



Using Rapid Response and Internal Service 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?

The goal of rapid response and internal service is to provide a “rapid response” approach to consumer service and save resources by providing services internally whenever possible. In practice leaders have elected to provide the majority of their program’s services internally as opposed to subcontracting to vendors. This includes, but is not limited to, employment services, benefits counseling, job placement, and on-the-job supports.

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:

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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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