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Other VR Counselor Resources

SE Resources accessible through www.BuzVR.org:

- Business <u>Advocacy</u>
- Business <u>Counseling</u>
- Business <u>Funding</u>
- Business <u>Incubators</u>
- Business Marketing
- Business <u>Real Estate</u>
- Business <u>Start-Up</u>
- Business Statistics
- Business Training
- **Disadvantaged** Business
- Environmental Help
- <u>Government Contracts</u>
- International Business, Import/Export Help
- <u>Regulatory</u> Help
- <u>Women</u> in Business
- <u>Workforce</u>
  <u>Development</u>

Participating in the 5 Steps to Self-Employment

- 5 Step <u>Program</u>
  <u>Overview</u>
- <u>Step 1</u>, Self-Assessment
- Step 2, Business Idea
- <u>Step 3</u>, Cost & Income Forecasting
- <u>Step 4</u>, Business
  Proposal
- <u>Step 5</u>, Monitoring Progress

## The Self-Employment Customer Tracking Guide Facilitating VR Counselor Success One Process at a Time

*Hot Off The Press* - in every Vocational Rehabilitation office there are now supplies of a new tool, the **VR Customer Tracking Documentation Workbook**.

The purpose of the workbook is to provide you with all of the required documentation for a Tier 1 Self-Employment proposal in one convenient, staple-bound booklet. As new cases arise where a VR Customer expresses an interest in pursuing self-employment, this book may be added to their case file and used to facilitate the self-employment development process going forward.

Listed below are each of the components included in the Workbook their intended function and value:

- 1. VR SE Process Flow Chart: A <u>1-page view</u> of the total VR SE process
- 2. VR SE Customer Contact Log: A platform for noting the date, time and subject of SE meetings over time
- SE Summary of Steps and Forms: A descriptive overview of each of the SE steps and the corresponding form(s) to be completed as part of that step
- SE Tier 1 Business Proposal Requirements: The list of the <u>10</u> <u>components</u> that a VR Customer will provide as a result of engaging in the SE process
- 5. **SE Project Tracking Agreement**: A detailed flow chart of <u>the SE</u> <u>development activities</u> that a VR Customer and VR Counselor will progress through, date and sign off on as completed
- 6. **Customer Profile Assessment (Form 1 of 3)**: <u>The first of 3 forms</u> that a VR Counselor will submit to the VR Regional Leader for feedback and sign off as the VR Customer responds to SE assistance services provided
- Business Concept Assessment (Form 2 of 3): <u>The second of 3 forms</u> that a VR Counselor will submit to the VR Regional Leader for feedback and sign off as the VR Customer responds to SE assistance services provided
- 8. **Business Proposal Assessment: (Form 3 of 3)**: <u>The final form</u> that a VR Counselor will provide to the Knowledge Institute along with all SE Tier 1 Business Proposal Components, to complete, which is then submitted to the VR Regional Leader for feedback and sign off.
- 9. Bookkeeping Collaboration Agreement and Tracking Form: A 2-part document that captures and validates <u>who</u> will be providing the business with bookkeeping services going forward and <u>what</u> will be monitored over the 6 months following venture launch/funding to assess progress
- 10. **Business Readiness Checklist**: A <u>list of tasks</u> that further support that the VR Customer has addressed what needs to be addressed to launch the venture and support progress going forward.

Your input and your tools to support success for you and your clients!

<u>Knowledge Institute</u> specializes in entrepreneurial education and small business development through <u>eLearning</u>, <u>curriculum development</u>, <u>publishing</u>, <u>interactive resource communities</u>, <u>public speaking</u> and philanthropic endeavors.

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