

Illinois Department of Human Services

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Vocational Rehabilitation

What is the purpose of this service?

We help people with disabilities find and keep jobs. Our goal is to help our customers find quality employment that pays a living wage and offers a chance for advancement.

What services are offered?

Our staff talk to people about their employment needs and help them find a job or get ready to go to work. They also make sure that people have the supports they need to stay on the job.

We offer specialized VR services for people who are:

- [Blind or Visually Impaired](#)
- [Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)
- [Hispanic or Latino with disabilities](#)

We help high school students who have disabilities plan for their futures after high school graduation through our Transition and STEP programs.

Our Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Program helps people who receive SSDI/SSI benefits understand how working will affect their benefits.

Our Supported Employment Program (SEP) serves eligible people with significant disabilities who want to go to work and need on-going support services to succeed on the job.

Who can receive these services?

Many people with disabilities of working age (16-64 years old) are eligible for VR services. To be eligible, they need to have a significant physical or mental impairment that makes it difficult to go to work.

How to apply?

Use the online [Rehabilitation Services Web Referral](#) to refer yourself or someone else for services.

We provide services in 47 local offices located in communities throughout the state. Use the [DHS Office Locator](#) and search for Rehabilitation Services to find the nearest local office or call toll-free: (800) 843-6154 (Voice, English or Español) or (800) 447-6404 (TTY).

More Information & Resources

- [Your Rights In the Vocational Rehabilitation Process - DHS 4199](#)
- [Your Rights In the Vocational Rehabilitation Process \(Spanish Version\) - DHS 4199S](#)