# **HANDOUT 1-2:** State/Federal Agencies for Transition Assistance



#### STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION AGENCIES

# Description

## Services Offered

Designed to ensure a free and appropriate public education for students protected under IDEA

- State-specific transition information
- State-specific ESSA information
- Dispute resolution

## **DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR)**

## Description

### Services Offered

Designed to help people with disabilities obtain, maintain, and/or improve employment

A federally funded program administered by individual states

- Participation in transition planning meetings (when planning for work post-high school)
- Assessment of an individual's strengths, skills, and interests in relation to employment
- Career counseling and goal setting
- Training for job skills and maintaining employment
- Help with independent living skills that will aid in obtaining a job
- Job search and placement assistance
- Help with obtaining assistive technology (e.g., special computer software, visual aids) to use in the workplace

### ADMINISTRATION ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (AIDD)

### Description

#### Services Offered

Provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities to help them achieve independence, productivity, inclusion, and community involvement

Federal agency responsible for administering the Developmental Disabilities Act; each state has its own developmental disability agency or council

- Respite care
- Programs for families
- Residential living services and support
- Transportation
- Behavioral support
- Legal advice and services
- Advocacy
- Transition planning services
- Employment support