

# Building Careers One Person at a Time



**The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps eligible individuals with physical or mental disabilities find, get or keep a better job.**

## **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

VR offers a variety of services that will assist individuals with a physical or mental disability find meaningful careers.

Examples of VR services:

- Vocational Evaluation and Planning
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Job Coaching
- Job Placement
- On-the-Job Training
- Training and Education After High School
- Job Site Assessment and Accommodations
- Supported and Customized Employment
- Assistive Technology and Devices
- Medical and Psychological Assessment
- Time-limited Medical and/or Psychological Treatment

## **Who is Eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services?**

You may be eligible for VR services if your goal is to become employed and:

- You have a physical or mental disability
- Your disability results in a significant barrier to employment
- You need VR services to get or keep a job

If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for your disability and plan to become employed, you are presumed eligible for VR services.

**Pre-Employment Transition Services**  
 Offer students with disabilities an early start at career exploration and preparation for adult life. Beginning at age 14, students with disabilities can connect with VR for Pre-ETS. VR works with students, their families, their schools and community partners to enrich transition planning and support students with gaining knowledge and experiences necessary so they may make informed decisions about their future.

**General Employment Services**  
 General employment services assist an individual with a disability in preparing for, securing, retaining or regaining an employment outcome that is consistent with their strengths, capabilities and interests (e.g., guidance and counseling, training, placement services).

**Supported Employment Services**  
 Assist youth or adults with the most-significant disabilities to find, get or keep a better job. Services are individualized and consistent with the unique strengths, abilities, interests and informed choice of the individual. A variety of support services are available (e.g., job coaching, skill acquisition training).

**Ticket to Work**  
 Social Security Administration (SSA) program available to Floridians between the ages 18 and 64 who qualify for social security benefits and want to work. Tickets are issued by SSA and may be taken to any employment network participant, such as VR. These participants offer employment and rehabilitation services to help ticket holders to find, get or keep a better job and enhance their independence while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid. This program is free and voluntary.

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Programs

**Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind**  
 VR provides services to eligible individuals with hearing loss including those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind. VR offers assistance, support and skills training to the individual. VR also offers consultations to employers to help individuals to find, get or keep a better job.

### How to Apply?

- Contact a local Vocational Rehabilitation Office via phone, email or in person.
- Go to the Rehabworks.org at <http://www.rehabworks.org/docs/VRreferral.rtf>. Complete the referral and submit to your local office.
- Find your local office at [http://www.rehabworks.org/office\\_directory.shtml](http://www.rehabworks.org/office_directory.shtml).
- Submit via email or fax your referral to your local office.

### Contact Vocational Rehabilitation



850-245-3399  
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