

Where to Start, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. The ADA has made a tremendous impact on American life and culture and is an important civil rights act designed to ensure that people with disabilities enjoy the same freedoms as everyone else.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal-state program that helps people who have disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers. The Division has 900 employees with staff in a Tallahassee headquarters office, seven area offices, and 89 field locations where VR customers can get services across the state.

All eligible individuals are assigned to a category of service

based upon their significance of disability. Based on income, a determination is made as to participant's sharing the cost or receiving services at no cost. You may be eligible for VR services if your goal is to become employed and: your physical or mental disability interferes with your ability to become employed, and you need VR's help to find or keep a job. If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for your disability, you are presumed eligible for VR services if you plan to become employed.

VR's Transition Youth Services Program

VR Transition Youth Services help students with disabilities, ages 14-21, train for a job, continue

their education, or find a job after high school. Under this program, every youth will have the opportunity to participate in sponsored career counseling, work readiness training, and fully integrated work experiences in the community. These services are delivered while youth are still in high school and establish the foundation for a seamless transition to individualized training, education, and employment. The following are examples of services provided:

- **While in high school:** Medical & Psychological Assessment, Vocational Evaluation & Planning, Career Counseling & Guidance, Work Readiness Training and Work Experiences.
- **After exiting high school:** Workplace Accommodations, Job Placement, Job Coaching,

On-the-Job Training, Supported Employment, Assistive Technology & Devices, Time-Limited Medical and/or Psychological Treatment, Postsecondary Education/Training.

Am I Eligible for VR Services?

Completing orientation is the first step and involves watching an orientation video, found at www.rehabworks.org. The video gives an overview of the VR process and what to expect when you apply for services. The video is available in English, Spanish, Creole and ASL. If you have additional questions regarding Youth Transition services, contact your local VR Office or the VR Transition Team at VRTransitionYouth@vr.fldoe.org or by calling 800-451-4327.



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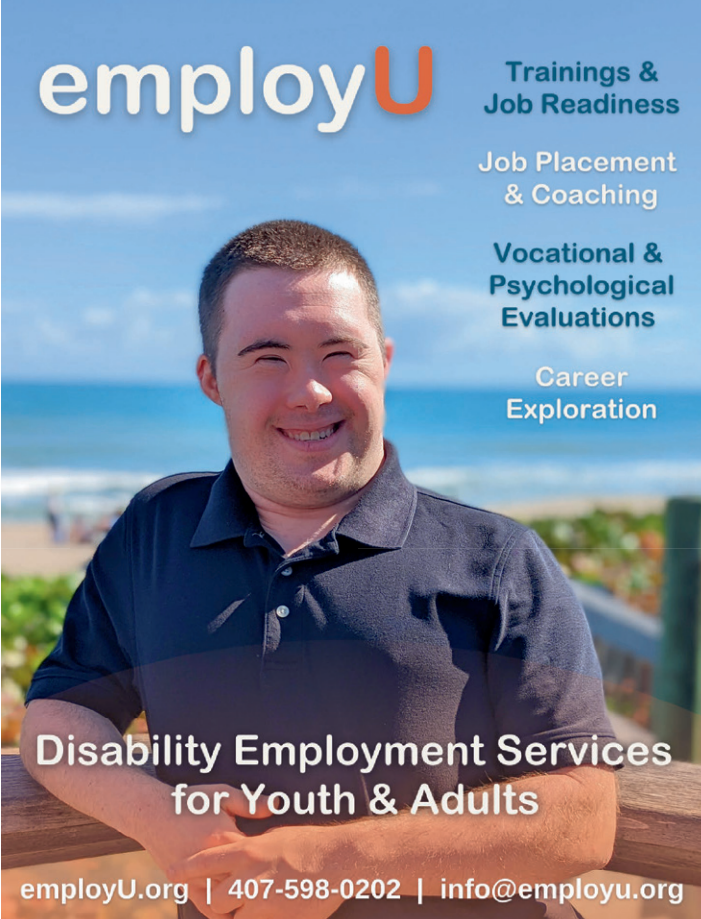
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
Hands-on, small-group training in digital art, design build, and information technology

WORK-READINESS TRAINING
Classes that build upon personal strengths to improve areas of self-management, independence, self-advocacy, and confidence

COMMUNITY
Frequent social engagement opportunities and various social interest groups encourage connection among peers

MENTORSHIP
Staff with a variety of expertise provide continuous mentorship to ensure movement towards personal goals





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