.8% (15)	14.3% (8)	1.55	56
*Create a State VR Sensory Unit headed by a Director of Deafness, a Director of Blindness and a Coordinator of Deaf-Blindness	<b>57.1% (12)</b>	28.6% (6)	14.3% (3)	1.57	21
*Provide specialized sensory disability training for new and current specialized staff positions	18.2% (6)	<b>63.6% (21)</b>	18.2% (6)	2.00	33
*Supply specialized Assistive Technology	25.0% (9)	33.3% (12)	<b>41.7% (15)</b>	2.17	36
*Increase specialized services thru the Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP)	34.6% (9)	<b>46.2% (12)</b>	19.2% (5)	1.85	26
*Increase recruitment activities to attract people to become interpreters	23.1% (3)	30.8% (4)	<b>46.2% (6)</b>	2.23	13
*Provide specialized training to clients	32.7% (16)	30.6% (15)	<b>36.7% (18)</b>	2.04	49
*Enhance education for students with sensory disabilities thru Roosevelt Warm Spring Institute for Rehabilitation (RWSIR), Cave Spring Rehabilitation Center (CSRC), Dept. of Technical and Adult Education, local school systems and colleges	27.8% (10)	30.6% (11)	<b>41.7% (15)</b>	2.14	36
*Emphasize job development for clients with sensory disabilities	37.0% (17)	21.7% (10)	<b>41.3% (19)</b>	2.04	46
*Enhance residential services for education and training at RWSIR, CSRC and CRP's	22.7% (5)	<b>40.9% (9)</b>	36.4% (8)	2.14	22
*Increase outreach and marketing	17.6% (3)	17.6% (3)	<b>64.7% (11)</b>	2.47	17
	<b>answered question</b>				<b>123</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>				<b>15</b>

<b>How can we improve services to increase employment outcomes for clients with sensory disabilities? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>							
	High Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Fifth-5	Rating Average	Response Count
*Provide training for VR staff, relevant agencies, parents of disabled students, and clients	<b>53.7% (58)</b>	18.5% (20)	9.3% (10)	13.9% (15)	4.6% (5)	1.97	108
*Offer a variety of programs for clients to choose from	20.6% (22)	<b>29.0% (31)</b>	25.2% (27)	23.4% (25)	1.9% (2)	2.57	107
*Ensure interpreters are available and provided	13.4% (13)	25.8% (25)	22.7% (22)	<b>33.0% (32)</b>	5.2% (5)	2.91	97
*Provide necessary Assistive Technology for clients	10.5% (11)	26.7% (28)	<b>41.9% (44)</b>	17.1% (18)	3.8% (4)	2.77	105
*Other, explain below	31.0% (13)	9.5% (4)	7.1% (3)	2.4% (1)	<b>50.0% (21)</b>	3.31	42
	<i>answered question</i>						<b>120</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>						<b>18</b>

<b>If you chose "Other" above please explain or give guidance/recommendation...</b>	
	Response Count
	38
	<i>answered question</i>
	<b>38</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>
	<b>100</b>

<b>How can we enhance sensory services and develop additional service options at CRP's, RWSIR and CSRC? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>						
	High Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Forth-4	Rating Average	Response Count
*Serve the deaf, blind and deaf-blind at both RWSIR and CSRC	30.3% (30)	25.3% (25)	<b>40.4% (40)</b>	4.0% (4)	2.18	99
*Employ VR staff with these disabilities who understand the cultural diversity of clients	<b>34.3% (34)</b>	31.3% (31)	32.3% (32)	2.0% (2)	2.02	99
*Ensure accessibility of environments for clients to access VR services	<b>40.0% (42)</b>	37.1% (39)	21.9% (23)	1.0% (1)	1.84	105
*Other, explain below	22.9% (8)	14.3% (5)	0.0% (0)	<b>62.9% (22)</b>	3.03	35
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>					<b>115</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>					<b>23</b>

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	29
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>
	<b>29</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>
	<b>109</b>

<b>How can we improve our recruitment results for specialized staff positions and for specialized service providers in Georgia? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>							
	Highest Priority-1	Second- 2	Third-3	Forth-4	Fifth-5	Rating Average	Response Count
*Create statewide recruiter positions and hire multiple recruiters	18.7% (17)	18.7% (17)	22.0% (20)	<b>26.4% (24)</b>	14.3% (13)	2.99	91
*Create stronger collaboration with colleges in the United States and participate in college Job Fairs	<b>33.0% (35)</b>	26.4% (28)	28.3% (30)	12.3% (13)	0.0% (0)	2.20	106
*Recruit on a national level by advertising positions and working with professional organizations	21.9% (23)	20.0% (21)	<b>29.5% (31)</b>	27.6% (29)	1.0% (1)	2.66	105
*Offer more programs in the state to certify staff and other in sign language	30.8% (33)	<b>32.7% (35)</b>	17.8% (19)	15.9% (17)	2.8% (3)	2.27	107
*Other, explain below	25.7% (9)	11.4% (4)	5.7% (2)	8.6% (3)	<b>48.6% (17)</b>	3.43	35
	<b>answered question</b>						<b>118</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>						<b>20</b>

