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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM  
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ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)  
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)  
STATE REHABILITATION COUNCILS  
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS  
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REGIONAL REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS  
AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION  
PROGRAMS  
CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: Forum Regarding Employment of Native American Women with  
Disabilities

CONTENT: This Information Memorandum is to inform you of an exciting  
opportunity to assist women with disabilities to connect with employment  
specialists and mentors who have experience in the labor market.

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services is  
participating in a two-year project (1999-2000) which will provide  
regional forums for disabled women who are not yet employed to network  
with education, training, and employment specialists as well as women  
entrepreneurs and representatives of women's organizations.

The first conference of 2000 will take place from March 1 – 4 at the Fort  
Mojave AVI Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. This conference  
will address the particular employment issues of Native Americans who  
wish to remain on their tribal lands.

The registration fee for the three and a half day event will be \$250.00 until  
January 31, including a training manual, resource kit, a reception and a  
few meals. After February 1, the registration fee is \$300.00.

We encourage you to contribute to this project in three ways:

1. Provide scholarships to disabled women who could benefit from participating in this event. We are especially trying to reach representatives of minority groups and representatives of organizations such as centers for independent living who can share the information with others.
2. Send counselors and other staff who should learn about new resources and opportunities featured at this conference.
3. Suggest disabled women who could speak about their entrepreneurial or labor market successes and participate in mentoring other women with disabilities in their efforts to become self-sufficient.

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Thank you in advance for disseminating information on this forum and for advancing the employment of women with disabilities.

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COUNCIL OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS  
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