

The point is, BRS can help you find your way to success.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)
184 Windsor Ave.
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Tel: 860.602.4000 or
800.842.4510

Client Assistance Program (CAP)
60-B Weston St
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25 Sigourney Street – 11th Floor
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Job Search Points of Interest



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The opportunity to work.

We all want to be recognized for our ability. To use our talents. To be a part of something bigger than ourselves. To find meaningful work, and work with people we like and can learn from. If you have a disability or are a parent or friend of someone who has a disability, we can help.

We are the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS). And we give individuals with significant physical and/or mental disabilities the tools, information and support they need to find a job. Our Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program provides one-on-one support for job seekers who have a disability. However, if you're legally blind, the Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) is there to address your specific employment needs. You may contact BESB directly at 800.842.4510.

As a partner with Connect-Ability, Connecticut's initiative to bring employers and people with disabilities together, BRS knows what employers are looking for. Just as important, we know what you must do to succeed. So we work to help you do just that.

Apply yourself.

If you apply for vocational rehabilitation, your vocational rehabilitation counselor will review your employment and educational history to help determine if you're eligible for the VR program. You'll be asked about your medical impairment and how it can impact your job performance.

To be eligible:

- You must have a physical or mental impairment which poses a substantial barrier to employment

AND

- You must require VR services to prepare for, enter into, engage in or retain gainful employment in the competitive labor force

If your counselor needs more specific information about your needs, you may be asked to participate in additional evaluations.

Plan for success.

You'll work with your counselor to develop a strategy to help you land a job. We call it an employment plan. You and your counselor will review your job interests, skills and other factors relevant to your job search. Together, you'll determine your job goal and the services you need to reach it. If necessary, BRS can conduct a vocational assessment and provide additional services to help develop a plan that works for you.

IT TAKES WORK TO WORK.

BRS offers a full range of services and support to help you succeed. But remember, it's up to you to do the work. Ask about:

- vocational counseling
- benefits counseling
- job search assistance
- skill training and career education in other schools
- school-to-work transition services
- on-the-job training in business and industry
- assistive technology services such as adaptive equipment for mobility, communication and work activities
- vehicle and home modifications
- supported employment services
- services to assist in restoring or improving a physical or mental condition
- help in accessing other programs like transportation assistance

In some situations, BRS may contribute all or part of the cost of a given service. You will work with your counselor to find other ways to pay for employment-related services, including financial aid, medical insurance and your own job-related resources.

Right there with you.

Your counselor will be there for you at least 90 days after you begin your job or complete the services that helped you stay in your job. After 90 days, if you're satisfied with the job and don't require further assistance, you'll be considered "successfully employed," and your case will be closed. But we don't stop there. Should your needs change or you wish to reevaluate your goals and put together a new employment plan, just let us know. It's possible that your case can be reopened. If it is, your eligibility for vocational rehabilitation must be reevaluated.

On your side.

The Client Assistance Program (CAP) provides additional support if you have any concerns regarding BRS, BESB, independent living centers or any other community rehabilitation programs. This independent advocacy program provides advice, advocacy and, if necessary, legal representation. You may contact CAP directly at 800.297.4300.

Get to the point.

The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services is here to help. But first you have to help yourself. To talk to a BRS counselor about vocational rehabilitation, contact the BRS office closest to your home or call 800.537.2549. It's the roadmap to success. Yours.

