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Now Booking: Summer Earn & Learn 2025

Our team is geared up and ready to support your SEAL participants this summer. We're set to deliver high-quality Vocational Adjustment Training (VAT) that prepares students with the work readiness skills and soft skill competencies they need to succeed in their Work Experience Placement.

We offer flexible delivery options to meet your students' needs:

- In person
- Remote
- On-site at ISDs
- Or—we'll bring the classroom to you with our fully equipped mobile unit

At every step, we prioritize:

- Clear and consistent communication
- Reliable, timely documentation
- Professional, outcomes-driven service delivery

We work closely with TWC-VRS staff, transition teams, and SEAL employers to ensure seamless coordination and exceptional service.

When you refer to us, you're choosing a team that's prepared, responsive, and committed to student success. Let's make this SEAL season impactful—send your referrals today!



TWC-Approved Vocational Adjustment Training (VAT)

- Entering the World of Work
- Disability Disclosure Training
- Skills to Pay the Bills (Soft Skills Curriculum)
- Money Smart (Financial Literacy Training)
- Soft Skills for Work Success
- Explore the "You" in Work
- Public Transportation Training
- Specialized VAT Services (Conflict Resolution, Stress Management, Hygiene and more)

Each course includes extension activities, journaling, and customized accommodations to meet individual student needs.

MEET THE TEAM



Dr. Shawn Saladin
VR Consultant-RGV

My name is Shawn Saladin and I'm passionate about helping individuals with disabilities discover and pursue meaningful employment opportunities. As someone who has personally experienced the limitations imposed by hearing loss, I deeply empathize with the challenges many of our clients face in navigating vocational choices. I began my journey as a client of the vocational rehabilitation system and went on to serve for 11 years within the Texas state rehabilitation system, followed by 20 years as a professor in Rehabilitation. I hold a Ph.D. from UT in Rehabilitation Counselor Education, and both my M.Ed. and B.S. degrees are from Texas A&M. For over 3 decades, I've dedicated my career to improving employment outcomes for people with disabilities. Now, having completed a successful VR and academic career, I'm returning to my original passion—working directly with clients to help them achieve their vocational goals.



Bringing Services to You: Our Mobile Training Unit

Access shouldn't be a barrier to success. That's why our fully ADA-compliant Mobile Training Unit brings VAT services directly to you, making it ideal for rural school districts or regional hubs. With this innovative approach, we ensure every learner has the opportunity to thrive—no matter their location.

Our mobile unit includes:

- Wheelchair-accessible entry
- Adaptable classroom-style space for up to 6 students

Specialized Expertise for All Learners

At Leadership Empowerment Group, we pride ourselves on providing specialized expertise to support all learners on their vocational journey. Our team includes certified consultants with advanced knowledge in Autism Spectrum Disorders, services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students—including ASL-fluent trainers—and youth facing complex vocational barriers. Each consultant is credentialed through UNTWISE with the Texas Work Readiness Credential, ensuring consistent quality and professional excellence. We remain committed to meeting TWC Standards while maximizing impact for every student we serve.