Explore VR

BACKGROUND

Explore VR is a web application that provides easy and convenient access to a range of vocational rehabilitation (VR) data for planning, evaluation, and decision-making. Through this data-sharing effort, we are seeking to increase knowledge about the public VR program and its role within the larger employment and disability service system, within and across states and territories.

Explore VR will be valuable for rehabilitation researchers, individuals with disabilities, state agencies, community rehabilitation providers, and disability advocates.

THE OPEN DATA INITIATIVE

Explore VR is committed to the open data initiative being embraced by the U.S. government and around the nation. Our goal is to allow decision-makers, researchers, and web-builders access to all of the VR data that we collect. We will release this data in its most raw form, and create applications with which to view it. We hope that others will build and expand on our work.

For more information: www.whitehouse.gov/open

AVAILABLE DATA

- ▲ 2011 National Survey of State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies
- ▲ 2010-2011 National Survey of Community Rehabilitation Providers
- ▲ 2011 National Survey of Mental Health Agencies
- ▲ 2011 National Survey of Welfare Agencies
- ▲ National Survey of Day and Employment Programs for People with Developmental Disabilities
- ▲ Rehabilitation Services Administration datasets including RSA-2, RSA-113, and RSA-911
- ▲ U.S. Census Bureau data

SPECIAL FEATURES

INTERACTIVE DATA REPORTS: These pre-made reports will showcase the capacity of Explore VR. Users can manipulate these reports to meet data needs.

EXPLORE IT YOURSELF: All data used in Explore VR will be publicly available for download in .xls and .csv format. To improve ease of use, data dictionaries will accompany datasets.

DATA REQUESTS: Users will submit data analysis requests to staff at the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI). ICI staff will use Explore VR to answer your questions.

MONTHLY FEATURED REPORTS: Each month, Explore VR will release a featured report using its data.

CONTACT

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