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Provides Technical Assistance & Continuing Education
The Institute for Community Inclusion
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Summary/Abstract
The New England TACE Center provides technical assistance (TA) & continuing education (CE) to the public vocational rehabilitation (VR) system and their partners. This center is part of a national network of 10 TACE Centers. The New England TACE serves:
- 10 State VR agencies
- 2 Native American VR programs
- VR provider agencies
- Independent living centers
- 1-Stop career centers

Goals
TA & CE is intended to contribute to the:
1. Provision of quality VR services;
2. Effectiveness of the 10 State VR agencies’ service delivery; &
3. Quantity & quality of employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

Continuing Education (CE)
TACE staff provide CE in various formats to promote best practices leading to better employment outcomes. CE formats include:

In-person workshops/training:
- Case management practices
- Technical writing skills
- Motivational interviewing strategies
- Innovative employment strategies
- Managing for outcomes
- Supervisor training

Online training:
- Professional ethics for VR staff
- Coaching & teaching strategies
- Social Security work incentives
- Job development in a tough economy
- Employment law

Technical Assistance (TA)
Examples of TA/consultation:
- Case management systems
- Providers’ staff competencies
- Sr. management team building & communication throughout agency
- Role of the State Rehab Council
- Improving transition services

National Transition Conference
College & Careers for Youth w/ Disabilities
This 2012 conference will:
- Provide forum to develop an action agenda;
- Bring together critical transition community partners to exchange innovative ideas & approaches;
- Demonstrate knowledge gained from policy implementation;
- Share transition practices & research findings;
- Promote & facilitate the development of networks and relationships.

Peer Technical Assistance (TA)
Peer TA brings communities of practices together to share information & resources.
TACE peer TA examples:
- Transition coordinators
- Ticket to Work coordinators
- BEP coordinators
- Business Network coordinators
- Fiscal managers
- Rehab counselors for the deaf

Online training:
VR using Stimulus funds
Using social media with VR clients
Employment services for people with Asperger’s Syndrome & autism spectrum disorders

Webinars:
- VR using Stimulus funds
- Using social media with VR clients
- Employment services for people with Asperger’s Syndrome & autism spectrum disorders

Continuing Education (CE)