Key points

1. **Overview** of Project SEARCH: history and philosophy

   - Project SEARCH is a unique business-led one year school to work program located in a workplace. Total workplace immersion includes classroom instruction, career exploration and hands on training through worksite rotations.

2. **VDOE sites** in rural, suburban and urban settings.

   - VDOE Project SEARCH sites include Richmond, Norfolk, Montgomery, Tazewell and Manassas City public school divisions and their hospital, DARS and other agency partners. This session will focus on two school divisions.

3. Using **data based** decision making to improve transition outcomes

   - All sites use data to measure intern progress. Daily evaluations take place in classrooms and job site rotations to gauge improvement and issues.

4. Understanding the **family's role** as a student transitions to postsecondary employment.

   - All students and families enter this project with the commitment for post school employment. This is the focus of the program.

**Note: this session is not about NIDRR funded sites with Bon Secours**

Resources:

Project SEARCH: [www.projectsearch.us](http://www.projectsearch.us)

VCU RRTC [www.worksupport.com](http://www.worksupport.com)