



The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) and the Office of Children and Family Services New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) share an important partnership to help improve employment outcomes for those who are blind. The Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 mandates employment services for people with disabilities and requires each designated state agency (NYSCB in New York) to work closely with its SRC in developing a state plan, strategic plans, reports, state goals and priorities, as well as conducting needs assessment and evaluations.

The SRC is comprised of persons who have a vested interest or stake with NYSCB. SRC members provide advice and guidance to NYSCB, both formally and informally, so those who are blind and stakeholders have a voice in planning and designing the services that lead toward self-sufficiency and independence. Any individual willing to commit to working with NYSCB may seek an appointment to become a part of the SRC. The Governor appoints each member to the SRC following a successful application process.

### **Mission:**

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) provides assessment, advice and recommendations to the NYSCB and others regarding coordination and effectiveness of programs and strategies which promote community-based competitive employment for persons who are blind.

### **Goals:**

The goals of the State Rehabilitation Council are to:

- assess the effectiveness and delivery of vocational services provided by NYSCB to individuals with disabilities;
- improve the coordination of vocational services among NYSCB, the state agencies and public and private entities for the benefit of consumers of NYSCB; and
- make recommendations to the Governor, NYSCB and others for developing and improving strategies for the employment and vocational services for individuals who are blind.

### **Membership:**

The SRC must have at least one representative from each of the following groups unless otherwise specified:

- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Parent Training and Information Center
- Client Assistance Program - CAP (Section 112)
- Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP)
- State Education Department
- State Workforce Investment Board
- Section 121 (VR for Native Americans)
- Four representatives of business, industry and labor

- Disability advocacy groups representing physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities and individuals who have difficulty representing themselves
- Current or former applicants or recipients of VR services

A majority of the SRC membership must be blind or have a vision-related disability. Members are provided with accommodations for meetings and are reimbursed for travel expenses to and from meetings and for the use of personal care attendants that enable participation in the meetings.

Members are appointed for a term of three years and each member may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

### **Meetings:**

The SRC meets quarterly (four times per year). The meetings are usually the second or third Wednesday and Thursday of the month (2:00-4:30pm and 8:30-3:00).

### **Subcommittees:**

Members are asked to join at least one subcommittee that will meet prior to the full meeting and as needed at other times to achieve goals. Standing subcommittees include: Workforce Development, Quality Assurance, and Policy, Planning & Procedures.

### **Applicant Information:**

Membership on the SRC will give you an opportunity to voice your experience, insights and opinions about policies and procedures that affect NYSCB consumers and service providers. The SRC works with NYSCB to improve the vocational rehabilitation system of services.

For more information on becoming a member or to submit your completed application, please contact the SRC Liaison:

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