

Tips for Vocational Rehabilitation Services



The North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) is a resource for individuals with disabilities in the workplace. VR counselors support individuals in **getting or keeping** competitive employment. VR provides counseling, training, education, transportation, job placement, assistive technology, and other support services.

You are eligible for VR services if you:

- Have a physical, psychiatric or intellectual disability that affects your ability to find or keep a job
- Require the services that Vocational Rehabilitation provides to prepare for, find or keep a job
- Have a disability and are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) benefits and you intend to get or keep a job

Below we provide an overview of specific programs and services. Check out the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services website for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for additional information about each program and service.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dvrs>

Programs and Services Provided by VR

Client Assistance Program

- Assists in understanding and using rehabilitation services
- Advises , informs, and advocates for individuals regarding services and benefits available to them
- Identifies and resolves any problems that arise



Community Rehabilitation Services

- Services include vocational evaluation, community- based assessment, job development, and job coaching
- Community Rehabilitation/Supported Employment Programs are available by county

Disability Determination Services

- For individuals who are unable to work, assists with determining eligibility for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income disability payments and eligibility for Medicaid disability benefits

Employment Services for People with Disabilities



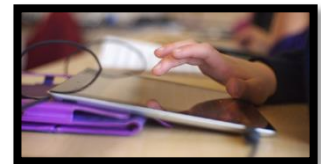
- Evaluates individuals strengths, skills, and experience to develop an employment plan
- School-to-life services assist with students making a successful transition from school life to a job or a career based on individual skills and interests
- Rehabilitation engineering consults with employers to make accommodations
- Benefits counseling helps with understanding how working will have an effect on Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability

Independent Living for People with Disabilities

- Provides guidance and counseling, rehabilitation engineering, home and vehicle modifications, independent living skills training, assistance with leisure activities, and personal assistance services

North Carolina Assistive Technology Program

- Provides device demonstration, short-term device loans, and reutilization of assistance technology



Contact North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Services at (919) 855-3500 or find your local office contact information at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dvrs/vr-local-offices>