

Town Hall Meetings

During July 2017, the Rehabilitation Council of Texas (RCT) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) divisions will hold five town hall meetings across the state to help inform the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA). The CSNA is a triennial report that describes the vocational rehabilitation needs of Texans with disabilities.

Purpose

The town hall meetings will focus on vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and the employment-related needs of people with disabilities. Town hall meetings are not an appropriate venue for resolving concerns with individual VR cases. The purpose of the meetings is to focus on big picture issues and opportunities.

RCT and TWC have three goals for the town hall meetings:

- To identify VR service needs of Texans with disabilities
- To gather feedback about VR services delivered by TWC VR staff and community rehabilitation programs across Texas
- To learn how to improve VR services

Questions

Vocational Rehabilitation Needs.

1. What are the VR service needs of people with disabilities?
2. How do different kinds of disabilities affect VR service needs?
3. How do VR service needs change over time?
4. How does a person's location affect VR service needs?

VR Services Delivered by TWC VR Staff.

5. Describe your experiences with the VR service delivery process and with VR services delivered by TWC VR staff.

VR Services Delivered by Community Rehabilitation Programs.

Some VR services are delivered by community rehabilitation programs (CRPs). CRPs are government programs, nonprofits, and other organizations that help provide VR services. Examples include schools, supported

employment and personal attendant service providers, doctors, and job coaches.

6. Describe your experiences working with CRPs.

Possible Gaps in VR Services.

7. What people or needs might have been overlooked?

Other Feedback.

8. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for your insights!

Feedback

Customers, stakeholders and other interested parties may provide feedback on these questions at the town hall meetings. Individuals who would like to provide feedback but are unable to attend a meeting may send written comments to vr.CSNA@twc.state.tx.us by Thursday, July 20th.