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Disabilities Relations Group (DRG)
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WorkNet Pinellas
(727) 507-4300 • www.worknetpinellas.org

The ABLE TRUST
(888) 838-ABLE (2253) • www.abletrust.org

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Caring and Sharing Center
for Independent Living (CASCIL)
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Advocacy Center for Persons
with Disabilities, Inc.
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Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. (FILC)
(877) 822-1993 • www.flailc.org

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services
and Technology (FAAST)
(850) 487-3278 • www.faaast.org

VSA Arts of Florida
(813) 975-6972 • www.vsafl.org

Florida Coalition for the Education of Individuals
with Developmental Disabilities
(561) 912-1231

disAbility Solutions for Independent Living, Inc.
(386) 671-1960

Collier County Office
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(239) 377-0130

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ACCESSING THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

TIP SHEET



TRANSITION, INDEPENDENT LIVING, EMPLOYMENT & SUPPORT



A Project of
**Family Network
on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.**

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Vocational Rehabilitation services are intended to empower individuals with disabilities to maximize employability, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and integration into the workplace and the community through comprehensive and coordinated state-of-the-art programs. Once eligibility has been established, a written Independent Plan for Employment (IPE) must be developed in order to activate the identified rehabilitation services.

Know the Purpose of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) provides services for eligible persons with physical or mental impairments. These services are designed to enable a person to prepare for, get, keep, or regain employment.

Apply For Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Eligibility for DVR services is based upon the presence of a physical or mental impairment and a goal of employment. Generally an eligibility decision will be made within 60 days after you apply for services. If you are receiving Social Security Disability

Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for your disability, you are eligible for DVR services if you intend to secure employment.

Develop Your Independent Plan for Employment (IPE)

An IPE is a written goal for employment and it is critical that it be developed with clearly written employment outcomes. In order for DVR to provide any support necessary to meet each employment goal, the service must be specified on the IPE.

Know What the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Are

DVR offers other services which might be needed to assist in rehabilitation. Based on the disability and the vocational goal, one or more of the following services may be required:

- Vocational Evaluation
- Career Planning
- Job Placement
- Counseling and Guidance
- Job Coaching
- Assessment of Technology Needs
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Rehabilitation Engineering Services
- Training/Education After High School
- Support Services

Additional Resources

(Referenced resources are available in alternate formats upon request)

Florida Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Assists individuals with disabilities to pursue meaningful careers commensurate with their abilities
2002 Old Saint Augustine Road, Building A
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: 866-515-3692
Website: <http://www.rehabworks.org>

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and Their Obligation to Maximize Employment.

Published by the National Assistive Technology Advocacy Project
Publication available for download:
Website: <http://www.nls.org/vrbooklt.htm>

Client Assistance Program

Established to help with any problems related to services provided by Vocational Rehabilitation.

Administered by Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc.

Webster Building - Suite 100
2671 Executive Center Circle West
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-5092
Phone: 800-342-0823 or 800-346-4127 (tty)
Website: <http://www.advocacycenter.org/programs/cap/index.html>