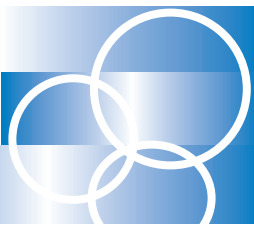


Introduction to Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services



What is Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)?

The **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** and the **Division of Visual Services (DVS)** help Oklahomans with disabilities prepare for, obtain or keep jobs. The basic **vocational rehabilitation (VR)** services are counseling and guidance with job placement. Other services compensate for, correct or prevent disability-based barriers to employment.

DVR and **DVS** are divisions of the **Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**. Programs offered by the divisions are supported by federal (79 percent) and state (21 percent) funds.

VR programs are also linked with a network of other job training, education and employment services located at Workforce Oklahoma career centers across the state.

Note: VR means general vocational rehabilitation services provided by both divisions. DVR refers to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. For more help with the definitions of **green** highlighted words, please see Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Definitions on page 23.

How do VR programs work?

VR programs empower individuals with disabilities to improve employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence and integration into society. As a result of VR services, thousands whose disabilities kept them from working become taxpayers each year, eliminating or reducing their need for disability benefits and social assistance.

What kind of services can consumers get?

Eligible consumers may receive vocational, medical or psychological assessments; career counseling and guidance; physical and mental restoration to improve employment opportunities; rehabilitation equipment and devices; **supported employment**; vocational training; college education; on-the-job training; job placement assistance; and