



Notice of Temporary Suspension of Career Counseling and Information & Referral Group Services: April 1, 2020

The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is suspending the provision of group Career Counseling and Information & Referral services to comply with Governor Little's directives regarding COVID-19. The Division has reached out to the US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour division (W&H), and our national technical assistance partners at the Workforce Innovation and Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC) which has been charged with providing state VR agencies with TA related to COVID-19 service provision and operations.

At this time, we have not received a federal response on this issue but anticipate a temporary waiver of these requirements as a likely and logical response. WINTAC has met with RSA to discuss this item on April 1, 2020. RSA has drafted a response and is currently working on getting approval from W&H as many other states are also requesting guidance. The Division will continue to monitor the ongoing release of federal guidance and VR specific technical assistance and will provide an update as soon as possible once we are informed.

Recognizing that these requirements are still in effect until we have federal guidance in hand, the Division is evaluating other methods of delivery to conduct CCI&R including one-on-one sessions via virtual delivery.