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## LEGISLATION

This manual is based on:

State and Federal statutes 34 CFR §§ 361 and 364

Federal and State regulations

State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services

## HISTORY AND CURRENT LEGISLATION

D.C. Rehabilitation Services Program – District of Columbia Official Code §§ 32-331 and 32-332

District of Columbia Code Annotated § 32-332, D.C. Rehabilitation Services Program

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended- 29 U.S.C. § 701 *et. seq.*

State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program – 34 C.F. R. Part 361

Workforce Investment Act of 1998 – 29 U.S.C. § 2801 *et. seq.*

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - 20 U.S.C. §1400 *et. seq.*

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended - 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et. seq.*

Civil Rights Act of 1964 - 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et. seq.*

Other Federal and State laws

## PURPOSE

District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration receives a federal grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education) to operate a comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient and accountable program designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, in order to prepare for and engage in gainful employment, 34 C.F.R. § 361.1

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

**State Plan** - This multi-year plan contains a description of the District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, the policies to carry out the program and other information as requested by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. This multi-year plan seeks input from the public and others designated by the Rehabilitation Act. 34 C.F.R. §§ 361.10(a) and (d), 34 C.F.R. §361.20(a), and 34 C.F.R. § 361.21

**State Rehabilitation Council** - The Council partners with the Administration on a regular and on-going basis by providing advice on the development, implementation and amendments to the State plan, and policies and procedures pertaining to vocational rehabilitation services. The Council, consisting of individuals with disabilities, family members, advocates, one vocational rehabilitation counselor, and representatives from a parent training center, Client Assistance Program, business industry and labor, is appointed by the Mayor. The Deputy Director and the vocational rehabilitation counselor serve as non-voting members, 34 C.F.R. § 361.17.

**Policy Promulgation Process** - The District of Columbia Administrative Procedures Act requires the District to receive public input on policies and procedures. District of Columbia Official Code §2-505.

**State Independent Living Council (SILC)** -DCRSA works jointly with the SILC in the development and implementation of a statewide Independent Living State Plan, 34 C.F.R.§364.21. The SILC monitors, reviews, and evaluates the implementation of the State plan; Coordinates activities with the State Rehabilitation Council established under section 105 of the Act and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law.