

ACCES-VR Pre-ETS Vendor Summit 2025

Downstate Summit (May 28th and 29th): Tarrytown, NY – Westchester Marriott

Upstate Summit (June 2nd and 3rd): Syracuse, NY – Syracuse Marriott

9 CRC credits available

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Vendor Training		
Day 1 Noon – 5:00 pm		
TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
🕒 10:00am - Noon		Registration and Networking Lunch will be served starting promptly at 11:45am so that attendees may be seated for the 12:00pm start to our working lunch.
🕒 Noon - 12:30pm (Working Lunch)	Linda Schramm, Assistant Commissioner of ACCES	Working Lunch and Welcome Kick off the day with a warm welcome and a look at our goals for the next two days.
🕒 12:30- 1:45pm	Melissa Diehl, National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTACT:C)	Session 1 - The Five Required Pre-ETS An interactive exploration of the five required Pre-ETS components, highlighting how they build a foundation for student success through real-world examples and best practice tips.
🕒 1:45- 2:30pm	<u>Downstate Summit:</u> David Lee, ACCES- VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Transition and Youth Services Ruth DelRosario, ACCES- VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Transition and Youth Services <u>Upstate Summit:</u> Kathy Wilcox, ACCES- VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation	Session 2 - How Does PE Differ From VR Clarify the distinctions between serving Potentially Eligible (PE) and VR Eligible students and how it shapes service delivery.

	<p>Counselor, Transition and Youth Services</p> <p>Pam Brehm-Bisaillon, ACCES-VR Associate District Office Administration</p>	
🕒 2:30-2:45pm	Break – Quick Recharge	
🕒 2:45-3:30pm	<p>Debbie Gabrione, ACCES-VR Statewide Manager of VR Recruitment, Staff Development and District Office Support</p>	<p>Session 3 - Report Writing Matters</p> <p>Learn what ACCES-VR staff look for when reviewing Pre-ETS vendor reports to ensure they clearly demonstrate the impact of services on students and meet federal compliance standards</p>
🕒 3:30-4:15pm	<p><u>Downstate Summit</u></p> <p>Meghan Humphrey, ACCES-VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Quality Assurance & Monitoring Unit</p> <p><u>Upstate Summit</u></p> <p>Amy Szymula, ACCES-VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Quality Assurance & Monitoring Unit</p>	<p>Session 4 – Quality Assurance - How Can They Help You?</p> <p>Hear from Quality Assurance staff about what they look for during vendor audits and how their technical assistance can support you in enhancing service delivery.</p>
🕒 4:15-5:00pm	<p>Linda Schramm</p> <p>Debbie Gabrione</p>	<p>Day 1 Wrap-Up & Looking Ahead</p> <p>A closeout of the day, share your takeaways and a sneak peak of what's to come for tomorrow.</p>

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Day 2 8:30am – 1:00pm		
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🕒 8:30-9:30am	Melissa Diehl	Working Breakfast and Session 5 – Being an Adult Ally and Engaging with Students
🕒 9:30-11:00am	Linda Schramm Debbie Gabrione Edward Lessard, ACCES-VR Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Training Unit	Session 6 - Fireside Chat on Contract Utilization and Using Tools to Manage Contracts/Authorization. A candid conversation about what vendor service delivery data reveals, tools for effective authorization and contract management, and how we can use this information to drive better outcomes.
☕ 11:00-11:15am	Break – Quick Recharge	
🕒 11:15am-12:15pm	Pam Brehm-Bisaillon Regional Pre-ETS Vendor Panel	Session 7 - Best Practices for Partnering with Schools and Engaging Students Hear from a panel of your colleagues as they share strategies for building productive, successful school partnerships that benefit both students and staff.
🕒 12:15-1:00pm	Linda Schramm Debbie Gabrione	Reflections & Highlights: What We've Learned Share insights and “aha” moments from both days, discuss how to put new ideas into practice, and explore ways to maintain momentum. Resources will also be shared.