**Emerging Practice**

**Title: Job Center Training on Section 188 - Missouri**

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**Source:** (please bold choice and provide specific reference)

1. Research Project
2. Journal Article
3. Other Center
4. **Information Gathered from VR Programs**
5. Intensive TA Provision
6. Other

**Highlights:**

1. **The VR Agency, as a Core Partner in the Missouri Workforce Center System, provides training to Job Center leadership and service staff on Section 188.**
2. **The strategy is designed to create more comfort and confidence on the part of staff in partner agencies in including those with disabilities (whether disclosed or not) in center services.**
3. **VR expertise supports the engagement of individuals with disabilities in Career Pathways.**

**Description:**

The Missouri State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency has developed an approach to provide training to Job Center Partner management, and to partner agency staff operating in the Job Center. The curricula is designed to establish compliance with the Job Centers with Section 188 of WIOA (allowing them to meet job center certification requirements) on one hand, while at the same time supporting the system in its shared inclusion of job seekers with disabilities in the career pathways of the community.

In the approach taken by Missouri, effective strategies in partnership and “sharing customers” are addressed, as a means of encouraging effective practices with this population.

**Evaluation and Potential Impact:**

This Section 188 Training Plan is a new strategy, and it will be interesting to watch for the following two things:

1. Will Job Centers in Missouri see more individuals with disabilities experiencing co-enrollment within partner agencies as a result?
2. Will more individuals with disabilities become engaged in career pathways?

This strategy reflects a very tangible demonstration of leadership and commitment of the SVRA to support increases in both of the above questions. Other states replicating this activity might consider evaluating their progress along these lines.

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