

**LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2011**

STATE PLAN

- The draft 2012 LRS State Plan was submitted electronically to RSA in June. RSA has until October 1st to approve. Once approved a copy will be distributed.
- LRS will be participating in the nine (9) statewide JOB FAIRS that will be conducted in October 2011 throughout the state. We are working hand in hand with the Louisiana Workforce Commission Disability Program Navigators in planning and working the JOB FAIRS. LRS staff is leading the JOB FAIR in Lafayette and Houma/Thibodeaux, while having a working presence in all JOB FAIR locations.

TRANSITION

- The Transition Coordinator is working with the Transition Learning Collaborative (TLC) team to develop a proposal to be presented at the Texas Transition Conference February 20-21, 2011 in Austin, TX. Input was gathered from LRS Transition VR Counselors who identified barriers to empowerment and informed choice. The title of the presentation is "Barriers to Self-Empowerment Faced by Transition Students: How We Can Provide a Helping Hand".

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

- LSU Health Sciences Center/New Orleans is conducting two day (2) Supported Employment trainings throughout the state in August and September 2011. The training is being conducted by Ms. Sue Killam, who has worked in all phases of Supported Employment and has extensive knowledge. The training will focus on job coaching, extended follow along, how to work with consumers on the job, and how to talk with employers about hiring LRS consumers. Counselors will receive CEU's for this training.