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General Updates

• DARS began taking people off Cat 2 waitlist on August 15
• Will take additional consumer of the waitlist in September
• We expect to continue until all are taken off waitlist
• Not opening Cat 2
DARS – Reopening Plan

- Reopening team continues to meet to discuss how/when DARS offices will be open to the public.
- Each division within DARS may reopen differently
- Anticipated DRS office reopening schedule
  - September 15 - Staff begin working in offices – staggered schedules
  - September 28 - DARS staff begin to see clients - by appointment only
  - November 2 - Group services/Visitors – (Psychologists, ESOs, etc)
- This is subject to change for the division or individual offices.
- More information about ESOs scheduling to see clients in DARS offices will be shared on the October ESO webinar
- WWRC staff returned to work Monday, August 24, 2020,
- Expect to readmit current students to WWRC beginning September 28
Pre-Employment Work Based Learning

- DRS can support WBLEs for students
- We are following the schools leads. Many schools that are starting virtually are allowing face to face services for SWDs. Connect with local office managers and Pre ETS counselors.
- Services must individual
- Specific, reasonable and necessary.
- Communication with counselors is critical.
- RFAs should be sent to the VR counselor only after discussion about needed services
ESOSC

• Next meeting is October 6, 2020 at 10:00 am
• Meeting will be held electronically
• Live stream will be on YouTube
• Public Comment to Anita Mundy by:
Provider Forums

• DARS will be restarting the quarterly provider forums.
• They will occur virtually
• Statewide not district specific
• Training will be offered at each forum
ESO Directory update

• Google Form will be sent out in the next few days
  – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11OVN2uazo0MWH0l_JqkSyh6sbMI_PgZuc4D8ujihW30/edit
• Please fill it out completely to update your organization
• Additional Service Locations
  – Locations where you have a staff presence and an “office”
• Service Locations
  – Where are you approved to provide services
• Supported Employment Contact
  – Should be different that the primary contact. SE Contact will be added to the SE Manager email list.
ESO COVID 19 Policies
Staff/Client exposure protocols

• Virginia Department of Labor and Industry temporary regulations

• DARS is asking ESOs to share protocol/policies regarding staff/client/employer exposure, reporting expectations regarding COVID 19

• Protocols must include client/employer/staff notifications processes and expectations.
VOICE Stakeholder Survey

• VOICE Implementation team created survey with Allan Bergman, ODEP SME, to determine barriers to Competitive Integrated Employment across stakeholders throughout Virginia.

• Survey will be shared with all stakeholder beginning today

• [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Employment_First_Competitive_Employment_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Employment_First_Competitive_Employment_Survey)
Next Webinar will be October 14, 2020

Questions?