

AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

PURPOSE

The American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation (AIVR) Program is designed to assist eligible Native Americans with disabilities in becoming employed. In Oklahoma, the program provides culturally appropriate services to individuals through a cooperative agreement between the state of Oklahoma and federal and tribal service providers. Each Oklahoma tribal vocational rehabilitation program has a working partnership with DRS. VR clients have the option to work with both programs during the rehabilitation progress. Services provided by AIVR may include vocational, medical and psychological evaluations, vocational counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration, training, rehabilitation equipment and devices and job placement.

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See Appendix B for
American Indian Vocational
Rehabilitation Programs.

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- None

ELIGIBILITY

An individual is eligible for AIVR services if the individual:

- has a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card;
- resides within area served by participating nation or tribe;
- has a physical or mental impairment, which are barriers to employment;
- can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services to obtain an employment outcome; and
- requires VR services to obtain, keep or return to work.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Information & Referral
- Case Management
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Maintenance & Repairs

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Daily Living



Speech Communication



Aids for Hearing Impaired



Environmental Adaptations



Aids for Vision Impaired



Mobility/Seating & Positioning



Computers & Related



Vehicle Modifications

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact the AIVR office that serves the area in which you reside to apply for services. Referrals are considered applicants as soon as the counselor has a document signed by the individual requesting AIVR services. This may be a formal application or a letter signed by the applicant, applicant's parent, guardian, or other representative, which provides the minimum basic information and requests AIVR services.
- In application status, the counselor will secure sufficient information to make a determination of eligibility or ineligibility for AIVR services, determine a priority group assignment, or make a decision to put the client into extended evaluation. The information needed by the counselor may include the results of a physical examination, an assistive technology evaluation, or an extended evaluation of vocational potential for gainful employment.
- If a person is determined to be eligible for services based on evaluation information, the counselor and the individual will develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) that is designed to result in eventual competitive employment for the individual.