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CSAVR *National News Brief* is a regular series covering legislative activity, media stories, research initiatives, webinars, reports, conferences, and national advocacy activities of interest to member state VR agencies.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Among 68 million white-collar professionals, just 1.3 percent were promoted in the first three months of the year, the lowest rate for any first quarter in data going back five years. The share of U.S. job postings with “senior” in the title fell to 3.8 percent from a peak of 6.1 percent in February 2022. *Bloomberg*

The [Department of Labor \[click.icptrack.com\]](#) published a blog post, [Business Ownership, Self-Employment, and Entrepreneurship Among People with Disabilities \[click.icptrack.com\]](#). The post discusses how entrepreneurship benefits people with disabilities and shares the results of the latest Annual Business Survey, a survey from the Office of Disability Employment Policy and the US Census. The blog provides a side-by-side view of data from the Annual Business Survey and the Current Population Survey that offers a broader understanding of business ownership and self-employment among people with disabilities.

Read about potential changes to SSI. Konish, Lorie. [“As One Social Security Program Marks a 50-Year Anniversary, Here’s How Benefits May Change \[links.news.mathematica-mpr.com\].”](#) CNBC.

Van Berkel, Jessie. [“Medicaid Waiver Changes Could Lead to More Institutionalization, Advocates Fear \[links.news.mathematica-mpr.com\].”](#) Disability Scoop.

RSA NEWS

In a February 2024 [Dear Colleague Letter \[rsa.ed.gov\]](#), RSA Commissioner [Danté Allen \[rsa.ed.gov\]](#) prioritized elevating community expectations for competitive integrated employment by showcasing success stories of individuals with disabilities who receive services from [RSA Programs \[rsa.ed.gov\]](#). [Discovering a New Career through Vocational Rehabilitation \[sites.ed.gov\]](#) is the first RSA Success Story in a series that will run through November 2024 on [OSERS' Blog \[sites.ed.gov\]](#). Congratulations to MA-G for having the first story on the Blog.

If you did not see it, on June 11, 2024, ED and DOL announced update to the joint policy guidance related to WIOS performance accountability and RSA reissued [TAC-17-01 \[rsa.ed.gov\]](#) titled *Performance Accountability Guidance for WIOA Core Programs*. This [joint policy guidance \[rsa.ed.gov\]](#) rescinds and replaces TAC 17-01, published on September 15, 2022.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR TRAINING CURRICULUM

Thanks to all of you who responded to our request for input on possible curriculum for the development of a New Director training. This will be separate and distinct from the Leadership Forum. Our next step is to review all the great input we got. We may not be able to use all the ideas in this training, but certainly the comments will be helpful for consideration as topics for future Monthly Membership Calls and possibly even conferences.

Stay tuned for more.

CALL FOR PEER REVIEWERS

As you are aware, the latest DIF opportunity is creating a lot of interest. OSERS/RSA are seeking qualified peer reviewers for the Fiscal Year 2024 Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) - Creating a 21st Century Workforce of Youth and Adults with Disabilities through the Transformation of Education, Career, and Competitive Integrated Employment Model Demonstration Project.

Individuals who have an active account in G5/G6 and have a general background and related experience in the following area(s) of interest are encouraged to apply:

- Youth and/or Adults with Disabilities
- Competitive Integrated Employment
- Advanced Technology and/or Assistive Technology
- Justice-Involved Youth with Disabilities or with the Juvenile Justice System
- Acquired Disabilities
- Disconnected Youth and/or Disconnected Adults with Disabilities
- Special Education

Vocational Rehabilitation or related discipline.

If you know anyone who would qualify, you might want to encourage them to apply.

REPORTS, TRAINING, NEWSLETTERS AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

University of Memphis Institute on Disability Project First webinar *Principles and Practices of Vocational Rehabilitation Module* on Tuesday, June 25th, from 4 to 5 pm CST.

The [Northeast ADA Regional Center \[click.icptrack.com\]](http://click.icptrack.com) will host a webinar, [The Intersection of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) and Family and Medical](#)

[Leave Act \(FMLA\); Which Applies and When \[click.icptrack.com\]](#), June 26th, 1 - 2 pm ET. Presenters will provide an overview of how leave is covered under ADA and FMLA.. A Spanish transcript of the webinar will be available upon request following the webinar.

The [Mid-Atlantic ADA Regional Center \[click.icptrack.com\]](#) will host a webinar, [Elevating Inclusion Through Intersectionality: Making Programs and Places Accessible for Disabled LGBTQIA+ Folks \[click.icptrack.com\]](#), June 26th, 2 - 3:30 pm ET. Presenters will lead an interactive discussion around addressing the needs of LGBTQIA+ individuals with disabilities. Registration is free and required.

NCSAB and NABM will offer Part II of military troop dining on June 27, from 2-3:30 pm. All sessions are free, and no registration is required. The first training in the series focused on military troop dining: if you missed it, the recording is available towards the bottom of the home page on the NCSAB website at www.ncsab.org [ncsab.org].

Free webinar *Casework Efficiencies – Working Smarter* being offered on Thursday, June 27th from 3 to 4:30 pm ET. If you have not registered, please do so to hear some great tips on how to manage VR caseloads.

The National Council on Disability will hold a quarterly **Council meeting** [f15lu5ebb.cc.rs6.net] on Thursday, June 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Zoomgov. **Registration** [f15lu5ebb.cc.rs6.net] is required. Among other business items they will take public comment on the most notable disability policy achievements since Summer 2023. CART and ASL will be provided.

The [Center for Research, Training, and Dissemination of Family Support for People with Disabilities Across the Life Course \[click.icptrack.com\]](#) will host the [Third Conference on Caregiving Research – Building Bridges: Connecting Caregiving Research, Policy, and Practice \[click.icptrack.com\]](#), September 25 - 27, in Pittsburgh, PA. The conference will highlight sessions that showcase innovations in research and build bridges across disciplines and conditions to address the urgent community, clinical, and policy needs of family caregivers. Registration is required and there are related fees.

COVID 19

“Long Covid Might Presage a Wave of Disability Claims. Get Ready [\[links.news.mathematica-mpr.com\]](https://links.news.mathematica-mpr.com).” *The Washington Post*.

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