

specialized services for people who are blind, Deaf, hard of hearing or Deaf/blind, and those with speech impairments.

High school-age students with disabilities can get a head-start on job training and work experience through **Transition School-to-Work Programs** offered free of charge by **Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services**. Students may receive services – such as vocational counseling and guidance, vocational assessment, work adjustment training, work study, on-the-job training, **supported employment** and job placement assistance – that boost their confidence, help them discover strengths and improve skills needed to succeed on the job.

Who is eligible?

You are **eligible** for vocational rehabilitation (**VR**) services if you have a physical or mental impairment that results in a barrier to employment, and you require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, obtain, keep or return to work.

There must be a chance you can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of an **employment outcome**. **DRS** assumes that an individual with a disability who wants to work can benefit from VR services unless evidence indicates that the disabilities are too significant.

Applicants receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are presumed to be eligible for VR services if they intend to achieve employment outcomes.

What if I need assistance to make services accessible?

All **DVR/DVS** programs and services must be accessible to you. If your disability limits mobility, hearing or sight, for example, DVR/DVS will, to the maximum extent possible, provide the assistance you need to participate fully in your VR program. Assistance will be provided in your preferred method of communication or native language, or that of your family member or other person representing you. This may include written materials in braille, large print, electronic file, CD or audio tape; sign or spoken language interpreters; offices accessible to those with mobility disabilities; or other technology or assistance.