



NCSRC 2026 Fall Meeting, Hyatt Regency in Frisco, TX
Charting New Paths: Innovation, Resilience, and Opportunity
AGENDA

Saturday, October 31, 2026

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration, Coffee & Networking**
- 9:00 – 9:45 **Welcome & Overview**
Shelby Satko, NCSRC President, Washington State SRC
Peggy Schmidt, Rehabilitation Council of Texas
- 9:45 – 10:45 **SRC Support Lab**
Janette Lopez, NCSRC Vice-President, Arizona State SRC
Julia Barol, NCSRC Secretary, Pennsylvania SRC
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 11:30 **SRC Support Lab – Report out**
Janette Lopez, NCSRC Vice-President, Arizona State SRC
Julia Barol, NCSRC Secretary, Pennsylvania SRC
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Council for State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)**
Tonia Ferguson, Interim CEO
Kathie Smith, North Carolina-G, CSAVR President
- 12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Debrief**
Shelby Satko, NCSRC President, Washington State SRC
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center (VRTAC)**
Cynthia Speight, Senior Technical Assistance & Research Analyst-GWU Team-VRTAC
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:45 **Planning with Purpose: Aligning Council and Committee Priorities**
Peggy Schmidt, Rehabilitation Council of Texas
- 3:45 – 4:30 **Wrap-up**
Shelby Satko, NCSRC President, Washington State SRC

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Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee & Networking

9:00 – 10:00 Bringing the Disability Perspective to Accessible VR and Employment Supports: Applying ASSUME a Sensory Reason™

Jordan Smelley, Rehabilitation Council of Texas

10:00 – 11:00 From Raging Waters to Tranquil Bayous: A Story of Louisiana Resiliency

Courtney Ryland, Louisiana SRC Liaison and Brian Patchett, Louisiana SRC Chair

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:15 Whose Line Item Is It Anyway? Building an SRC Resource Plan.

Michele Hamlin, Maryland SRC

Kristen Patterson, Maryland SRC

Dr. Katherine Ramsey Jones, Maryland SRC

12:15 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 2:45 Using Storytelling to Expand Access, Inclusion and Opportunity

Todd Tolson, Maryland SRC

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00 Insight to Action

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