

Workforce Investment Act Partner Fact Sheet

Vocational Rehabilitation

Purpose

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program assists people with disabilities to obtain essential services which will empower them to achieve equality of opportunity, full inclusion and integration in society, employment, independent living and economic and social self-sufficiency.

VR is committed to securing quality individualized services which can enable individuals with disabilities, including individuals with the most severe disabilities, to pursue meaningful careers by obtaining gainful employment consistent with their abilities and capabilities.

Each individual has the responsibility to participate in his/her own rehabilitation program, including making meaningful and informed choices about the selection of the vocation goal, vocational objectives, and vocational rehabilitation services. Individuals also have the right to involve family members, advocates and other authorized representatives in their VR program.

The customer works in partnership with the rehabilitation counselor through the process of providing on-going rehabilitation counseling, case management, and follow up through each phase of the process. Persons interested in the VR program should be referred to the local office shown below.

Eligibility

- A physical or mental impairment which is a substantial impediment to employment; and
- VR services are required in order to prepare for, enter, engage in or retain employment.

Services

- Assessment to determine eligibility, VR needs
- Physical and mental restoration services, including corrective surgery or therapy, artificial limbs or braces, etc.
- Maintenance for additional basic living costs
- Interpreter services for people who are deaf
- Occupational licenses, tools, equipment, and initial stock and supplies
- Transportation
- Work-related placement services
- Transition services to help make the transition from school to work
- Counseling and guidance
- Reader services, rehabilitation teaching services and orientation and mobility services for persons who are blind
- Post-employment services
- Vocational or other training services
- Telecommunications sensory and other technological aids and devices
- Rehabilitation technology services
- Personal assistance service
- Supported employment services.

Your local office: