



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

“Helping individuals with disabilities to choose, find and keep employment”

Vocational Rehabilitation **Fact Sheet for RI Works Referral**

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program assists individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for (VR) services when you:

- have a medical condition that results in a substantial barrier to employment;
- are able to benefit from VR services by getting a job;
- need VR services to become employed or stay employed;
- and/or, receive SSI/SSDI benefits and intend to become employed.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Your RIworks Social Worker will schedule a joint meeting for you with an ORS Supervisor and a member of the RIWorks staff.
- DHS will answer questions concerning RIWorks.
- ORS Supervisor will explain the Vocational Rehabilitation program and refer you to an orientation at an area agency that will offer a 4-week readiness program.
- It is very important to attend any scheduled meetings to avoid jeopardizing your RIWORKS benefits.
- Visit our website at <http://www.ors.ri.gov> for more information about our employment program.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

- To attend all scheduled appointments
- To make informed choices, actively participate in moving toward employment, and follow-through with agreed upon steps
- To keep your VR Rehabilitation Counselor and your RI WORKS Social Worker informed about your plans, progress, problems and provide additional information as necessary

WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES MIGHT VR OFFER?

The types of services provided by the Office of Rehabilitation are designed to develop or improve skills and abilities to enhance employment outcomes. Some examples of services the ORS offers are:

- Vocational guidance and counseling
- Vocational assessments
- Work readiness programs to help you explore the world of work
- Medical, social, psychological, and educational evaluations
- Job development, placement, and retention services
- Training for employment
- Rehabilitation evaluations
- Post-employment services
- Other services necessary for employment

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