About DRS

The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), the designated agency to operate West Virginia’s state and federal vocational rehabilitation program, is all about meeting the unique needs of each client. Through the agency’s statewide field offices, vocational rehabilitation counselors help clients to assess interests and abilities, develop customized employment plans and achieve employment success.

Each year, DRS assists thousands of West Virginians with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or maintain jobs in the competitive labor market.

Jobs and Independence

Clients of DRS are not just finding jobs, they’re boosting their earning power and becoming more independent and confident.

Mission

Together, we enable and empower individuals with disabilities to work and to live independently by providing individualized services to consumers and employers.

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.

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
- Pre-employment transition services
- Job development and placement assistance
- Vocational training and educational assistance
- Supported employment
- Rehabilitation technology
- Post-employment services