

Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

In partnership with people with disabilities and their families, the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services collaborates with the public and private sectors to provide and advocate for the highest quality services that empower individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment, independence, and full inclusion into society.

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What is Vocational Rehabilitation? *Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is the State-Federal program within the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) that assists people with disabilities to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.*

Who can receive Vocational Rehabilitation services? *You may be eligible for VR services if:*

- ◆ You have a physical, mental, or emotional disability;
- ◆ This disability is keeping you from working;
- ◆ You want to work and are eligible to work in the U.S.;
- ◆ You are in Virginia (living, working, or going to school); and
- ◆ DRS certifies that there is a good chance that VR services will result in your employment.

How can DRS' Vocational Rehabilitation services help you? *Depending on your unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, you and your VR Counselor will work together to reach an employment goal that is right for you. VR Counselors may provide or assist in the following services as appropriate:*

- ◆ Counseling and Guidance
- ◆ Physical and Mental Restoration Services
- ◆ Vocational Evaluation/Career Exploration
- ◆ Vocational/Job Training
- ◆ Job Placement Assistance
- ◆ Situational Assessment/Job Development/Job Coaching

Specialized Programs and Services - *DRS recognizes that individuals come to the agency with varying needs. DRS offers vocationally-related expertise in these areas:*

- ◆ Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
- ◆ Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- ◆ Self Employment Enterprises (SEE)
- ◆ Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- ◆ Substance Abuse Services (SAS)
- ◆ Supported Employment (SE)
- ◆ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Community Based Services - *DRS provides specialized services through the Community Based Services Division. Individuals seeking employment, as well as those without an immediate goal of employment, may be eligible for specialized assistance through the following CBS Programs:*

- ◆ Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit (BISCU)
- ◆ Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS)
- ◆ Independent Living Services (ILS)
- ◆ Personal Assistance Services (PAS)

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Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (WWRC) - *The Center provides comprehensive, integrated medical and vocational rehabilitation services to enhance an individual's independence and employability. The Woodrow campus houses a vocational school and a medical rehabilitation facility. WWRC offers state-of-the-art equipment and facilities and a professional, committed staff that provide:*

- ◆ Counseling and Guidance
- ◆ Vocational Evaluation and Training
- ◆ Medical Rehabilitation / Clinical Therapy Services
- ◆ Driver Education
- ◆ Post-Secondary Education / Rehabilitation Training (PERT) Program
- ◆ Independent Living Skills Training
- ◆ Student Internships

Assistive Technology - *DRS is committed to helping people with disabilities to reach their full potential through the use of assistive technology devices and services, accommodations, and other technology resources. The agency offers assistive technology services and supports for consumers to increase vocational success and independent living. Services may also be available to businesses to improve workplace accessibility. DRS can help identify potential resources for obtaining equipment through these programs:*

- ◆ DRS' Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program
- ◆ Virginia Assistive Technology System (www.vats.org)
- ◆ NewWell Fund (www.atlfa.org)
- ◆ Centers for Independent Living (www.vadrs.org/cbs/cils.htm)

Community Partners - *DRS works in partnership with many businesses and organizations in the community to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving their goals of employment and/or independence. Some of DRS' partners include:*

- ◆ Brain Injury Services Programs
- ◆ Centers for Independent Living
- ◆ Employment Services Organizations
- ◆ Virginia Assistive Technology System
- ◆ NewWell Fund
- ◆ One-Stop Service Centers
- ◆ Ticket to Work / Employment Networks
- ◆ High schools and institutions for higher education



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