

Disability Research to Practice

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Improves the quality and use of disability research to benefit people with disabilities and their families

Access to high quality research evidence has the potential to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. The Disability Research to Practice (DRP) program works with disability and rehabilitation researchers to help them develop and implement plans to translate their findings into needed actions. In addition, the DRP program conducts research to systematically review available research to determine what we know about disability-oriented programs, services, and policies and if they really work.

National Work

Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (KTDRR)

DRP staff collaborates with international partners, including the Campbell and Cochrane Collaborations and the EPPI-Centre, to implement strategies that move disability research evidence into mainstream policies and practices. In addition, DRP staff is working directly with a national audience of disability and rehabilitation researchers to develop tools that facilitate the appraisal and use of high quality research evidence to benefit people with disabilities and their families.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ktdrr.org>.

Center on Knowledge Translation for Employment Research (KTER)

In partnership with the Virginia Commonwealth University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, DRP staff is conducting research to determine barriers that keep people from using what is known from research about the employment of people with disabilities. The primary groups involved include: people with disabilities, employers, vocational rehabilitation professionals, and policymakers. The KTER Center is also testing the effectiveness of specific knowledge translation interventions in promoting uptake and change in behaviors, attitudes, approaches, and actions based on available research evidence.

For more information, please visit <http://www.kter.org>.

Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

In partnership with the University of Central Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, DRP staff is identifying what is known from current research and current practices about helping people with autism to obtain and maintain employment. In addition, the project is developing guidance and tools that support the development of new high quality community employment resources appropriate for people with autism.

For more information, please visit <http://www.autism.sedl.org>.