

## Breaking Down Barriers

DRS enables and empowers people with disabilities to work!

Embarking on a rewarding career path may be easier than you think. DRS is here to assist West Virginians with disabilities, who are determined to work, eliminate barriers to employment. Together, we help you understand how potential work-related barriers can be modified and adjusted to increase your success in the workforce.

DRS rehabilitation professionals help you discover your interests and abilities so that you can choose the right vocational goal.

Once your skills and employment goals are identified, DRS will provide services necessary for you to achieve your job objectives. Your interests and choices are an essential part of the process.

DRS also supports employers in their quest to include people with disabilities in the workforce! We are West Virginia's primary business resource for staffing, job retention and disability-related employment issues.



## Contact a District Office

### **Charleston – 304.356.2371**

Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Mason, Putnam and Roane counties

### **Clarksburg – 304.625.6044**

Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Upshur counties

### **Wheeling – 304.238.1092**

Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Pleasants, Ritchie, Tyler, Wetzel, Wirt and Wood counties

### **Beckley – 304.256.6900**

Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster counties

### **Huntington – 304.528.5585**

Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, McDowell, Wayne and Wyoming counties

### **Martinsburg – 304.267.0005**

Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton counties

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## Vocational Rehabilitation



**West Virginia**  
**Division of Rehabilitation Services**

## Employment Resource

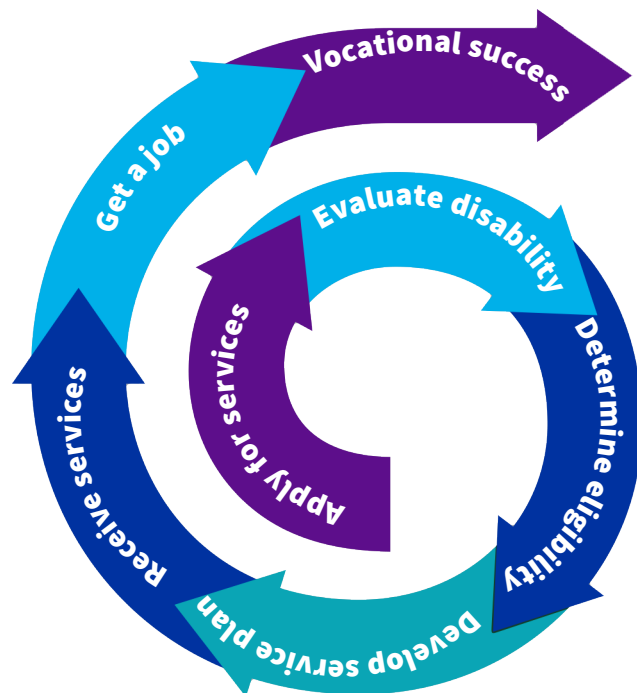
The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) is the state's primary vocational rehabilitation resource.

For individuals with disabilities who want to go to work, DRS has specially trained rehabilitation professionals who assist you with evaluating your skills and interests to help you obtain vocational success.

Our rehabilitation professionals also aid West Virginia's businesses and employers by being their leading employment resource to include or to retain people with disabilities in their workforce.

**Our goal is your vocational success!**

## Vocational Rehabilitation Process



## Eligibility

You may be eligible for DRS services if you have a physical or mental condition that interferes with your ability to get or keep a job.

We help adults and high school students with disabilities, ages 14 and up, set work goals and develop career plans to overcome employment-related barriers so they can go to work or maintain current employment.

**Services are provided throughout West Virginia!**

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Vocational rehabilitation services are tailored to meet your unique needs. You may benefit from one or more of the following services:

- » Work-related counseling and guidance
- » Vocational, educational, medical or psychological evaluations
- » On-the-job training, vocational school, business school or college
- » Worksite assessments and accommodations
- » Employment services including résumé writing, interview skills development, job search and placement
- » Assistive technology
- » Medical or psychological treatment
- » Physical, occupational, speech or hearing therapy
- » Orthotics, prosthetics, hearing aids and other adaptive devices
- » Pre-employment transition services for high school students with disabilities include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on postsecondary education, workplace readiness training and instruction in self-advocacy

## What is special about DRS?

- » We provide one-on-one service
- » We protect your privacy
- » We help you achieve your work goals
- » We help you realize the rewards of work –
  - independence
  - reliable income
  - personal satisfaction

**Our rehabilitation professionals provide encouragement to help you achieve your employment goals!**

