

Nebraska's Vocational Rehabilitation offices will hold events across the state to recognize October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and to promote the employment and advancement of workers with disabilities.

In this area, the nearest event is at North Platte Vocational Rehabilitation office, 200 S. Silber, Bldg. 2, North Platte.

An open house with Walmart for Project SEARCH, Oct.29, 9 to 11 a.m.

Location for the open house to be determined. Contact Kim Simmons at 308-535-8100 or toll free 800-272-3382.

This year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month is "Talent Has No Boundaries: Workforce Diversity INCLUDES Workers With Disabilities."

Vocational Rehabilitation helps people with disabilities prepare for employment and maintain their jobs and works with businesses to help them recruit, train and retain employees with disabilities.

"As our economy slowly begins to recover, it's important that we take time this month to recognize the diversity of skill and talent that workers with disabilities bring to the workplace," said Mark Schultz, state director of Vocational Rehabilitation. "Workers with disabilities are contributing to the success of businesses at all levels and many more are well prepared to be part of the solution for businesses looking to hire."

Vocational Rehabilitation has helped individuals with disabilities prepare for employment and keep their jobs since 1921, working with individuals who have experienced physical, mental or emotional impairments that create a barrier to employment.

Career counseling, transition services for high school services, job coaching and training as well as other services are provided statewide.

Vocational Rehabilitation is an agency within the Nebraska Department of Education.

For information on Vocational Rehabilitation services and the location of offices, visit <http://www.vr.ne.gov/> or contact the state office toll free at 877-637-3422 or 402-471-3644.