



Using Incubator Units to Increase Opportunities for Competitive, Integrated Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities

What is the level of evidence?

This practice was identified by Rehabilitation Research & Training Center for Evidence-Based Practice in Vocational Rehabilitation (RRTC-EBP VR), and has been labeled by NTACT as a Promising Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

What is the practice?

Incubator units refers to the practice of piloting new approaches to service delivery before widespread implementation. Incubator units can be used at any level or location and require no formal permission to engage in developing innovative services.

Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?

The Special Issue from the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation is available through the website of the RRTC-EBP-VR here:

<http://content.iospress.com/download/journal-of-vocational-rehabilitation/jvr708?id=journal-of-vocational-rehabilitation%2Fivr708>

You may also correspond with the RRTC-EBP-VR <http://research2vrpractice.org/contact/> to request more detailed information from the original author regarding implementation of this practice.

References used to establish this evidence base:

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