

CBVH ANNOUNCES PUBLIC FORUMS ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH), in conjunction with the State Rehabilitation Council, is developing the State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (beginning October 1, 2010).

To assist in the development of the State Plan, three public forums are being held to gather recommendations from people who are blind, their families, advocates and service providers on how CBVH can improve vocational rehabilitation and supported employment services. The current State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services is available for review at the CBVH website:

www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh/.

The schedule for the Public Forums is as follows:

ALBANY

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 3:00 to 6:00 PM
Albany Public Library Main Branch, Large Auditorium
161 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12205

FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 3:00 to 6:00 PM
SUNY Farmingdale State College, Roosevelt Hall, Room 111
2350 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735-1021

SYRACUSE

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 3:00 to 6:00 PM
Robert P. Kinchen Central Library, Curtin Auditorium
447 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13202-2494

In addition to the public forums, recommendations may also be submitted in writing the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, 52 Washington Street, South Building, Room 201, Rensselaer, NY 12144, Attn: Public Comments; or electronically to Mike.Rose@ocfs.state.ny.us. The public comment period extends from February 2, 2010 through March 1, 2010.

These forums are being held at accessible sites. Copies of materials and materials in alternate format will be made available at each session and upon request. Interpreters will be provided ONLY upon request. To request accommodations, contact CBVH by calling 1-866-871-3000 (voice), 1-866-871-6000 (TTY) at least 10 days in advance of the forum and referencing "Public Forums."