

# **Module One- The Back Story**

## **Overview of:**

- **The State/Federal Structure**
- **WIOA & the Rehabilitation Act**

# Handouts:

- “Rehab Act Findings, Purposes, Policy”
- “Brief description- Title I VR Services”

# The State Rehabilitation Council New Member Orientation



**VR/SRC Partnership- Working Together Works**

**WIOA mandates a  
VR/SRC Partnership  
& provides the framework  
for the SRC voice**



**To have an informed voice-  
SRC members need a  
working understanding  
of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended  
in 2014,  
so that they:**

- **are comfortable & informed when entering into discussions concerning VR policy, procedures, long and short range agency planning; &**
- **have a basis, & legislative reference, for WIOA related discussions.**

**And they need an  
in-depth understanding of  
Section 105 of the Rehabilitation  
Act &  
Sections 361.16 & 361.17 of the  
implementing Regulations**

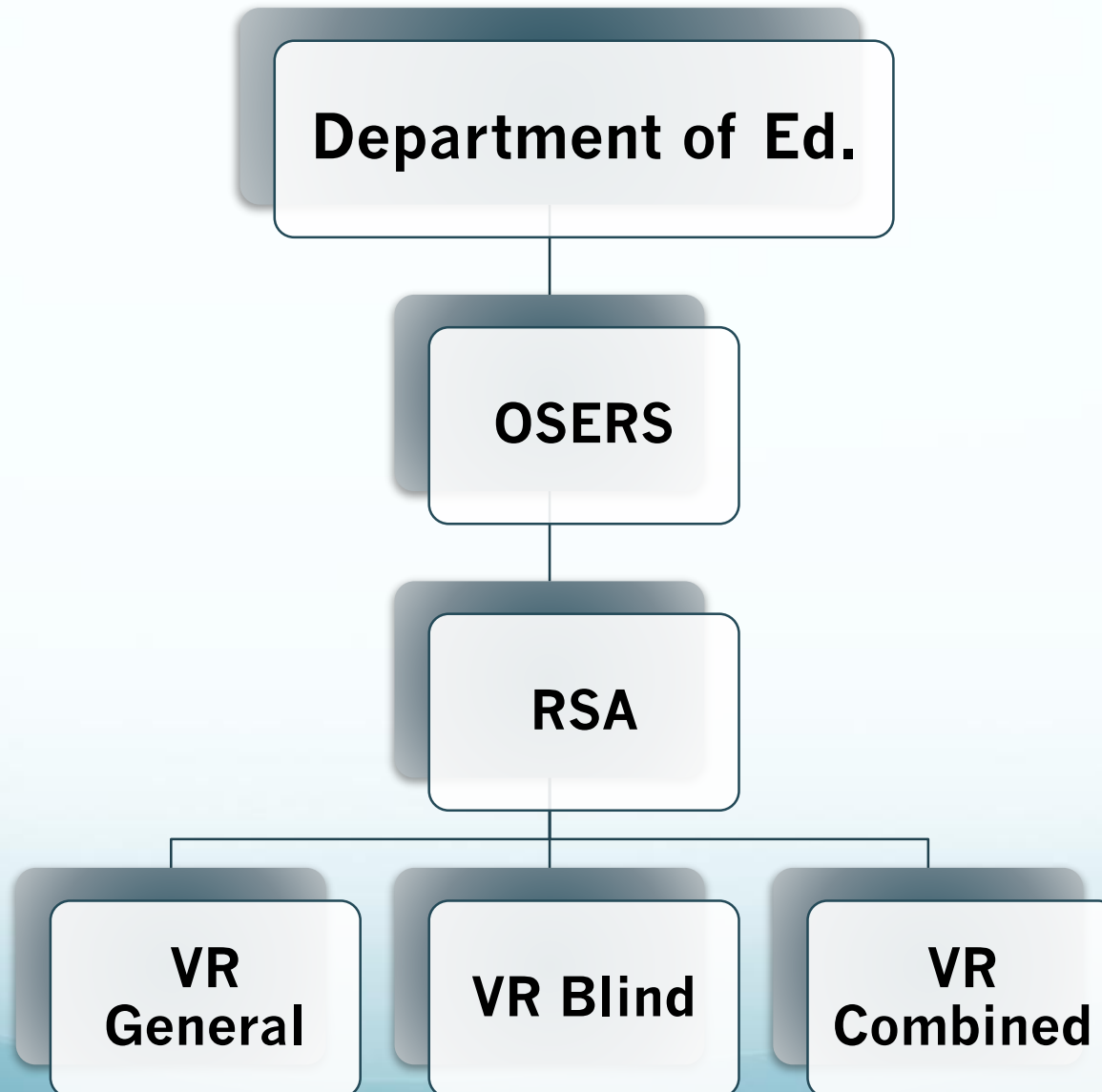
**Because these provide detailed  
mandates for the SRC structure &  
functions.**

**But before we start, let's get to know each other!**

- **Tell us a little about yourself.**
- **Who do you represent on the Council?**
- **What questions do you have that you would like us to talk about?**



# Where is VR in the Federal/State Structure?



**The SRC works in  
partnership  
with the VR agency and is  
mandated in Section 105  
of the Rehabilitation Act**

# **The Rehab Act is Title IV of the WIOA.**



**WIOA is federally legislated by  
Congress & applies to all states  
& trust territories**

**WIOA**  
**(Workforce**  
**Innovation &**  
**Opportunity Act)**




**Title IV of WIOA**  
**(Rehabilitation Act)**



**Title I of Title IV**  
**(VR Services)**



**Section 105 of**  
**Title 1 (SRC)**



**CFR 361.16 &**  
**.361.17**

# **So- Let's look @ the Rehabilitation Act**

# **Philosophy of the Rehab Act-**

**The Rehabilitation Act mandates that policy be consistent with-**

- Respect for individual dignity, personal responsibility, self determination, & pursuit of meaningful careers based on informed choice.**
- Respect for individual privacy, rights, & equal access.**
- Inclusion, integration, & full participation.**
- Authorized representative, if needed.**
- Advocacy & community involvement.**

# And that it-

- **Empower to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, inclusion & integration into society.**
- **Maximize opportunities for competitive, integrated employment.**
- **Fulfill aspirations for meaningful & gainful employment.**
- **Increase employment opportunities & employment outcomes.**
- **Ensure transitioning opportunities.**

# What does the Rehab Act include?

**Title I- VR Services**

**Title IV- National Council on Disability**

**Title II- Research & Training**

**Title V- Rights & Advocacy (503/504)**

**Title III- Professional Development:  
Special Projects & Demonstration**

**Title VI- Employment Opportunities**

**Title VII- Independent Living Services**



# **SRC responsibilities focus on Title 1- VR Services**

## **What is in Title 1 ?**

**100- Declaration of policy; appropriations**

**101- State Plan**

**102- Eligibility & Individualized Plan for  
Employment**

**103- VR Services**

**105- \*\*State Rehabilitation Council\*\***

**106- Evaluation standards & performance  
indicators**

**107- Monitoring & review**

**108- Expenditures of certain amounts**

**109- Training & Services for Employers**

**110- State Allotments**

**111- Payments to States**

**112- Client Assistance Program (CAP)**

**113- Pre-employment transition services.**

**121- American Indian VR services**

**131- Data Sharing**

With this as a background, we will look at the SRC legislated mandates in Module Two.

