



## ***Using Individual Placement and Support (IPS) to Increase Opportunities for Competitive, Integrated Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities***

### **What is the level of evidence?**

This practice was identified by Rehabilitation Research & Training Center for Evidence-Based Practice in Vocational Rehabilitation (RRTC -EBP VR), and has been labeled by NTACT as a Promising Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

### **What is the practice?**

This practice uses braided funding between VR and the state mental health administration to provide blended services. Consumers eligible for mental health services are presumed eligible for VR and an Individualized Plan for Employment is developed within two weeks of referral. The program's philosophy is grounded in consumer choice and interests for employment. The research specifically describes a collaboration between the Maryland Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS) agency and the Maryland's mental health administration.

### **Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?**

The Special Issue from the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation is available through the website of the RRTC-EBP-VR here:

<http://content.iospress.com/download/journal-of-vocational-rehabilitation/jvr708?id=journal-of-vocational-rehabilitation%2Fjvr708>

You may also correspond with the RRTC-EBP-VR <http://research2vrpractice.org/contact/> to request more detailed information from the original author regarding implementation of this practice.

### **References used to establish this evidence base:**

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