

Helping People with Hearing Loss



Vocational Rehabilitation helps eligible individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind find, get or keep a better job

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps eligible individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind.

Find a Job

A VR counselor will work with you to pick a job that is best for you. VR may provide:

- A personal plan for work.
- A job coach to help you with a resume and job applications.
- Sign language interpreters for job searches and interviews.
- Assistive listening devices for job searches and interviews.

Keep a Job

Communications at work can be a challenge. VR may provide:

- Assistive listening technology to help you communicate on the job.
- Resources to help you succeed in your career.
- Basic sign language classes for your coworkers.
- Training for employers on how to communicate with you.

How to Start with Vocational Rehabilitation

1 Find a VR Office Near You



Call 850-245-3399 or Toll Free 800-431-4327. Tell the operator the name of the county where you live. You will be transferred to the nearest VR office. You may use Video Relay or Florida Relay 711.



Go online to RehabWorks.org/office_directory.shtml and search the VR Office Directory.

2 Apply for VR Services

Go to the office near you and fill out a VR application.

3 Attend Orientation

Orientation is a meeting that will tell you more about how VR can help you find, get or keep a better job.

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Meet With a VR Counselor

A VR counselor will talk with you to see if you are eligible for VR services. If you qualify, you will work with your VR counselor to get services, training, supports, and help you find, get or keep a better job.

Online Resources

Association of Late-Deafened Adults
www.alda.org

Described and Captioned Media Program
www.dcmp.org

Florida Association of the Deaf
www.fadcentral.org

Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.fccdhh.org

Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc.
www.ftri.org

Hearing Loss Association of America
www.hlaa.org

Helen Keller National Center
www.hknc.org

National Association of the Deaf
www.nad.org

Vocational Rehabilitation Partners

VR may refer you to a partner agency for more services that include the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Career Source Florida, Division of Blind Services and local centers of independent living.

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