

Ontario Society Update

VRA Ontario 2011 Conference:

Do you have experience presenting to audiences with 50 or more participants?

Is your content fresh and highly relevant to VR Professionals?

Are your sessions interactive, dynamic and educational?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, VRA Ontario invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the VRA Ontario Annual Conference which will be held in Toronto in November.

We are also accepting submissions for 1-2 hour webinar presentations that will be offered in the coming months. These professional development events will assist you in obtaining the continuing education credits that you require and help you keep on top of any new developments in your field. Please note that submissions should be no more than 250 words and can be sent to office@vraCanadaon.com

The Federal Disability Report for 2010 by HRSDC

The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development explains that "The Federal Disability Report for 2010" by HRSDC is the Government of Canada's eighth annual report on disability issues in Canada. It explores the connections between accessibility and the elements of life that are key to ensuring that Canadians with disabilities are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible. The report also contains valuable insight and data for VR Professionals such as reporting on the Enabling Accessibility Fund - a \$45M fund which was responsible for 163 projects in municipalities across Canada in 2009.

We hope to use the data from this report as we speak with government officials to further our promotion of regulation this year and we hope that it will also provide you with ideas for expanding your market in VR services.

For more information:

- *The Federal Disability Report for 2010:* www.12.hrsdc.gc.ca
- Enabling Accessibility Fund: 1-866-268-2502

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While you read???

20 questions, \$20 dollars, 2 CEUs

Rehab Matter offers every member the opportunity to secure **2 CEU credits** per issue by answering relevant content based questions.

It's simple. Answer the questions at the back of the magazine and mail these with a cheque for \$20 to VRA Canada, alternatively you can do everything online. And to make it even easier, your credits will be automatically assigned to your continuing education account!

Twice a year there will be bonus questions. These will provide an opportunity for 2 additional credits.

If you are counting, that is 10 credits per year, and 50 over 5 years. This will fulfill half of your total CEU requirements and will include at least 2 credits per year in Ethics.

All of the questions will remain online so if you missed this opportunity in

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any of the hardcopy issues (4 issues per year), you can go back and review the content (online) and simply answer the associated questions.



Update from the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals

People continue to contact the CVRP with the question "Why should I join the College". To help answer that question, we developed a CVRP pamphlet, which is titled: "Be recognized as a Professional".

The purpose of the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals and Vocational Services is to ensure that individuals practicing within Canada in the field of vocational rehabilitation and vocational services meet the established standards of practice. These standards are set and regulated by the college to protect the public from unqualified or unfit practitioners. Certification through the college reassures clients and other stakeholders that the services they receive will meet prescribed standards of competency, care and quality.

CVRP provides accountability to the public. The College's certified members bring the highest standard of service to

their clients and stakeholders. Each is continually required to meet the stringent knowledge, experience and standards of practice established by the college.

Are you recognized?

Upcoming Webinar



Health Claims for Auto Insurance

Do you work with clients who have been injured in automobile collisions? Have insurers been telling you that they will only accept OCFs 18/21/23 through HCAI? Trying to figure out if this affects your billing practices?

This Webinar will review the regulatory requirements for those health services that are subject to the HCAI Guideline (as well as those that are not subject to the HCAI Guideline). Options related to submission of

OCF 18/21/23 will be reviewed, including ideas on how you can work with referring health practitioners to get approval for vocational rehabilitation services.

All VRA Webinars Will Be Worth CEU's!

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Special Shout Out!

A special thanks to Kate Bird for recognizing an excellent opportunity to get involved with her community and the VRA membership. When it was brought to her attention that over 200 pieces of furniture were being housed unused in a local warehouse, she contacted VRA Ontario's head office and a notice was circulated for any non-profit associations in need to contact her. More than 50 requests and 8 organizations responded and were helped by Kate's outstanding initiative.



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SAVE THE DATE!

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