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	Response Count
	30
	<b>answered question</b>
	<b>30</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>
	<b>108</b>

<b>Rate the physical condition of the following facilities of ROOSEVELT WARM SPRING INSTITUTE FOR REHABILITATION (RWSIR) AND/or AT THE CAVE SPRING REHABILITATION CENTER (CSRC)</b>					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Buildings	8.9% (5)	<b>41.1% (23)</b>	33.9% (19)	16.1% (9)	56
Residential Dorms	1.9% (1)	30.8% (16)	<b>48.1% (25)</b>	19.2% (10)	52
Classrooms	4.0% (2)	32.0% (16)	<b>42.0% (21)</b>	22.0% (11)	50
Other	21.4% (3)	14.3% (2)	21.4% (3)	<b>42.9% (6)</b>	14
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Buildings	0.0% (0)	30.6% (11)	<b>38.9% (14)</b>	30.6% (11)	36
Residential Dorms	0.0% (0)	17.1% (6)	<b>48.6% (17)</b>	34.3% (12)	35
Classrooms	0.0% (0)	25.7% (9)	<b>45.7% (16)</b>	28.6% (10)	35
Other	0.0% (0)	<b>37.5% (3)</b>	<b>37.5% (3)</b>	25.0% (2)	8
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>63</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>75</b>

<b>If you chose "Other" above please explain or give guidance/recommendation...</b>	
	Response Count
	19
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>
	<b>19</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>
	<b>119</b>

<b>What are the benefits and value of these residential vocational rehabilitation programs? Please rank importance (highest priority=1)</b>						
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Rating Average	Response Count
*Teach independent living skills	<b>64.3% (63)</b>	30.6% (30)	5.1% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.41	98
*Assist with socialization skills	6.5% (6)	34.4% (32)	<b>58.1% (54)</b>	1.1% (1)	2.54	93
*Teach job readiness skills	26.0% (25)	34.4% (33)	<b>35.4% (34)</b>	4.2% (4)	2.18	96
*Other, explain	27.6% (8)	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	<b>65.5% (19)</b>	3.07	29
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>106</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>32</b>

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	Response Count
	26
	<b>answered question</b>
	<b>26</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>
	<b>112</b>

<b>How can we improve these residential program services to increase employment outcomes for people with significant disabilities? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>						
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Rating Average	Response Count
*Offer more certificate programs	28.3% (26)	17.4% (16)	<b>52.2% (48)</b>	2.2% (2)	2.28	92
*Teach job skills that can be industry certified	<b>46.5% (46)</b>	34.3% (34)	18.2% (18)	1.0% (1)	1.74	99
*Expand collaboration with technical schools	30.0% (30)	<b>45.0% (45)</b>	25.0% (25)	0.0% (0)	1.95	100
*Other, explain	19.2% (5)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (2)	<b>73.1% (19)</b>	3.35	26
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>108</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>30</b>

If you chose "Other" above please explain or give guidance/recommendation...		Response Count
		25
<i>answered question</i>		<b>25</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>113</b>

What types of programs should be developed to serve young clients ages 18-20? Please rank importance (1=highest priority)							
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Fifth-5	Rating Average	Response Count
*Expand individual living skills programs	<b>40.6% (41)</b>	25.7% (26)	21.8% (22)	10.9% (11)	1.0% (1)	2.06	101
*Develop more residential programs throughout Georgia	<b>29.2% (28)</b>	28.1% (27)	21.9% (21)	17.7% (17)	3.1% (3)	2.38	96
*Offer residential programs in areas with accessible transportation	22.0% (20)	<b>33.0% (30)</b>	30.8% (28)	11.0% (10)	3.3% (3)	2.41	91
*More intensive instruction in mobility and orientation skills	11.0% (10)	19.8% (18)	22.0% (20)	<b>46.2% (42)</b>	1.1% (1)	3.07	91
*Other, explain	40.0% (12)	6.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	3.3% (1)	<b>50.0% (15)</b>	3.17	30
<i>answered question</i>							<b>114</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>24</b>

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		29
<i>answered question</i>		<b>29</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>109</b>

