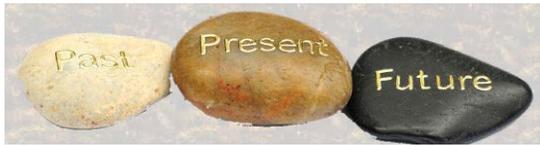


RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES IS HERE FOR YOU IF:

- You have a documented disability
- You need services to obtain work, or retain your employment
- You want to work in a competitive job market in the Rhode Island/ local workforce
- You are ready to make some positive choices to get your life moving towards employment

"Life is a journey - not a destination. We determine our destiny by the direction we take."
~ Anonymous



ORS is here to assist YOU with taking charge of your life and meeting your employment goal!

Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services provides services without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, ancestry or national origin.

OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES CONSISTS OF:

Vocational Rehabilitation Unit: The focus of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program is to help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment

Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Unit: The Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired unit offers a variety of training and adjustment services for individuals who are blind or who have significant visual impairments.

Disability Determination Services Unit: The Disability Determination Services unit determines the eligibility for children and adults with disabilities who are applying for cash benefits from the federal Social Security Administration's programs.

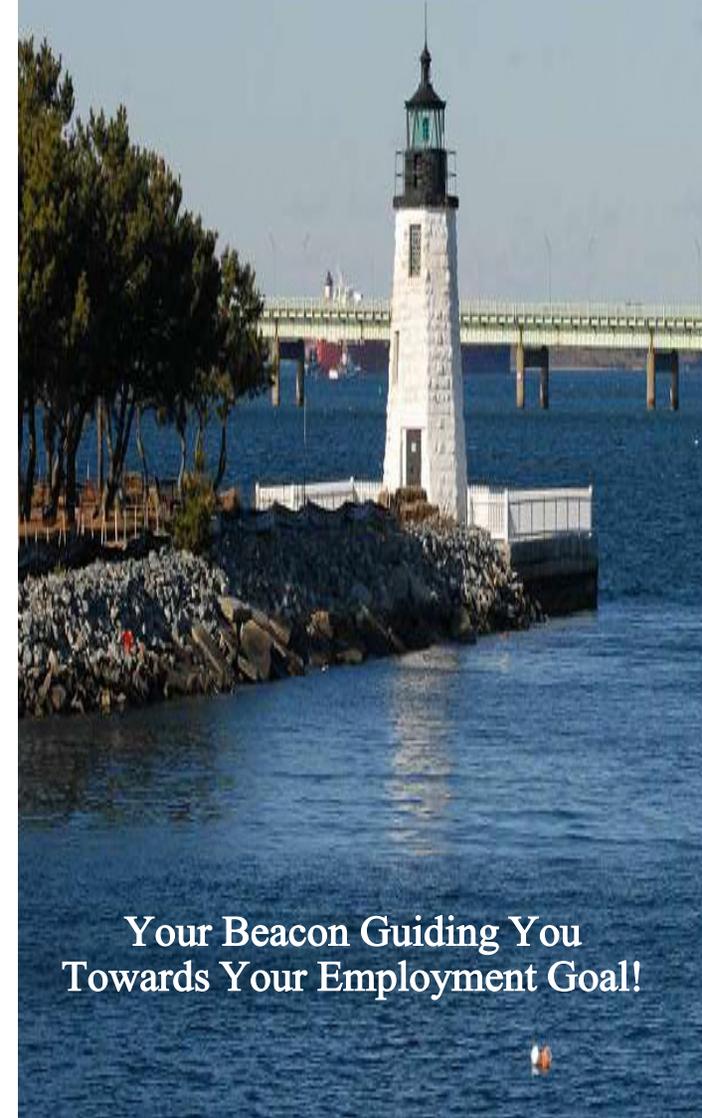


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WHAT IS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR)?

Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services is a leader in providing disability-related services to assist people with employment opportunities.

We are the state agency that helps people with disabilities to become employees in the competitive workforce.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES?

- Do you want to work?
- Do you have a condition that limits your job opportunities, such as: physical, sensory, or emotional impairments?
- Do you require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, obtain, retain, or regain employment?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR VR SERVICES:

- Visit <http://www.ors.ri.gov/Forms/ApplicationORS.pdf> for an online application
- Call VR Intake at (401) 421-7005 or (401) 421-7016 (TDD) or
- Visit a netWORKri One-Stop Career Center and ask to talk with an Office of Rehabilitation Services Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

IF YOU ARE FOUND ELIGIBLE:

- You will work in partnership with your ORS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to determine your Employment Goal based upon your impairment, work history, strengths, and abilities
- Your success relies on your active participation and engagement with your ORS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor while working towards your employment goal

WHAT ARE SOME SERVICES I MAY RECEIVE THAT WILL BENEFIT ME?

- **Evaluations:** Medical, work-related, psychological, educational
- **Career Counseling:** Adjustment to disability, planning for the future, interest assessments, disability-related knowledge
- **Training:** On-the-Job (OJT), job coaching & post-secondary training
- **Employment:** Resumes, applications, interviewing skills, job placement assistance
- **Accommodations:** Personal support services, assistive technology, interpreters, readers, note takers, ADA, work-site evaluations
- **Transition Services for Students with Disabilities:** Individualized services are done in collaboration between schools and ORS
- **Benefits Counseling:** Provided to people who receive SSA disability benefits who want to understand how work impacts their SSI or SSDI