



Public Input Sought Regarding Vocational Rehabilitation Financial Need Assessment Policy

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ATLANTA -- The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program will hold a series of public comment hearings statewide on the proposed VR policy revisions regarding VR clients' participation in the costs of VR services based on financial needs assessments. The State Rehabilitation Council and the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) value input from stakeholders regarding the proposed policy revisions.

The proposed policy revisions are available for review at https://gvra.georgia.gov/sites/gvra.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/Proposed%20Changes-Financial%20Need%20Assessment.pdf or you may request the written document by calling VR Customer Service at 404-232-7800 or statewide toll free 1-866-489-0001; TTY users call GA Relay 711.

The public hearings are in seven locations around the state to solicit comments from a representative and diverse population. The date, time and location for each public hearing are:

Friday, August 23: Brunswick, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Goodwill Industries, 249 Village at Glynn Place, Brunswick 31525.

Monday, August 26: Albany, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation, 1107-A West Broad Avenue, Albany 31707.

Tuesday, August 27: Macon, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Georgia Department of Labor, 3090 Mercer University Drive, Macon 31204-5966.

Wednesday, August 28: Augusta, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., University Hospital 2nd Floor Conference Room (Large) 3121 Peach Orchard Rd. Augusta 30906.

Thursday, August 29: Atlanta, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Board Room, Fifth Floor, 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta 30303.

Thursday, August 29: Rome, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Goodwill Conference Center, 154 Hicks Drive, Rome 30161.

Friday, August 30: Cleveland, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Regions Bank, 15 West Kytle Street, Cleveland 30528.

All interested persons are hereby given the opportunity to participate by submitting data, views or arguments orally or in writing. Oral comments may be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Registration is not required to attend the hearings; a sign in sheet will be on site for participants. There will be a Certified Interpreter at each public hearing. If you need auxiliary aids or other accommodations, please contact GVRA Legal Counsel at (404) 232-1818 or terri.rushing@gvra.ga.gov.

Written comments must be submitted no later than the close of business at 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by Friday, September 6, 2013. Written statements should be no longer than two pages, double spaced. Comments may be faxed to (770) 359-3677 or emailed to Cecelia.hockett@gvra.ga.gov or mailed to:

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