

VRS Community Partners Conversations

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 11/2/22

November CP Conversations Summary

The November discussion topic was Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS.) VRS's Youth Services Coordinator, Alyssa Klein, was our guest speaker and gave an overview of Pre-ETS services and changes in the past few years. We had 72 participants.

CP Conversations Discussion Topic

Alyssa Klein discussed what we have learned about Pre-ETS in the last few years, discussed changes and shared resources.

1. **Partner information on Pre-ETS Services** can be found here: <https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/disabilities/youth/pre-ets/contractor/>
2. **Pre-ETS definitions:** https://mn.gov/deed/assets/pre-ets-services_tcm1045-379874.pdf
3. **Pre-ETS Authorizing, Reporting and Invoicing Guide:** https://mn.gov/deed/assets/authorization-invoice-guidance_tcm1045-445837.docx
4. **October 4th Forum which focused on Pre-ETS:** <https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/disabilities/partners/updates/>

Updates from Alyssa:

- No more prep time, increased rates instead.
- Work experience definition updated, gives threshold now.
- Added service of Pre-ETS internship services.
- Travel and Transportation – different in Pre-ETS than in general. In general services, it's a separate line item. In Pre-ETS, it's built into the service time.
- The maximum a partner can get reimbursed for a student is the rate for travel. For example, 4 students, \$100 rate, then divide the \$100

We had a lot of time for questions and answers.

Common them in questions:

- Group Services
- Travel and transportation
- Removal of Prep Time

Responses:

- We reviewed group services rates and how it is triggered when there are three or more students.
- We reviewed travel and transportation.
 - Many partners reported VR was not authorizing hours if travel was within a city limit. VR will follow up one-on-one.
- We discussed that prep time was eliminated, but partners did have the opportunity to raise their hourly rates.

Wrap Up

- We will not be meeting in December or January.
- Join us again on Wednesday February 1, 2023. Discussion Topic: Customized Employment with Margie Webb.
- The February 1, 2023, the Registration Link is:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsceCqrDojGWO1c6RMJIWIrVwpBiUvQy0>
- Remember, you can submit our MS Form with questions at any time:
<https://forms.office.com/g/Cr6X5CevBU>.