



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

“Helping individuals with disabilities to choose, find and keep employment”

Vocational Rehabilitation

The purpose of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities to prepare for and engage in gainful employment that is consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests and informed choice.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? You are eligible for (VR) services when:

- You have a disability, a physical or mental impairment, that results in a substantial barrier to employment;
- you must be able to benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VR services;
- and you must need vocational rehabilitation services to become employed, retain employment, or regain employment.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Call VR intake at (401) 421-7005 or (401) 421-7016 (TDD) for more information.
- Visit a netWORKri One-Stop Career Center and ask to see an ORS Counselor.
- Visit our website at <http://www.ors.ri.gov/copied/ApplicationORS.pdf> to obtain an application.

DO ALL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE VR SERVICES?

Sometimes there are not enough resources to serve all eligible individuals. A priority system for services called the Order of Selection (OOS) is in place. Under (OOS) individuals with the most significant disabilities, which include recipients of SSDI and/or SSI, are given priority for VR services.

WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES MIGHT VR OFFER?

The types of services provided by the Office of Rehabilitation are designed to develop or improve skills and abilities to enhance employment outcomes. Some examples of services the ORS offers are:

- Vocational guidance and counseling
- Vocational assessments
- Medical, social psychological and educational evaluations
- Job development
- Job placement
- Job retention
- Training for employment
- Rehabilitation evaluations
- Post employment services
- School to transition services
- Assistive technology

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