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The Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (MDVR) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) will be holding joint public hearings concerning the MDVR State Plan and the State Plan for Independent Living. We are asking for public comment concerning our state plans and any comments about improving services to persons with disabilities.

We would appreciate your assistance in reviewing the issues on the attached page and invite you to attend one of the public hearings. You should also feel free to provide written comments.

Please send any written comments before February 28, 2010 to the attention of:

MOSILC
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
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To attend one of our public hearings, please review the attached listing for the dates and locations.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend these meetings, please contact the Consumer Affairs Section (toll free) 877-222-8963; TTY 573-751-0881; fax 573-751-1441; or e-mail: tammy.mcsorley@vr.dese.mo.gov

At the public hearings concerning vocational rehabilitation services, Missouri citizens may comment on current vocational rehabilitation or independent living programs. Issues to be addressed include:

- Order of selection (waiting lists for eligible persons with disabilities)
- Increasing the percentages of persons with disabilities obtaining employment outcomes
- Improving the wages of persons with disabilities who obtain employment outcomes
- Helping VR consumers make informed choices regarding vocational goals and services
- Identifying unmet needs of persons with significant disabilities in vocational rehabilitation programming
- Improving services to minority populations and reducing the number of individuals dropping from services
- Improving transition services for secondary students with disabilities
- Improving services and resources for persons with autism/autism spectrum disorders
- How can we maximize the cooperation, coordination and working relationships in Independent Living?
- How can we expand Independent Living Services to un-served and underserved populations and minority groups?
- What are appropriate, measurable outcomes for independent living services?
- How can the SILC better represent the needs of independent living consumers?
- How can the SILC better communicate activities and findings of the committees established via the state plan for independent living?

Please submit any written comments on the above issues prior to February 28, 2010.

2010 VR/IL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULES

February 19, 2010
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

JCK State Information Center Auditorium
600 W Main St
Jefferson City, Missouri

February 22, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence
(SADI)
1913 Rusmar Ave
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

February 23, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Paraquad Auditorium
5240 Oakland Ave
St. Louis, Missouri

February 25, 2010
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SW Center for Independent Living
2864 Nettleton Ave
Springfield, Missouri

February 26, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kansas City Public Library
Trails West Branch Room A
11401 East 23rd Street
Independence, Missouri

The Vocational Rehabilitation portion of the public hearing will be held immediately following the Independent Living hearing.