



## ***Using Partnerships 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?**

Partnerships refer to collaborative work, relationships, and seamless service delivery with businesses, employers, community rehabilitation programs, and other state agencies. Inter- and intra-agency partnerships are considered a critical component of service provision.

### **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/jvr710?id=journal-of-vocational-rehabilitation%2Fjvr710>

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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