

# LRS CHAPTER 4, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & GUIDANCE MANUAL

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## **\*VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)**

The purposes of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in Title IV of WIOA, are:\*\*

*“(1) To empower individuals with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion and integration into society through –*

*\*“(2) Statewide workforce development systems . . . that include, as integral components, comprehensive and coordinated state-of-the-art programs of vocational rehabilitation.”\*\**

The Mission of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services is. . .

*“To assist persons with disabilities in their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve independence in their community by providing rehabilitation services and by working cooperatively with business and other community services.”*

\*The ultimate goal of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act and Louisiana’s Combined State Plan for workforce development is to provide a strong network of aligned programs that increase access to and opportunities for the employment, education, training, and support services that individuals with barriers need to in order to succeed in the labor market.\*\*

LRS’ Vocational Rehabilitation Program is an integral component of Louisiana’s Workforce Development System. Vocational Rehabilitation Program staff bring to the workforce system valuable knowledge, expertise, and experience related to disabilities. As a partner in workforce development, the goal of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program is to assist persons with disabilities to participate fully in meaningful workforce development activities and achieve quality employment outcomes.

This revised Technical Assistance and Guidance Manual is designed to:

- \*Provide guidelines for LRS staff in the delivery of vocational rehabilitation services mandated by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments, as contained in Public Law 113-128- July 22, 2014, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.\*\*
- Ensure that quality, cost-effective vocational rehabilitation services are delivered to eligible consumers according to federal and state laws and regulations.

The LRS Director or designee shall have the sole responsibility for any exceptions to this Technical Assistance and Guidance Manual.