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## Press Release

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### **Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas – Greenville Office Co-Locating with Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation**

On October 12<sup>th</sup> nine vocational rehabilitation (VR) services staff from the Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services office in Greenville will move into co-located space with Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas located at 2500 Stonewall Street, Suite 201, Greenville, TX 75401. This is part of the transition of services from the former Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). These team members will integrate VR services with workforce development and employment services provided by Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas.

Co-location of VR staff into one general services office or within statewide local workforce centers, known as Workforce Solutions offices, will allow for shared resources. Co-location also will benefit VR customers through the expanded network of employment connections and will benefit employment services staff through on-site expertise to assist job seekers with disabilities.

The movement of VR staff is occurring as required by Texas SB 208, which was passed in 2015 and required the transfer of several former DARS programs to TWC on Sept. 1, 2016. The legislation mandated that VR staff be co-located with staff from Workforce Solutions who provide workforce services. These moves will occur as current field office leases expire or can be renegotiated, and as Workforce Solutions office space is available and ready to accommodate the relocated staff and services.