

# Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resources

The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf  
and Hard of Hearing  
[www.fccdhh.org](http://www.fccdhh.org)

Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc.  
[www.ftri.org](http://www.ftri.org)

Florida Association of the Deaf  
[www.fadcentral.org](http://www.fadcentral.org)

Florida Registry of Interpreters  
for the Deaf  
[www.fridcentral.org](http://www.fridcentral.org)

Florida Independent Living Program  
[www.rehabworks.org/IL](http://www.rehabworks.org/IL)

Florida School for the Deaf  
and the Blind  
[www.fsdb.k12.fl.us](http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us)

Deaf Service Center Association  
[www.fldsca.org](http://www.fldsca.org)

Hearing Loss Association of America  
[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

Association of Late-Deafened Adults  
[www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)

Helen Keller National Center  
[www.hknc.org](http://www.hknc.org)

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
[www.rid.org](http://www.rid.org)

National Association of the Deaf  
[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)



## Examples of VR Services

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

## For More Information

(850) 245-3399  
(800) 451-4327

TTY users dial 711 to connect with the telecommunications relay service (TRS). Video phone users can call through the video relay service (VRS).

[www.Rehabworks.org](http://www.Rehabworks.org)



**Vocational Rehabilitation**



An equal opportunity employer/program. It is against the law for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) of the Florida Department of Education, as a recipient of Federal financial assistance, to discriminate against any individual in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief.

The application process used by VR to determine eligibility for services, any subsequent services, and the entire VR process are subject to these non-discrimination requirements. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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**Helping People  
with Hearing Loss**



**VR Vocational Rehabilitation**  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal-state program that helps people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

## Who May be Eligible for VR Services?

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

- Your physical or mental disability interferes with your ability to become employed, and
- You need VR's help to find or keep a job

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



## What is Financial Participation?

VR will look at the income of eligible individuals to determine if they will be required to share the cost of VR services. Some individuals or services may be exempt, and you will not be required to pay for those services.

## What is Order of Selection?

Under order of selection, all eligible individuals are placed on a prioritized waiting list based on the significance of their disability. Federal law requires that individuals with the most significant disabilities be served first.



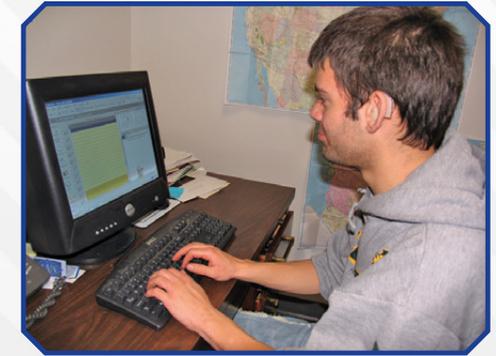
## How can VR help an Individual with Hearing Loss?

The Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind Program provides services to eligible individuals with all types of hearing loss. VR has counselors who are trained to understand the needs and abilities of people with hearing loss.



## Hard of Hearing Services

Individuals who are hard of hearing or who experience hearing loss over time have unique needs in both adjusting to their hearing loss and in maintaining their jobs. VR counselors are trained to help individuals who are hard of hearing by providing services to address hearing loss issues in the workplace, as well as guidance and counseling on how to cope with their hearing loss.



## Deaf Services

VR has offices throughout the state to meet the unique needs of individuals who are Deaf. While some counselors know American Sign Language, most use staff or community interpreters to communicate with you. In addition, VR can provide interpreting services for job interviews, and may provide basic sign language classes to new employers and co-workers or training on how to communicate with those who are Deaf.

## Deaf-Blind Services

Individuals who are Deaf-Blind may receive services through not only VR but also the Division of Blind Services (DBS) as "dual-case" clients, depending on what services are needed. VR and DBS work together to ensure that individuals who are Deaf-Blind are properly served.