



State Rehabilitation Council Leaders Needed

The Georgia State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) is seeking members. The SRC is a federally mandated council composed of Georgia citizens from across the state appointed by the Governor to represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities and stakeholders. The SRC brings the consumer voice to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. The SRC works in strategic partnership with the Georgia VR program to plan for comprehensive and effective services and supports that Georgians with disabilities need to secure gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

The SRC needs dedicated and motivated individuals who have a stake in the vocational rehabilitation process. Applicants must have the desire, skills and abilities to:

- Clearly describe barriers to employment not only for themselves but for the disability community as a whole;
- Present practical solutions to improve access to VR services and employment;
- Demonstrate the impact of their leadership efforts;
- Travel to and from quarterly meetings;
- Faithfully participate in SRC and committee meetings;
- Educate others about VR and GVRA.

The SRC must include people who represent:

- All geographic areas of the state;
- All disability groups including individuals with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities;
- Education, American Indian VR program, State Workforce Investment Board, community rehabilitation programs, client advocacy, business, industry and labor.

The required functions of the SRC are to:

- Review, analyze and advise the VR program on performance of its responsibilities and the effectiveness of VR services;
- Collaborate with VR to develop and review state goals and priorities;
- Coordinate with GVRA in conducting a comprehensive statewide needs assessment at least every three years;
- Provide annual input to the VR State Plan;
- Evaluate consumer satisfaction with VR services and employment outcomes achieved through VR services;
- Prepare an annual report on the status of the VR program; and
- Conduct open and accessible forums and public hearings.

As part of the Governor's appointment process, each applicant is subject to a background check by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Interested persons should contact Michele Mason, GVRA SRC Liaison at Michele.Mason@gvs.ga.gov or call 404-780-6768.