

# FACT SHEET—RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (AAPD)**[www.aapd-dc.org](http://www.aapd-dc.org)

AAPD, the largest national nonprofit, cross-disability member organization in the United States, is dedicated to ensuring economic self-sufficiency and political empowerment for Americans with disabilities.

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**COUNCIL OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (CSAVR)**[www.rehabnetwork.org](http://www.rehabnetwork.org)

CSAVR's mission is to maintain and enhance a strong, effective and efficient national program of public vocational rehabilitation (VR) services, which empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, inclusion and integration into our communities. Through CSAVR leadership, the national network of 80 public VR agencies formed the National Employment Team (The NET). The NET supports a dual customer base by providing the following benefits; 1) Businesses have direct access to a pool of qualified applicants and the support services provided by the VR system; 2) VR consumers have access to national employment opportunities and career development resources; and 3) VR agencies have a national system for sharing employment resources, best practices and business connections.

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**DISABILITY AND BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS (DBTACs)**[www.dbtac.vcu.edu](http://www.dbtac.vcu.edu)

DBTACs provide information, training and technical assistance to employers and employees with respect to rights and responsibilities under the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)*.

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**EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE REFERRAL NETWORK (EARN)**[www.earnworks.com](http://www.earnworks.com)

EARN is a nationwide, cost-free referral and technical assistance service for employers. EARN connects employers who have job vacancies to employment service providers who have direct access to job-ready individuals with disabilities.

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**JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK (JAN)**<http://askjan.org>

JAN is a free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations, *ADA* and the employability of people with disabilities.

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**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY (NOD)**[www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

NOD promotes the full and equal participation and contribution, in all aspects of life, of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities.

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING (NCIL)**[www.ncil.org](http://www.ncil.org)

NCIL is a membership organization that advances a self-empowerment philosophy and advocates for the human rights of and services for people with disabilities to further their full integration and participation in society.

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**REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER (RRTC) ON  
EMPLOYMENT POLICY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**[www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/p-epgrtc.cfm](http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/p-epgrtc.cfm)

Cornell University's coordinated research, training and dissemination activities deepen the understanding of policymakers and other stakeholders about how the economy, public policies and other socio-political factors affect the employment and economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities.

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**U.S. BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK (USBLN)**[www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org)

The U.S. Business Leadership Network (USBLN) is the only national employer-led organization that provides a corporate perspective to businesses regarding hiring people with disabilities and marketing to customers with disabilities. As a nonprofit trade association, the USBLN provides a best practices strategies, specific industry perspectives, tool kits and resources to employers and its 43 BLN chapters.

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**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND  
TRAINING CENTER (RRTC) ON WORKPLACE SUPPORTS**[www.worksupport.com](http://www.worksupport.com)

The RRTC on Workplace Supports identifies factors that enhance or inhibit businesses from tapping into a pool of employees with disabilities. The center's website contains information on return-to-work strategies, effective disability management programs and tax credits to encourage hiring, retention and advancement of people with disabilities.

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## FEDERAL RESOURCES

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**THE ACCESS BOARD**[www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)

The Access Board is an independent federal agency devoted to ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities. The key responsibilities of the board include developing and maintaining accessibility requirements for the physical environment, transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, electronic and information technology; providing technical assistance and training on these guidelines and standards; and enforcing accessibility standards for federally-funded facilities.

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**CENSUS BUREAU DISABILITY STATISTICS**[www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability/disability.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability/disability.html)

The Census Bureau provides data on disability based on three primary sources: the Survey of Income and Program Participation, the Decennial Census of Population, and the Current Population Survey.