

Vocational Rehabilitation Services



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History

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services 100 years old
- 1973- Texas Rehabilitation Commission
- 2004- Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services(DARS)
- 2016- Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

- The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program helps people with disabilities prepare for, enter, engage in, or advance in competitive employment.
 - Youth: 14-22
 - Adults
- The program also helps businesses and employers recruit, retain and accommodate employees with disabilities.

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Eligibility Requirements

- I. The Individual must have a disability (physical, mental, emotional, or sensory).
 - SSDI or SSI are automatically eligible but not required
~A disability can be visible or non-visible~
- II. The disability must result in a substantial impediment to employment.
- III. The individual must require VR services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or advance in competitive employment.
- IV. The person must want to work.

Income is not a consideration for Eligibility.

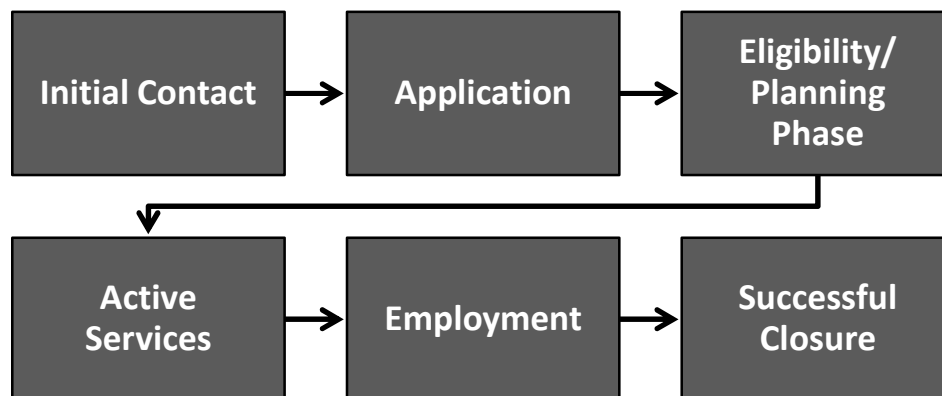
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What is a disability ?

- ADHD
- Anxiety
- Autism
- Bipolar Disorder
- Depression
- Alcohol and Drug Addictions
- PTSD
- Schizophrenia
- Stroke
- TBI
- Learning Disabilities
- Speech Impairment
- Hearing loss
- Vision Impairment
- COPD
- Seizures
- Amputations
- Degenerative Disc disease
- Fibromyalgia
- Carpal tunnel
- Cerebral Palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Stroke
- Cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal)
- End Stage Renal Failure
- Multiple sclerosis
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Tourette's Syndrome
- And many more

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VR Process



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What services can we provide?

TWS-VRS (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services) can provide almost any service necessary to help an individual with a disability **go to work**. Services are considered on an individual basis and must be reasonable and necessary for that person.

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Examples of Available Services

- Counseling and Guidance
- Job Placement Services
- Job Coaching
- Academic Training
- Vocational Training
- Auxiliary Services
- Social Security Analysis
- Durable Medical Equip.
- Hearing aids
- Assistive technology
- Transportation Assistance
- Medical Services

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Medical Services

Also known as "physical restoration"

These services are available to **eligible** Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Customers.

They include corrective surgery or physical therapeutic treatment, various types of therapy, and other medically related rehabilitation services.

Examples:

- Cataract Surgery
- Shoulder Surgery
- CPAP Machines
- Knee surgery
- Carpal Tunnel
- Physical Therapy

We are not an insurance company.

Its all about work!

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Making a VR Referral

Statewide Call Center:

512-936-6400

Website:

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/VRNearMe>

Start My VR



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Business Relations Coordinators

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Business Services Objectives

- Coordinate and enhance strategies to develop and maintain business relationships that will result in improved quality employment outcomes for vocational rehabilitation customers.
- Partner with local workforce development boards to identify best practices in coordinating services to businesses at the local level and promoting replication of those practices.

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Third Largest Market

- It's not a particular race, gender, or cleverly named age cohort.
- ***It's people with disabilities.*** The size of this population—more than 50 million strong. More than Generation X and teens.

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Texans aged 18-64

- ✓ 1.6 million have a disability
- ✓ 85,000 Texans with disabilities of working age are actively seeking employment.
- ✓ 440,000 have a bachelor's degree or higher
- ✓ Are more likely to be self-employed

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SERVICES FOR DUAL CUSTOMER

Employers

- Disability awareness education and training
- Worksite analysis
- Job analysis
- Hiring and retention assistance
- Accommodation assessments
- Referral of qualified applicants

Job Seekers

- Career counseling and guidance
- Job search assistance
- Disability related skills training
- Academic and vocational training
- Assistive technology
- Support services

~Both are equally important and it's our job to assist in their linkage~

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Business Partnerships

Universities
 HEB
 United Health Group
 United Health Care
 Southwest Research Institute
 Cognosante
 Enterprise Holdings
 Local Government
 Amazon

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Collaborations

Business Expos
Job Fairs / Virtual
Employer Spotlights
Work Experience (Youth and Adult)
Direct Placement
Customized Training
Windmills Training
National Disability Employer Awareness Month

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Federal Funding Information

The VR program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For the 2021 Federal fiscal year, the total amount of grant funds awarded are \$295,273,713. The remaining 21.3 percent (\$79,915,249) are funded by Texas State Appropriations.

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For purposes of the Supported Employment program, the VR agency receives 90 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For the 2021 Federal fiscal year, the total amount of grant funds awarded are \$1,471,020. The remaining 10 percent (\$81,723) are funded by Texas State Appropriations.

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For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program, the VR agency receives 90 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For the 2021 Federal fiscal year, the total amount of grant funds awarded are \$2,189,102. The remaining 10 percent (\$243,234) are funded by Texas State Appropriations.

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