

Barely an hour goes by when you are not directly involved with helping someone



**That is why we are here**

Experience the strength and dedication of RCEA



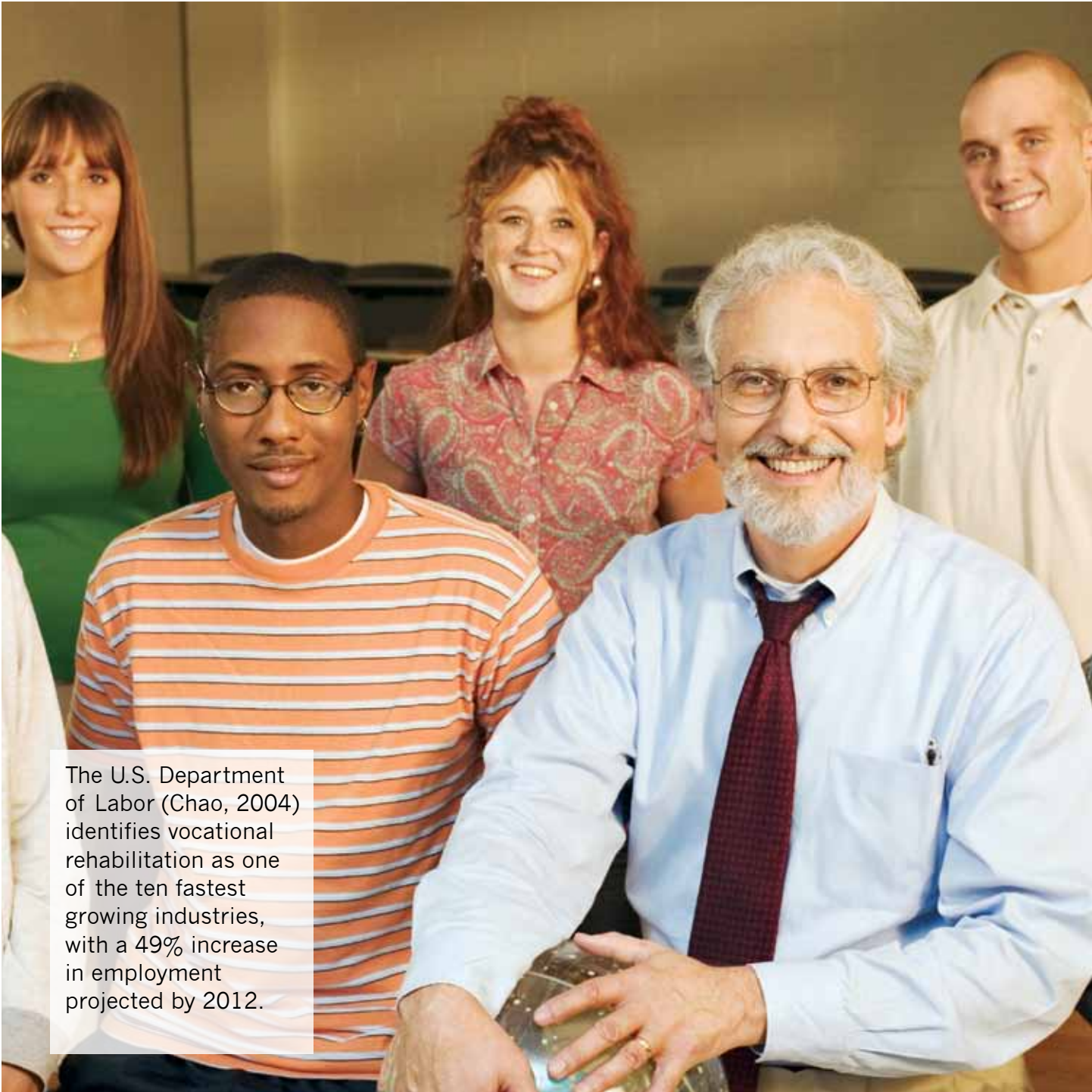
Your work matters



## **Most Americans aren't familiar with the life-changing work of rehabilitation counselors until they need one**

Often called the “marine corps” of the human services field, rehab professionals meld technology, practical knowledge, resourcefulness and compassion to help more than one million individuals with disabilities annually.

Nearly one in seven families in the U.S. will be affected when one of its members experiences injury or illness that requires extensive rehabilitation. The path towards recovery involves an array of medical specialties, therapy, and finding workable solutions to a suddenly altered life.



The U.S. Department of Labor (Chao, 2004) identifies vocational rehabilitation as one of the ten fastest growing industries, with a 49% increase in employment projected by 2012.

# The Rehabilitation Counseling Profession is based on service

Core values of trust, integrity, transparency, and commitment are the norm in this profession. Why don't you join us?

Currently there are about 141,000 rehabilitation counselors nationwide. That is not enough. Many more are needed as medical and technological advances help more and more Americans live longer, veterans from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan return, and older Americans either return to work or delay retirement indefinitely.

## **Employment Possibilities**

RCEA members are employed in private practice, by community health organizations and hospitals, colleges and universities, and in state and federal government positions. Few professions offer as much diversity as rehabilitation counseling does. Opportunities for challenging and fulfilling work also exist in forensics, government, community colleges, and school systems.

## **Types of Disabilities You May Work With**

Addictions, autism, blindness, cerebral palsy, deafness, stroke survivors, learning disabilities, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, psychiatric illness, spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury.

## **Education**

The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC®) is an independent not-for-profit organization offering national certification for rehabilitation counselors. For additional information and training, visit the CRCC web site at: [www.crc certification.com](http://www.crc certification.com)





# RCEA provides many services to Rehab Counselors and Educators

The Rehabilitation Counselors & Educators Association (RCEA), the largest division of the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), strives to advance the profession of rehabilitation counseling through education, conferences and publications. RCEA has more than 700 members nationwide with chapters in Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, Mississippi and Texas.

## Pipeline

No other member organization in the field has a stronger voice in Washington than RCEA's parent organization, the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA). Their legislative work can have a direct impact on the amount of funding available for the clients you serve.

## Practical

RCEA values best practices. Why reinvent the wheel when a colleague is holding one out for you?

## Advocacy

RCEA state chapters advocate for you on licensure and CRC equivalency.

## Information

Your subscription to the *Rehabilitation Counselors & Educators Journal* is included with your membership.

## Guides

Want to establish an RCEA chapter in your state? For a step-by-step guide, e-mail: [info@nationalrehab.org](mailto:info@nationalrehab.org).

## Networking

We are an open and friendly association. From state chapter meetings to conferences, email or by phone, we look forward to addressing your professional concerns, questions, and suggestions.

## Education

Many rehabilitation professors and instructors involved in rehab programs across the country belong to RCEA.

## Conferences

If you can pick two: join us at the National Rehabilitation Association's Governmental Affairs Summit in March and our annual training conference in the fall.

## Mentoring

If you are new to the field you can work with an established professional for guidance and support.

## Affordable

Membership payment options are available for NRA and RCEA. See the application in the back of this book or e-mail: [info@nationalrehab.org](mailto:info@nationalrehab.org).





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