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In Celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area to Hold Weekly Seminars for Employers at Round Rock Career Center

ROUND ROCK, Texas – Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) and [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA) are celebrating [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#) (NDEAM) this October by holding free weekly seminars for employers at the Workforce Solutions of Williamson County career center in Round Rock. The NDEAM seminars will be held on Mondays throughout October from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., to help employers explore opportunities to hire, retain and promote people with disabilities. Refreshments will be served.

“One out of every five Americans will face a physical or mental disability at least once in their lives,” said Robert Alexander, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager. “This means as an employer, approximately 20 percent of your staff either have or will have a disability affecting their work life. These seminars will address key issues facing employers today and provide real world solutions to these types of workplace challenges.”

- **NDEAM Seminar 1** on Monday, October 7, will discuss **Working Through Behavioral Health Challenges** in the workplace and what VR Services can do to assist employers. The seminar will be led by Davin Davis, VR Services Program Specialists for Behavioral Health, Residential Treatment Facilities, Substance Use and Veteran Affairs.
- **NDEAM Seminar 2** on Monday, October 14, will spotlight **ADA for Small Business**, and discuss what the Americans With Disabilities Act requires employers to do to accommodate disabled employees. The seminar will be led by VR Services’ Jonathan Mize, Business Relations Coordinator, and Crystal Stark, Unit Program Coordinator.
- **NDEAM Seminar 3** on Monday, October 21, will review **Accessibility in the Workplace**, and what employers must do, to ensure the comfort and productivity of their disabled employees. The seminar will be led by VR Services’ Jonathan Mize, Business Relations Coordinator, and Crystal Stark, Unit Program Coordinator.
- **NDEAM Seminar 4** on Monday, October 28, will close out the series by reviewing **Physical Disabilities in the Workplace**. The seminar will be led by Robyn Farris, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.

“We are very excited about offering this first of its kind series at our Round Rock facility and delighted to have our new VR Services team join us,” said Carl Braun, WSRCA Business Solutions Manager for the nine-county Rural Capital area. “We are holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for our VR Services co-location on September 30, at 1:30 p.m., to kick off the month. The public is welcome to attend. Various local and state dignitaries will take part in the ceremony including the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), and Cheryl Fuller, Director of

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the Vocational Rehabilitation Division. The ceremony will be followed by a free workshop for employers on utilizing VR Services, as well as the new WorkInTexas.com.

Workforce Solutions of Williamson County is located at 575 Round Rock West Drive, Building H, Suite 240, Round Rock, Texas 78681.

[Texas Workforce Solutions](#) is comprised of the Texas Workforce Commission and 28 local workforce development boards in partnership with [Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#), as well as other service providing partners.

Texas Workforce Solutions works with employers, economic development organizations and educators across the state to identify the needs of employers and equip them with a well-trained workforce; and with job seekers, including individuals with disabilities, to provide customized employment and career services.

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Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a nonprofit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and child care assistance, to businesses and job seekers in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas. This nine-county region includes Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette; Hays; Lee; Llano; and Williamson counties. For more details on WSRCA, and the services it offers, visit www.workforcesolutionsrca.com.