

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Description:

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is administered by the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) within the Department of Social Services. The goal of the program is to assist individuals with significant physical and mental disabilities to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. Persons who are legally blind are served by the Board of Education and Services for the Blind. Persons who apply for VR services must provide information to verify how their disability affects their capacity to obtain and/or keep employment. A vocational rehabilitation counselor reviews each applicant's physical and/or mental abilities that pose barriers to employment and determines eligibility for services.

An Employment Plan is developed for eligible consumers that establishes employment goals and determines the services needed to achieve them. Such services may include: vocational counseling, benefits counseling, job search assistance, skill training, career education in vocational schools and other schools, school-to-work transition, on-the-job training in business and industry, assistive technology services, vehicle and home modifications, nursing home transition services and transportation assistance. BRS may pay all or part of the cost for these services. BRS may continue to provide follow-up services for at least 90 days after consumers are placed in a job to help them maintain employment.

Resources may be limited and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services follows an Order of Selection process to serve consumers with the most significant disabilities first.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have a physical or mental condition that poses a substantial barrier to employment.
- Must require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, find and succeed in competitive employment opportunities.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

For additional information:

State of Connecticut Department of Social Services
Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
Vocational Rehabilitation Program
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 800-537-2549 or 860-424-4844
TDD/TYY: 860-424-4839
Website: www.brs.state.ct.us

To determine eligibility for services contact the local Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Office. Refer to the Department of Social Services Offices in [Appendix H](#) for the towns served in each regional office.

Northern Region:

Hartford Office
Administrative Office
3580 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120
Telephone: 860-723-1400
TTY: 860-723-1430

East Hartford Office
1137 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
Telephone: 860-289-2904

Enfield Office
Smyth's Corner
77 Hazard Avenue
Enfield, CT 06082
Telephone: 860-741-2852

Manchester Office
699 East Middle Turnpike
Manchester, CT 06040
Telephone: 860-647-5960

New Britain Office
30 Christian Lane
New Britain, CT 06051
Telephone: 860-612-3569

Dayville –Danielson Office
CT Works Center
95 Westcott Road
Danielson, CT 06239
Telephone: 860-779-2204

Southern Region:

Ansonia Office
435 East Main Street,
Ansonia, CT 06401
Telephone and TTY: 203-735-9444

Middletown Office
117 Main Street Extension
Middletown, CT 06457
Telephone: 860-704-3100

Southern Region continued
New Haven Office
Administrative Office
414 Chapel Street, Suite 301
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-974-3000
TTY: 203-974-3009

Norwich Office
113 Salem Turnpike, North Building
Suite 200
Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: 860-859-5720

New London Office
Shaw's Cove Six
New London, CT 06320
Telephone: 860-439-7686

Western Region:

Bridgeport Office
Administrative Office
1057 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Telephone and TTY: 203-551-5500

Waterbury Office
249 Thomaston Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-578-4550

Danbury Office
342 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810
Telephone: 203-207-8990

Torrington Office
62 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 1
Torrington, CT 06790
Telephone: 860-496-6990

Stamford Office
1642 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06894
Telephone: 203-251-9430

Related Information:

[Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind, refer to page XV – 12.](#)