

Regional Vocational Rehabilitation - Community Employment Specialists (CES) have been hired by the agencies listed below through a contract with NYSED Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). The project was officially launched in early 2015. The primary role of the CES is to provide consultation and technical assistance to individuals or groups of school district personnel, and periodically to regional CSE Chairperson groups. The eligibility criteria and referral process for State Vocational Rehabilitation Services (ACCES-VR) will be a major focus. The CES will also provide information about other postsecondary options available from other State agency systems for students with disabilities. The CES will not work directly with students, parents, or employers.

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