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Vocational rehabilitation services relocate in Fairmont

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (July 20, 2009) – Veterans Square is the new home of the Fairmont branch office of the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, providing Marion County residents with vocational rehabilitation services.

The local office's three employees moved in last week at 320 Adams St., Suite 106, according to agency spokesperson Tracy Carr. The new office's official opening is July 20, she said.

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 of West Virginia's citizens with disabilities. Of those 10,500 people, 1,773 successfully completed a rehabilitation program and entered the workforce.

The agency has 31 field offices statewide. The Fairmont 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 Marion County, call the Fairmont branch office of DRS at 304-367-2714. Statewide, call toll-free 1-800-642-8207 (voice/TDD). On the Web, visit www.wvdrs.org/.

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