



# The National RAISE Technical Assistance Center

*Resources for Access, Independence, Self-Advocacy and Employment*

A SPAN Project

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## Overview

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**I**n 2014, the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, a parent-led and family-centered non-profit training and information center (PTI), was funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to provide support to individuals with disabilities through the transition from secondary school and into competitive employment and independent living.

RAISE was funded by a national grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services to provide technical assistance and support to seven parent centers. The seven RSA PTIs include **REACH** (Resources for Employment, Access, Community Living, and Hope), **New York Parent Partnership**, **Open Doors for Multi-Cultural Families**, **STELLAR** (Supporting Transition to Engaged Lives by Linking Agency Resources), **The LINK Center**, **Project LAUNCH**, and **Shift**.

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## RAISE Helps Centers

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- ◆ Assists individuals with disabilities and their families in better understanding vocational rehabilitation (VR) and independent living programs and services
- ◆ Provides follow-up support for transition and employment programs for individuals with disabilities and their families
- ◆ Provides support and expertise for individuals with disabilities and their families in obtaining information about rehabilitation and independent living programs, services, and appropriate resources
- ◆ Assists individuals with disabilities and their families in communicating more effectively with transition and rehabilitation personnel and other relevant professionals
- ◆ Provides support to individuals with disabilities and their families in the development of the individualized plan for employment
- ◆ Assists individuals with disabilities and their families in understanding the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act, particularly provisions relating to employment, supported employment, and independent living



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