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Vocational Rehabilitation

We can help!

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What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services help people with disabilities obtain, retain or advance in competitive integrated employment.
Who do we serve?

TWS-VRS serves people with a variety of disabilities including, but not limited to:

- Blindness and visual impairments
- Hearing impairments, including deafness and hearing loss
- Mental and behavioral health conditions
- Physical disabilities, such as birth defects, back injuries or spinal cord injuries
- Traumatic brain injuries and seizure disorders
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Other physical or mental conditions that impact a person’s ability to obtain, retain or advance in competitive integrated employment
Are you eligible?

You may be eligible for services, depending upon how your disability interferes with work.
First requirement for eligibility

The customer has a physical or mental impairment/disability that results in substantial barriers to preparing for, obtaining, engaging in, retaining or advancing in employment.
Second requirement for eligibility

The impairment must cause a substantial impediment to employment.
Third requirement for eligibility

The customer requires VR services to prepare for, obtain, engage in, retain or advance in employment.
Fourth requirement for eligibility

The customer would benefit from services, as determined by the ability to obtain, retain or advance in competitive integrated employment upon completion of VR services.
Eligibility for VR services does not depend on your income.
What kind of services are available?

- Training
- Counseling
- Medical Services
- Hearing Aids
- Transportation
- Prosthetics
- Sign Language Interpreters
- Braille Instructions
- Orientation and Mobility
- On-the-job Supports
- Help finding a job
You probably won’t need all the services, and there may be other services that you do need that are not on the list. You will receive only those services that will help you reach your employment goal.
What is the plan?

If you are eligible for VR services, the next step will be to develop a plan for reaching your goals.
Your IPE will include your employment goal, the services you need to reach your employment goal, and your agreed participation in these services.
Working towards your IPE goal

Your counselor and you will monitor your progress and participation in the service(s) provided.
Once you become employed, you will provide your employment information to your counselor along with proof of income.
You did it!!

Your counselor will verify your employment and successfully close your case once you have been employed for 90 days and you are stable in employment.
How do I apply for services?

Making a VR Referral

Statewide Call Center:
512-936-6400

Website:
https://www.twc.texas.gov/VRNearMe

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For purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation grant pays 78.7 percent of the total costs of the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency anticipates receiving $287,666,847 in Federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds. Funds appropriated by the State pay 21.3 percent of the total costs ($77,856,466) under the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

For purposes of the Supported Employment program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency received $1,446,266 in Federal Supported Employment funds. State appropriated funds paid 10 percent ($80,348) of the total costs under the Supported Employment program.

For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs incurred under the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the agency received $2,159,283 in Federal grant funds for this program. Funds appropriated by the State paid 10 percent ($239,920) of the total costs incurred under the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program.
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The Texas Workforce Commission accepts calls made through any relay service provider.
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