West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

Personal Planning for the Future



The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) has several programs that help adults with disabilities find and keep jobs. DRS also offers training and education programs to prepare adults with disabilities for the workplace. DRS offers basic services, such as:

- Work related counseling and guidance
- Evaluation programs for vocational, medical, psychological and educational assessments
- · Information and referral services
- Evaluating and adapting worksites to fit your abilities.

DRS also provides services to help prepare you for a job. These include:

 Restoration services that help improve your health or capabilities so you are in better shape to work. Services may include treatments for medical or psychological conditions; physical, occupational, speech, or hearing therapies; and orthotic and prosthetic devices, like braces and supports.

- Vocational training may cover expenses for technical, training and business schools, college, on-the-job training, or supported employment training (assistance in finding a job; learning to do it; and staying on the job).
- Employment services may include resume writing and interview skills workshops, job searches and job placement.

To be eligible for the program, you must:

- Have a physical or mental disability that interferes with your ability to find and/or keep a job.
- · Be able to work.
- · Need assistance to find and/or keep a job.

An interview with a rehab counselor is the first step to see if you are eligible for DRS services. You will be asked questions about your career plans and the services you feel you need to be able to reach your employment goals. The counselor will ask about your work history, education and disability. A friend or family member may go with you to the interview.



Resources

DRS has more than 30 offices grouped into six districts throughout West Virginia. To find your local office, call **800-642-8207** or visit **www.wvdrs.org**.

