

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

PURPOSE

Supported employment is a service that provides competitive work within an integrated employment setting for individuals with the most significant disabilities. Supported employment assists consumers to choose, learn and keep competitive full or part-time jobs. Extensive on-the-job support services are provided by supported employment staff of contracted vendors working with the employee with a disability. Other services may include job development and placement, off-the-job supports related to employment retention, and ongoing support services to assist the individual to keep his/her job. DRS funds may be used to purchase assistive technology when it is needed by an individual to get a job or to do a job.

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(405) 951-3508
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FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- None

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals with the most significant disabilities;
- ages 16 and older;
- have not worked or have worked only intermittently in competitive employment; and
- have a need for on-going support services in order to perform competitive work.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Information & Referral
- Fabrication of Devices
- Assessments & Evaluations
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Supporting Software
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Advocacy/Other

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 DRS office nearest you to apply for services. Signing your name to an application starts your evaluation.
- In the initial interview, the counselor will obtain background information from the person.
- The counselor will then collect needed diagnostic reports to establish eligibility. This may include gathering existing information or sending the person for new examinations and evaluations. The results of a physical examination, an assistive technology evaluation, or other evaluation of vocational potential, if required, are used to determine potential for gainful employment.
- Unless extended evaluation is required, the counselor will make the eligibility determination decision within 60 days of application.
- Once eligibility for services is established, the counselor will work with the individual to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) that is designed to result in competitive employment for the individual.