

Job-Driven Technical Assistance Center (JD-VRTAC)

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The Career Index Plus (TCI+)

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The Career Index Plus



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Context:

- VR enhancements to The Career Index Plus (TCI+) were developed as a WINTAC Workforce Innovation Pilot Project (WIPP) <http://www.wintac.org/>
- Key individuals: Chaz Compton, Chip Kenney, KD Nyegaard, Jennifer Clayton, Christa Nieminen
- JDVRTAC partnered with WINTAC to:
 - develop elements relative to ethics and VR counselor usage of the Career Index Plus (TCI+),
 - review materials as they were being developed. PP



What The Career Index Plus (TCI+) is:

- A labor market information (LMI) system that,
- Supports meeting WIOA obligation for VR “to ensure that the personnel have a 21st-century understanding of the evolving labor force and the needs of individuals with disabilities” and,
- Is available free of charge to all VR programs and their workforce partners.

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Labor Market Tool Discussion:

- What is your agency currently using for LMI access?

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Career Index Plus *Synthesizes information from the following sources:*

[Occupational Characteristics:O*NET](#)

[National Staffing Patterns from The Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[The Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[OES - Occupational Employment Statistics](#)

Long-term occupational projections data from State labor market information divisions.

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Career Index Plus *Synthesizes information from the following sources:*

Real-time Jobs Listings – <http://www.indeed.com>
Includes:

- State Job Banks
- all the major Job Boards
- local as well as regional job boards
- scrapes from corporate web sites.

It is the only major, national job aggregator that allows searches by O*Net code.

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Career Index Plus *Synthesizes information from the following sources:*

IPEDES is the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. <http://nces.ed.gov/IPEDS/>

U.S. Census Bureau:

<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html>

Google: <http://www.google.com> (Go to Map feature for displaying work-related information)

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Basic TCI+ Functioning

- Searches information geographically by zip code or by city and state,
- Creates reports and,
- Has advanced features to support counselor casework.

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Accessibility: wcag 2.0 – Level AA

- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#) is developed through the W3C process in cooperation with individuals and organizations around the world, with a goal of proving a single shared standard for web content accessibility that meets the needs of individuals, organizations, and governments internationally.

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Brief Look – Mini Live Demo:

TCI+



Everything You Need in One Place

Already have an account? Enter your email address, then click Sign In.

Sign In

What is new in TCI Plus?

Don't have an account yet? Click "Register" to create one.

Registering allows us to provide you with information relevant to where you are, and to notify you when we make updates.

You will never receive any promotional materials from us or any third parties.

Access is always free, courtesy of The Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Register

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Ethics and Client Choice

- This JD Center created **video** briefly discusses *Ethics and Client Choice for the use of Labor Market Information (LMI)* in developing employment (IPE) goals with VR clients.
- “Open Caption” version:
 - <https://icimedia.wistia.com/medias/rx4iisq5w4>
- “Closed Caption” version:
 - <https://icimedia.wistia.com/medias/hr3tw89xjt>

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Career Index Training: Archived

January: *From 1/31, 1:00 ET*

Introduction: *The Career Index Plus: Navigating and Utilizing a Comprehensive Online Labor Market Information System*

[Click to watch the recording](#) of this Archived Training Webinar for TCI+, a resource that can be used to access a comprehensive online labor market information system.

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Career Index Plus Training Information *and* Registration Link

February: *On 2/7, 1:00 ET*

•The Career Index Plus: *Getting Started with Labor Market Information* covers:

- Ethical considerations of using labor market information as a VR Counselor
- Account creation; effective navigation of The Career Index Plus website
- Career exploration within The Career Index Plus
- <https://wintac.adobeconnect.com/ltid-170403a/event/registration.html>

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Upcoming Career Index Training Information and Registration

***Feb. 2/21, 1:00 ET TCI+: Enhancing the Counselor/
Client Relationship Through the Development and Use
of Client Profiles***

- Inviting clients to use The Career Index Plus
- Tracking client activity within The Career Index Plus
- Creating a client profile based on client strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and interests
- Importing client profiles within The Career Index Plus
- <https://wintac.adobeconnect.com/ltid-170405a/event/registration.html>

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Upcoming Career Index Training Information *and* Registration

March: 3/21, 1:00 ET *TCl+*: *Advanced Uses for Counselors and Clients in the Workforce Development System*

- Techniques for use during the assessment and IPE process
- Strategies for use with clients with restricted interests
- Career exploration with accommodations in mind
- Informational interview preparation
- Advanced search and resume building tools
- <https://wintac.adobeconnect.com/ltid-170408a/event/registration.html>

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How to sign on and take a look:

- Go to website www.thecareerindex.com and register for an account.
- Use your work/agency e-mail (not your home e-mail); this allows you to access features only VR counselors can see including adding and tracking clients.
- Go play.
 - *What about agency firewalls?*

If you have difficulty accessing TCI+ and suspect a firewall problem, ask your IT staff to contact TCI+ developer, KD Nyegaard, directly at: kdn@thecareerindex.com for assistance.

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Implementing TCI+: Support in Development

- **Job aids include:**
 - A User Manual
 - Targeted TA: Remote assistance with implementation planning.
 - Intensive TA: can be requested when intensive support is indicated.
- Implementation support is based on implementation science.
- 10 regional communities of practice (COP' s) for users will be developed.

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For more information go to the WINTAC webpage: www.wintac.org

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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