

## 2016 Education and Information Series



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2016 is the year for Education and Information to empower People with Disabilities. It is essential to understand our history and the current state of affairs in our community. We will have presentations developed to inform individuals of agencies created to serve People with Disabilities. These workshops are designed to help people become active participants in making informed decisions. Knowledge is POWER! This power creates options for us to make healthy choices for ourselves and our families.

The first workshop will be on the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), the largest agency in the country serving People with Disabilities. These discussions will include:

How did the agency get started?

Who funds the agency?

What is the mission of the agency?

What are the regulations and mandates of the agency?

You may be asking yourself, "Why do I need to know this information"? As a client of these services, understanding how the agency was started, how it is funded and what the regulations are makes you aware of how these services will work for you. As an advocate for People with Disabilities, you will be able to educate and assist people on how DVR services can work for them.

This first workshop will be general information regarding DVR. There will be other series to discuss in more detail the inner workings of DVR such as: who is eligible for services, how to apply for services, what services are available and more.

The presenters for this workshop will be Anna French and Julia Zanon.

Ana French is a Rights Advocate at Disability Law. Anna has worked in the Client Assistance Program (CAP) for 7 years. She is an expert on federal regulations regarding DVR and has been assisting individuals with disabilities on their rights and responsibilities. Anna will discuss the history of DVR and give some insight on the future of the agency.

Julia Zanon, Manager of the Blind Unit at DVR, has been with the agency for over 20 years. She started as a level 1 counselor and has moved through the agency as a Level 2 counselor and supervisor. In January 2016 she became the Manager of the Blind Unit. Julia will share her knowledge of the general policies governing DVR.

When: March 29, 2016

Where: Atlantis Community Center  
201 S. Cherokee St., Denver, CO 80223

Time: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

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