

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program Overview

Application and Intake

- To begin this process, you will meet with a counselor to gather information and complete paperwork.
- The following records may be needed to help determine your eligibility:
 - Medical
 - Psychological
 - Educational
- All your information will be kept private and confidential.

Eligibility Determination

- There are four (4) eligibility requirements:
 1. Have a disability
 2. The disability is making it hard to get or keep a job
 3. Must be able to benefit from our services
 4. Must require our services
- OOD must make an eligibility decision within 60 days of application or sooner.

Note: OOD's goal is 30 days

Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)

- You will work with a counselor to choose a job goal that has a good labor market outlook.
- The job goal will be based on your:
 - Skills
 - Interests
 - Abilities
- You will work with your counselor to discuss service needs and develop your IPE.
- Your IPE must be developed within 90 days of the eligibility decision or sooner.

Note: OOD averages much less than 90 days

VR Services

- You will receive counseling and guidance from your counselor.
- Additional services may include:
 - Job training
 - Job search assistance
 - Rehabilitation technology
 - On-the-job supports
- Your services may be provided by:
 - OOD
 - Community partners (often called "VR providers")

Closure

- Congratulations! Your plan has been a success, and you are now employed.
- Once you are doing well on your job, we will provide follow-along support for 90 days.
- In the future, if you need assistance because of your disability, you can contact OOD.

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