

Start on Success Program Recommendation Form

The Virginia Department of Education, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), and the Center on Transition Innovations (CTI) at VCU are seeking to partner with school divisions to improve transition services and postsecondary education and employment outcomes for at-risk high school students with disabilities pursuing a regular diploma.

Start on Success (SOS) is a yearlong school-to-work program that provides selected students with a Career and Technical Education course and a paid internship in the community with support from the school, mentors, families, community agencies, and a business. Since 2014, SOS has been implemented in multiple school divisions across Virginia. Applications will be accepted to expand to additional school divisions for the next school year. For more information about SOS and the replication guide, go to: <https://centerontransition.org/projects/startonsuccess.cfm>

SCHOOL DIVISION INFORMATION

Name of School Division:

Primary Contact Person:

Date:

Phone:

Email:

This school division has an interest in becoming a model site for the SOS program. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit them to Kelly Ligon, kligon@vcu.edu, by the **first Friday in October**.

RECOMENDATION INFORMATION

Name:

Job Title:

Business/Organization Name:

Phone:

Email:

Length of Partnership with School Division:

Describe the capacity of your partnership.

- 1 Describe the strengths of the school division that would make it a strong participant in the SOS Program. Think in terms of the school division's professional development, transition staff, family involvement, employment support, and capacity to implement new programs.
- 2 Describe ways in which your agency/organization could collaborate with the school division in developing and implementing the SOS program.
- 3 Additional Comments: