

# DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

## Vocational Rehabilitation Program

### Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

#### PURPOSE

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is designed to assist eligible individuals with disabilities prepare for work and become gainfully employed. An Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) is developed with each eligible individual. The IPE outlines the individual's program for attaining his or her employment goal. Services provided by VR may include counseling, guidance, job placement, vocational training, rehabilitation technology, assistive technology, interpreting services for persons who are deaf, personal assistance and other services that will assist the person in attaining his/her employment goal.

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See Appendix B for Vocational Services Field Offices.

#### FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- See "Eligibility"

#### ELIGIBILITY

- An individual:
  - must have a physical or mental impairment, which constitutes or results in an impediment to employment;
  - can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VR services; and
  - requires VR services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.
- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 1998, stipulates that an individual who has a disability or is blind and is a Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) beneficiary or a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient is presumed to meet eligibility criteria if that individual intends to achieve an employment outcome.

#### AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Information & Referral
- Case Management
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Fabrication of Devices
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Supporting Software
- 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

Individuals are considered applicants when they:

- have completed and signed an application form or have otherwise requested services;
- have provided information necessary to initiate an assessment to determine eligibility and priority for service; and
- are available to complete the assessment process as soon as the counselor has a document signed by the individual requesting VR 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 request VR services.