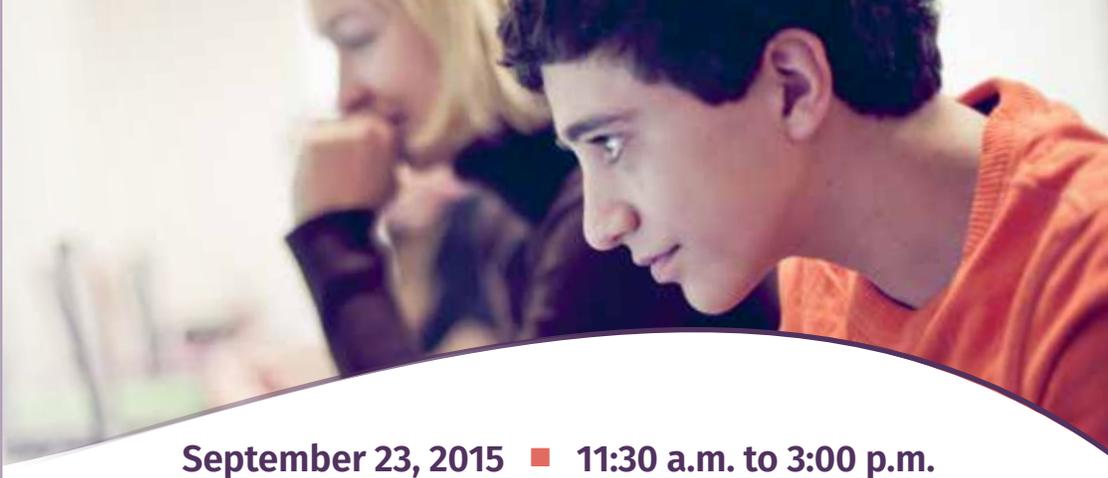


PUBLIC FORUM

September 23, 2015 ■ 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Department of Education ■ 1500 Highway 36 West ■ Conference Center B — Room CC 15 ■ Roseville, MN 55113
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A PUBLIC FORUM: Coordination Between the Schools and Vocational Rehabilitation:

AGENDA

11:30 to 12:30

Federal and State Initiatives:

Pre-employment transition services and the importance of collaboration between Vocational Rehabilitation and local school districts.

- **DARON KORTE**, Minnesota Department of Education, Assistant Commissioner
- **JAN THOMPSON**, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Field Director
- **CAROL PANKOW**, State Services for the Blind, Director

The panel will discuss federal and state initiatives that will increase employability for students with disabilities and discuss how to maximize these programs' positive impact through collaboration.

12:30 to 1:30

VR and School collaboration — Policy and Practice

- **ALYSSA KLEIN** — Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Transition Specialist
- **CHRISTINE BAUMAN** — Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Rehabilitation Area Manager
- **SUE BENOLKEN** — Department of Education, Special Education Interagency Coordination Specialist
- **JAYNE SPAIN** — Department of Education, Special Education Transition Specialist
- **SHEILA KOENING** — State Services for the Blind, Transition Coordinator

Panel members will share information about Pre-employment Transition Services under the Workforce Innovation Act (WIOA) and how those services can be coordinated in secondary transition planning for students with disabilities. Strategies regarding interagency coordination at the state and local level will be discussed.

1:30 to 2:30

Participants will break into teams. We will use case studies to plan collaborative Pre-employment Transition Services for students.

2:30 to 3:00

Report on collaborative work.

3:00

Open mike for discussion and public testimony