

## News from GATES...

Georgia Association of Training, Employment and Supports



### GATES MEMBERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

#### **Public Input Sought Statewide Regarding Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan**

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) in conjunction with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) will hold a series of public comment hearings statewide regarding the proposed federal fiscal year 2014 State Plan. The federal Rehabilitation Services Administration requires the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program to submit an annual State Plan of how it will use federal and state funds to provide a broad array of services to achieve priority goals and objectives for eligible individuals with disabilities. The SRC and GVRA value input from stakeholders regarding this Plan.

Hearing participants who wish to comment for the record will be allowed five minutes; there will not be time for extended two-way dialogue. Those who wish to comment but cannot attend a hearing in person may send written statements to Linda Shepard, Chairperson, Georgia State Rehabilitation Council, 8355 Cherokee Blvd. Suite 100, Douglasville, GA 30134; or email them to [shepard.linda@peppinc.org](mailto:shepard.linda@peppinc.org) or [valencia.thomas@qvra.ga.gov](mailto:valencia.thomas@qvra.ga.gov). Written statements should be no longer than two pages, double spaced. Written or emailed comments must be postmarked no later than May 24, 2013.

The Georgia VR State Plan for fiscal year 2013 may be reviewed online at <http://www.rsa.ed.gov/about-your-state.cfm?state=Georgia> or in print at any regional or local VR office in the state. To locate the nearest office, or for more information about the public hearings, call VR Customer Service at 404-232-7800 or statewide toll free 1-866-489-0001; TTY users call GA Relay 711.

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##### Special Announcements



#### **GATES ANNUAL MEETING**

**June 6-7, 2013**  
**Location: -TBD**

#### **State Use Council Meeting**

**June 27, 2013**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Location: Sloppy  
Floyd Bldg - West  
Tower**

The public hearings are in five locations around the state to solicit comments from a representative and diverse population. The date, time and location for each public hearing are:

**Thursday, May 9: Tifton**, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Tifton Georgia Department of Labor Career Center, 310 South Tift Avenue, Tifton 31794.

**Thursday, May 9: Statesboro**, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Ogeechee Technical College Auditorium, 1 Joe Kennedy Blvd., Statesboro 30458.

**Friday, May 10: Macon**, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Department of Human Services Transportation Office, Macon Room, 4885 Riverside Drive, Suite 300, Macon 31210.

**Monday, May 13: Atlanta**, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Board Room Fifth Floor, 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta 30303.

**Tuesday, May 14: Cumming**, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Cumming Library, 485 Dahlonega Road, Cumming 30040.

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