<b>How can we improve transition services to increase the number of students with disabilities? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>								
	Highest Priority-1	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Rating Average	Response Count
*Provide Transition Workshops and Training for VR and DOL Staff, parents of students with disabilities, clients and other related agency staff	<b>29.4% (30)</b>	19.6% (20)	19.6% (20)	21.6% (22)	9.8% (10)	0.0% (0)	2.63	102
*School Systems refer more Students with disabilities who have an IEP and 504 Plan to VR	11.5% (12)	18.3% (19)	<b>23.1% (24)</b>	<b>23.1% (24)</b>	<b>23.1% (24)</b>	1.0% (1)	3.31	104
*Increase referral of students of all disability categories to VR and don't limit to just a few categories	21.0% (21)	23.0% (23)	<b>26.0% (26)</b>	16.0% (16)	11.0% (11)	3.0% (3)	2.82	100
*Offer and increase apprenticeships, internships and other career training opportunities	<b>29.5% (31)</b>	<b>29.5% (31)</b>	20.0% (21)	14.3% (15)	5.7% (6)	1.0% (1)	2.40	105
*Encourage parental involvement	15.5% (15)	15.5% (15)	12.4% (12)	16.5% (16)	<b>37.1% (36)</b>	3.1% (3)	3.54	97
*Other, explain	12.0% (3)	8.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	4.0% (1)	8.0% (2)	<b>68.0% (17)</b>	4.92	25
<b>answered question</b>								<b>116</b>
<b>skipped question</b>								<b>22</b>

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<b>answered question</b>	
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<b>skipped question</b>	
	<b>116</b>

<b>How can we improve collaboration with local school systems and the State Department of Education to increase the number of dedicated rehabilitation counselors located in high schools? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>							
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Fifth-5	Rating Average	Response Count
*Provide training to educate school staff, students with disabilities and their parents about VR services	<b>38.9% (42)</b>	26.9% (29)	15.7% (17)	17.6% (19)	0.9% (1)	2.15	108
*Offer meaningful diploma or certification options for students with disabilities	<b>32.7% (33)</b>	27.7% (28)	27.7% (28)	11.9% (12)	0.0% (0)	2.19	101
*Promote financial benefits and positive student outcomes by increasing the number of VR Counselors	19.2% (19)	<b>31.3% (31)</b>	24.2% (24)	20.2% (20)	5.1% (5)	2.61	99
*Develop agreement for school systems to provide office and schedule time for VR Counselors to meet with students	14.0% (14)	18.0% (18)	29.0% (29)	<b>36.0% (36)</b>	3.0% (3)	2.96	100
*Other, explain	20.8% (5)	4.2% (1)	8.3% (2)	16.7% (4)	<b>50.0% (12)</b>	3.71	24
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>						<b>115</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>23</b>

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	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>
	<b>118</b>

<b>How can we enhance relationships with employers to increase the number of employers who hire VR clients for the first time? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>									
	Highest Priority-1	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Rating Average	Response Count
*Have present employers mentor new employers	<b>22.5%</b> <b>(23)</b>	12.7% (13)	12.7% (13)	14.7% (15)	20.6% (21)	13.7% (14)	2.9% (3)	3.51	102
*Offer more incentives to hire clients such as Workers Compensation coverage	<b>26.3%</b> <b>(25)</b>	24.2% (23)	16.8% (16)	15.8% (15)	5.3% (5)	9.5% (9)	2.1% (2)	2.86	95
*Hold special events to recognize outstanding employers	1.3% (1)	6.3% (5)	19.0% (15)	12.7% (10)	24.1% (19)	<b>34.2%</b> <b>(27)</b>	2.5% (2)	4.65	79
*Do outreach to educate and promote benefits of hiring clients to employer groups (Chamber of Commerce)	11.9% (12)	<b>28.7%</b> <b>(29)</b>	20.8% (21)	24.8% (25)	9.9% (10)	2.0% (2)	2.0% (2)	3.06	101
*Educating future and potential employers on disability awareness	14.6% (14)	21.9% (21)	<b>24.0%</b> <b>(23)</b>	13.5% (13)	17.7% (17)	8.3% (8)	0.0% (0)	3.23	96
*Develop Marketing Strategy to outreach to prospective employers	<b>23.5%</b> <b>(24)</b>	14.7% (15)	16.7% (17)	14.7% (15)	13.7% (14)	15.7% (16)	1.0% (1)	3.31	102
*Other, explain	36.0% (9)	4.0% (1)	4.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>56.0%</b> <b>(14)</b>	4.48	25
<b>answered question</b>									<b>114</b>
<b>skipped question</b>									<b>24</b>

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<b>answered question</b>	
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<b>skipped question</b>	
	<b>115</b>

<b>How can we improve collaboration with employers and technical schools to develop skills training programs to meet workforce needs, especially for jobs in high demand with higher salaries? Please rank importance (1= highest priority)</b>						
	Highest Priority-1	Second-2	Third-3	Fourth-4	Rating Average	Response Count
*Provide more certificate programs that will accept clients who lack diploma	<b>55.1% (59)</b>	20.6% (22)	23.4% (25)	0.9% (1)	1.70	107
*Provide specific industry certified training	34.0% (34)	<b>53.0% (53)</b>	12.0% (12)	1.0% (1)	1.80	100
*Increase VR involvement in Task Force for new employers	20.0% (19)	24.2% (23)	<b>55.8% (53)</b>	0.0% (0)	2.36	95
*Other, explain	16.7% (3)	5.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	<b>77.8% (14)</b>	3.39	18
<i>answered question</i>						<b>113</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>25</b>

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<i>skipped question</i>	<b>123</b>