

Building Careers: One Person at a Time



What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal-state program that helps people who have physical or mental disabilities prepare for, find, 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 prepare for, 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, if you plan to become employed.

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 those services are free.

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.

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 Employment*
- *Assistive Technology and Devices*
- *Medical and Psychological Assessment*
- *Time-Limited Medical and/or Psychological Treatment*

Transition Students

VR's Pre-Employment Transition Services help students with disabilities prepare for a career, continue their education, or find employment after high school. Students have the opportunity to participate in career counseling, work readiness training, and integrated work experiences while enrolled in school.

Supported Employment

Supported Employment Services assist youth or adults with the most significant disabilities to prepare for, find, or keep employment. Services are individualized and consistent with the unique strengths, abilities, interests, and informed choice of the individual. A variety of support services are available such as job coaching and skill acquisition training.

Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Deafblind

VR provides services to eligible individuals with hearing loss, including those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind. We offer assistance, support, and skills training to the individual, and offer consultations to employers to help individuals prepare for, find, or keep a job.

Ticket to Work

Ticket to Work is a 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 (EN) participant, such as VR. These participants offer employment and rehabilitation services to help ticket holders prepare for, find, or keep a job and enhance their independence while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid. This program is free and voluntary.



Vocational Rehabilitation For More Information

(850) 245-3399

(800) 451-4327

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Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS).

Video phone users can call through the Video
Relay Service (VRS).

The Florida Vocational Rehabilitation program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For Federal Fiscal year 2018, the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$161,765,853. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs (\$43,781,610) were funded by Florida State Appropriations.



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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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