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Speaker: Cheryl Carver, MA, CRC, CVE, Youth Services and Transition Manager

Co-Presenters: Serina Gilbert, MA, Youth Services and Transition Manager

Session Title: Understanding the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to Improve Student Outcomes



Cheryl Carver is a Youth Services and Transition Manager for Colorado's DVR with a focus on school to work collaboratives. Over her 23 years with DVR, 18 of those have been with youth services where efforts have focused on providing field staff and external partners with support, technical assistance and training pertaining to transition. As part of that work, Cheryl is a huge proponent of improving post-secondary outcomes for youth with disabilities through intentional service provision between collaboration of community partners.



Serina Gilbert is a Youth Services and Transition Manager for Colorado's DVR with a focus on pre-employment transition services and employment first. Her initial 10 years with DVR were in the field serving as a counselor to youth with disabilities where she mentored and trained other counselors working with transitioning youth. In her current role, Serina promotes a culture of inclusive, meaningful, and competitive employment for youth with disabilities through the development of skill sets that can be obtained with pre-employment transition services which contribute to strong career pathways.