Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

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• VR Mission
• VR Programs
• Eligibility Process
• Overview of VR Services
• Financial Participation Determination
• Client Responsibilities
• Questions
The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

• Voluntary federal and state program
• Provides services for eligible persons with physical and/or mental impairments
• Services designed to enable individuals to
  ✓ Prepare for...
  ✓ Obtain...
  ✓ Maintain...
  ✓ Regain employment
Mission

To help people with disabilities find and maintain employment while enhancing their independence
Two Pathways to Services

**STAR**
- Currently enrolled high school students ages 14-21
- No eligibility process
- Documented disability (504 plan or IEP)
- Parental permission for VR referral

**TRADITIONAL**
- Available to anyone age 14 and above
- Eligibility process
- Medical evidence of disability required
- Requires an application for VR services
Pre-Employment Transition Services for STAR

- JOB EXPLORATION COUNSELING
- WORK BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES
- COUNSELING ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
- WORKPLACE READINESS TRAINING
- INSTRUCTION ON SELF-ADVOCACY
Traditional VR Services

- Counseling and Guidance
- Career Exploration Counseling
- Work Readiness Training
- Self-Advocacy Training
- Postsecondary Educational Counseling
- Community-Based Work Experiences
- Postsecondary Training
- Job Coaching/Placement Services
- Supported Employment
- Self Employment
- Interpreting Services
- Interview Clothing*
- Uniforms/Supplies*
- Transportation*
- Mental and Physical Restoration*

*based on financial participation
Eligibility Criteria

The individual...

- Has a physical, mental, or emotional impairment
- Requires VR services
- Wants to work

And it must be determined that VR services will benefit the person in becoming employed, or in keeping their job.
Functional Limitations

- Mobility
- Communications
- Self-Care
- Self-Direction
- Interpersonal Skills
- Work Tolerance
- Work Skills
Rehabilitation Process

- Apply for services
- Evaluation process
- Rehabilitation planning
- Provide services
- Job placement
- Closure
Rehabilitation Planning

Counselor & Client work together to determine an appropriate and achievable career goal.

- Career Exploration
- Interest Inventories
- Aptitude Testing
- Labor Market Surveys
- School Records
Remember:
All services must be related to a person going to work
Client Responsibilities

- Fulfill obligations on the IPE
- Actively participate
- Try to find additional funding sources
- Follow through with provider appointments
- Be on time
- Contact counselor regularly
Confidentiality
Informed Choice
Non-Discrimination
Right to Appeal

Client Rights
What more would you like to know?
Please contact us at...

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Links to brochures that were shared:

http://rehabworks.org/docs/buildingcareersonepager.pdf

http://rehabworks.org/docs/transitionyouthonepager.pdf