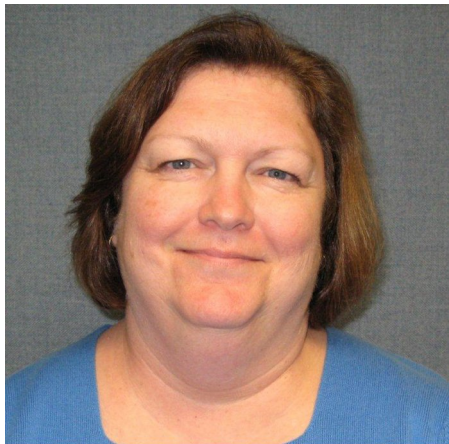




2100 N. Greene Street Greenville, NC 27834

May 9, 2011 Press Release: *Lisa Ward-Ross Appointed to NC State Rehabilitation Council*



Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tem of the NC Senate, has appointed Lisa Ward-Ross, ECVC's Senior Vice-President, to the N.C. State Rehabilitation Council. Ms. Ward-Ross will be the representative for community rehabilitation programs.

Ward-Ross is known throughout North Carolina as an expert on Vocational Services for people with disabilities. Her appointment to the N.C. State Rehabilitation Council will help the Council provide the best recommendations to the state government on matters of importance to persons with disabilities and to those organizations, such as ECVC, that provide vocational services.

Lisa has been employed by Eastern Carolina Vocational Center since 1986. Over the past 25 years, she has been instrumental in developing policies and operating practices that have led to ECVC maintaining one of the strongest vocational service programs in the state. Under her leadership, ECVC has also been very successful in job placements for people with disabilities; ECVC's community job placements have been more than double the state average in the last several years under her supervision.

The NC State Rehabilitation Council was established under the authority of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and North Carolina General Statutes. Members are selected after recommendations are received from organizations representing the interests of a broad range of individuals with disabilities. The council's primary purpose is to work in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services by providing guidance in developing and expanding services in order to maximize the employability and independence of individuals with disabilities.

For additional information please contact Susan Daughtry at sdaughtry@ecvcinc.com or 252-317-3134.