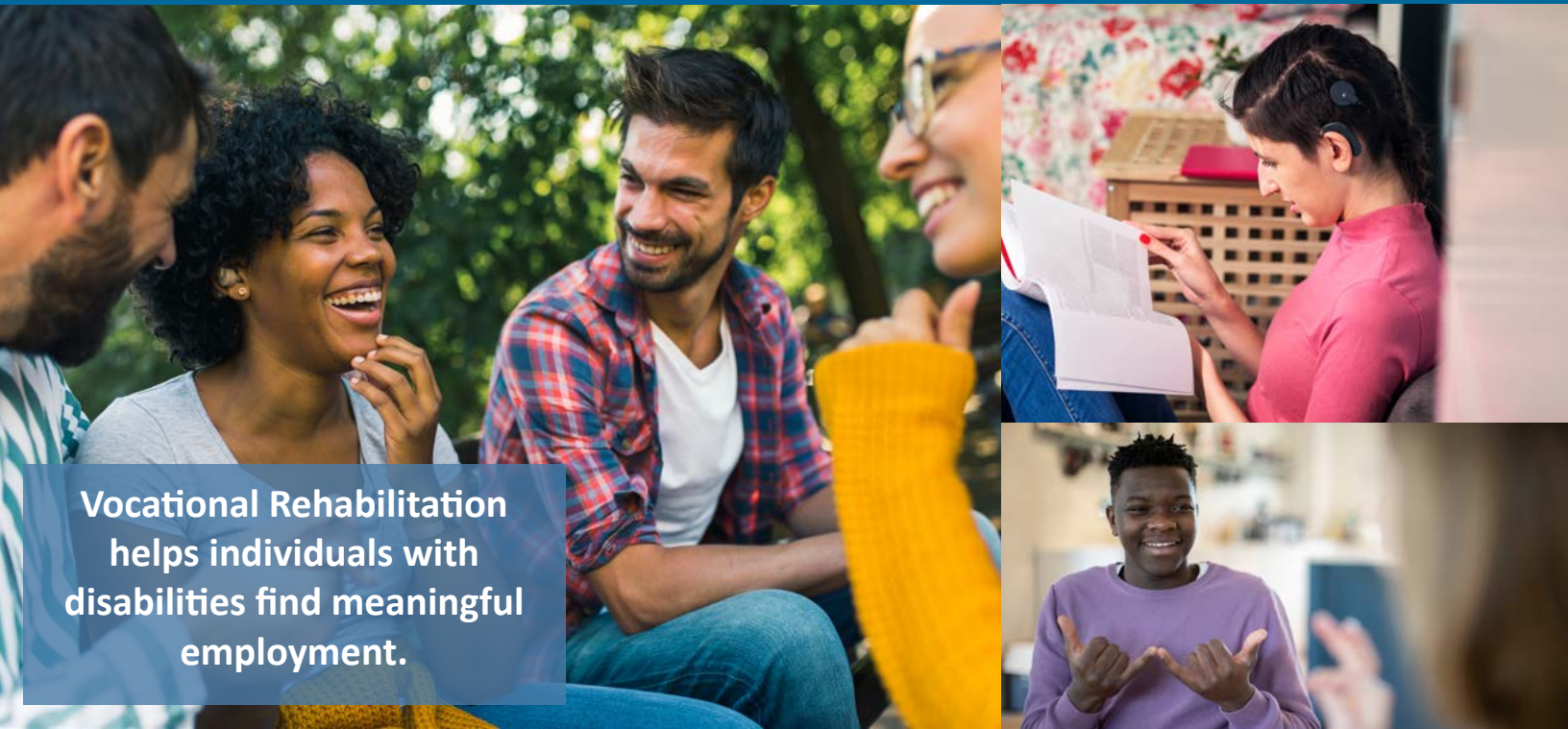


# Individuals with Hearing Loss



Vocational Rehabilitation helps individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a division of Florida's Department of Education whose mission is to assist people with disabilities, ages 14 and older, in securing competitive, integrated employment. Through its services to individuals who are deaf, late-deafened, hard of hearing, or deafblind, VR upholds the philosophy that employment is possible for anyone when the right supports are in place.

For individuals with hearing loss, VR can assist eligible individuals with accommodations that enable you to communicate confidently during appointments with your VR counselor, during job interviews and while working. The goal is for you to be able to find and keep a job or select a career that will lead to enhanced independence.

## Services available include:

- Sign language interpreters and/or assistive listening devices for job searches and interviews.
- A job coach to help you with a resume and job applications.
- Basic sign language classes for your coworkers.
- Training for employers on how to communicate with you.

## Vocational Rehabilitation Partners

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



# How to apply

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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](http://Rehabworks.org) to find the VR referral form and the VR Office Directory.

## Online Resources

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**Association of Late-Deafened Adults**

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

**Described and Captioned Media Program**

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

**Florida Association of the Deaf**

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

**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)

**Hearing Loss Association of America**

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

**Helen Keller National Center**

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

**National Association of the Deaf**

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

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