# Job Driven Strategies for Serving Individuals Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired:

# A Forum for Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

# San Antonio, TX; June 14-15, 2018

## Day 1: Thursday June 14

### 8:30 – Welcome and Introductions

*Review of agenda and objectives for the forum*

### 9:00 – Panel 1: Collaborative Implementation of the WIOA

***Doug Keast****, WINTAC, Moderator*

* **Keri Osterhaus**, Iowa Department for the Blind: Integrated Resource Team and training videos for one-stop partners
* **Bill Robinson**, Michigan Commission for the Blind: Value of Role on Workforce Investment Boards
* **Meredith Hardin,** Washington Department of Services for the Blind: One-Stop Center and other WIOA Partners
* **Dorothy Young**, Mississippi Office for the Blind, and **Lavonda Hart**, Mississippi VR: Data System Shared with General agency

### 9:55 – Discussion at tables with brief report-out

## 10:35 – Break

### 10:50 – Panel 2: Youth Focused Initiatives

***Carol Pankow****, Minnesota Services for the Blind, Moderator*

* **Rebecca Bates**, South Carolina Commission for the Blind: Career Boost Program and Student Internships
* **Carol Jenkins**, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Initiatives for Students and Youth with Disabilities
* **Shirley Robinson**, Georgia VR: Partnership with Consumer Groups to Provide Transition Services
* **Cora McNabb,** Kentucky Office for the Blind: Collaborative Efforts in Summer Work Programs, STEM Camps, Post-secondary Education Programs
* **Joe Strechay,** Pennsylvania OVR: Summer Programs, STEM Events, and Partnerships

## 11:45 – Lunch

### 1:15 – Discussion at tables with brief report-out

### 1:55 – Panel 3: Access to Training/Career Pathways

***Paula Pottenger****, WINTAC/JD-VRTAC, Moderator*

* **Cindy Roberts,** Virginia Department for the Blind and Visually Impaired: State’s Career Pathways Grant
* **Cora McNabb,** Kentucky Office for the Blind: Experience with State’s Career Pathways Grant
* **Shirley Robinson**, Georgia VR: Building a Project Search Partnership
* **Morgan Rincon**, Oregon Commission for the Blind: Partnership with community college at OCB training center

## 2:55 – Break

### 3:05 – Discussion at tables with brief report-out

### 3:45 – Large Group Discussion

Recommendations to the field on Topics 1, 2, and 3: ***Jeff Hughes****, WINTAC, Moderator*

## 4:30 – Adjourn

## Day 2: Friday June 15

### 8:30 – Welcome

*Reactions to Day 1 and review remaining agenda*

### 8:45 – Panel 4: Use of Labor Market Information

***Vito DeSantis****, JD-VRTAC, Moderator*

* **Mary Burgard and Johnathan Richmond**, Connecticut Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind: Use of LMI with Assistive Technology for Consumers & Staff
* **Rebecca Bates**, South Carolina Commission for the Blind: Building the Capacity to Use TCI+
* **Jeff Hughes**, WINTAC: How VR Counselors are Using TCI+ Nationally

### 9:35 – Discussion at tables with brief report-out

## 10:20 – Break

### 10:35 –Panel 5: Collaborative Business Engagement

**Linda Mock,** JDVRTAC, Moderator

* **Cindy Roberts,** Virginia Department for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Collaborative Business Services
* **Joe Strechay**, Pennsylvania OVR: Webinars, Videocasts, and More Training — Oh My!
* **Joey Buizon**, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind: Work with Business Community in Partnership with Perkins and Carroll Center
* **Morgan Rincon,** Oregon Commission for the Blind: Co-location with AJC; collaboration with WA Blind and WA General Agencies

### 11:35 – Discussion at tables with brief report-out

### 12:00 – Large Group Discussion

*recommendations to the field on Topics 4 and 5*

## 12:30 – Adjourn