

# West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

Enabling and empowering individuals with disabilities to live and to work independently

## Jobs and Independence

Clients of the Division of Rehabilitation Services are not just finding jobs, they're boosting their earning power and becoming more independent and confident.

### Mission

The agency's mission is simple — to enable and empower individuals with disabilities to work and live independently. With support from many partners, DRS delivers the most comprehensive vocational rehabilitation program available in the state. Vocational rehabilitation services help individuals with disabilities become competitively employed, which means they earn at least minimum wage. Each year, DRS provides individualized services to thousands of West Virginians with disabilities and sees a dramatic increase in the average annual earnings of those entering employment.

### DRS Services

DRS provides a variety of services to eligible individuals to help them achieve their employment goals. The client and the vocational rehabilitation counselor work together to determine which services are necessary and appropriate for the client to meet his or her identified employment goal. The services provided to any eligible individual are determined by his or her unique employment barriers, his or her chosen employment goal and his or her individual circumstances.

### Services may include:

- \* Evaluation and assessment
- \* Counseling and guidance
- \* Job development and placement assistance
- \* Vocational training and educational assistance
- \* Supported employment
- \* Rehabilitation technology
- \* Post-employment Services

### About DRS

DRS, the designated agency to operate the state and federal vocational rehabilitation program in West Virginia, is all about meeting the unique needs of each client. At the agency's 31 field offices throughout the state, rehabilitation counselors help clients to assess interests and abilities, develop customized employment plans and achieve employment success.

For more than 90 years, DRS has assisted thousands of West Virginians with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining, keeping, or advancing in jobs in the competitive labor market.



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