

## Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation Launches New Website for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) is committed to its work in advancing and embedding diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEI&A) toward a world free of institutional bias and injustice. CSAVR is a national organization comprised of Directors of State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies. This week, CSAVR is thrilled to announce the launch of its new DEI&A website, http://www.vrdeia.com. The website includes resources, books, podcasts, pieces of training and so much more with the goal of embracing innovation and values of DEI&A to achieve mission excellence. "The DEI&A website will ensure we continue to provide resources and supports to address the cultural and access issues that individuals with disabilities face in their goal to competitive integrated employment and independence", Chief Executive Officer Steve Wooderson remarked. "CSAVR aims to assertively establish strategies and definable actions to foster equality of opportunity by supporting initiatives to include underrepresented individuals and launching our new DEI&A website does that at all levels." CSAVR has invited visitors to explore the new website with a search feature on race, ethnicity, disability, governmental organizations, and consistency of resources that continue the DEI&A work with encouragement and transparency. CSAVR will continue to increase DEI&A resources on the website and optimize diversity efforts to further assist individuals with disabilities to have full access to opportunities that increase independence and employment and help achieve the American dream.