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Vocational rehabilitation services relocates Elkins office

ELKINS, W.Va. (August 24, 2009) – The Elkins branch office of the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services moves this week, continuing to provide Randolph and Tucker County residents with vocational rehabilitation services.

The new Elkins office for DRS will open Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 1035 North Randolph Ave., Building 3, in an office complex shared with the Department of Health and Human Resources and the Division of Motor Vehicles, according to agency spokesperson Tracy Carr.

The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services assists people with disabilities in establishing and reaching vocational goals that help them become productive working citizens. During the last fiscal year, DRS provided vocational rehabilitation services to 10,500 West Virginia citizens, of whom 1,773 successfully completed their rehabilitation program and entered the workforce.

The agency has 31 field offices statewide. The Elkins branch office is included in the Clarksburg District, which serves the counties of Barbour, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Upshur.

DRS operates the comprehensive state and federal vocational rehabilitation program and is a division of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts. DRS provides work-related counseling, training, job placement and other vocational rehabilitation services.

To inquire about vocational rehabilitation services in Randolph and Tucker County, call the Elkins branch office of DRS at 304-637-0205. Statewide, call toll-free 1-800-642-8207 (voice/TDD). On the Web, visit www.wvdrs.org/.