



Utah State Office of Rehabilitation



THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Vocational Rehabilitation + Educators = *Success!*

WHAT IS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION?

- ▶ The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation's Vocational Rehabilitation Program, or VR, is not a one-size-fits-all menu of services. Instead it's an individualized and customized set of rehabilitative activities.
- ▶ Activities designed to help individuals learn more about their disability, how to overcome barriers to getting and keeping a job, and ways to be more self-reliant.

VR & Transition

- ▶ The role and responsibility of the VR Counselor is to work as a member of a transition team for each student who is referred or determined eligible to ensure a seamless transition from the Special Education system into the VR system.
- ▶ Individuals can apply for VR Services starting at age 16.

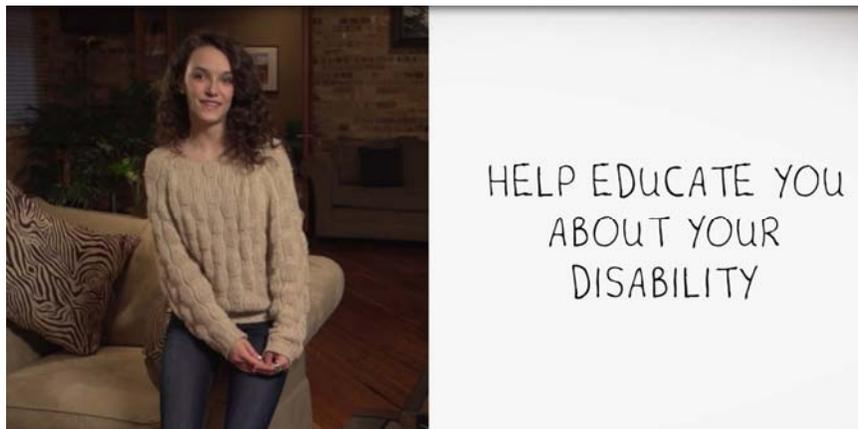
Who is the Transition Team?

- ▶ Student/Client
- ▶ Parent
- ▶ Teacher/ School Team Member
- ▶ School Employment Specialist
- ▶ School Psychologist
- ▶ VR Counselor

What Students May Be Eligible?

- ▶ Students with an IEP
- ▶ Students identified as 504
- ▶ Students with special health care plans
- ▶ Students diagnosed or undiagnosed with learning disabilities, mental health or substance abuse issues

New VR Welcome Video



Welcome Video

- ▶ Our New Welcome Video can also be found at:



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The Role of the VR Counselor While the Student is Enrolled in School

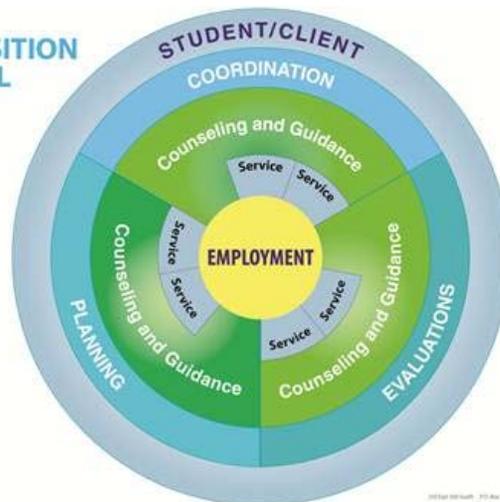
- ▶ Attend IEP Meetings
- ▶ Collaborate with the Transition Team
- ▶ Conduct Individual Meetings with the Student
- ▶ Provide Vocational Counseling and Guidance
- ▶ Set-up Career Exploration Assessments
- ▶ Act as a liaison between family and school
- ▶ Identify and share resources

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

- ▶ A Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor will work individually with the client to provide support and assistance as he/she works toward reaching the job goal.

VR Transition Model

VR
TRANSITION
MODEL



WHEN DO VR SERVICES END?

- ▶ A client's case will close when they have completed their IPE and transitioned into stable employment for at least 90 days. Even after a case is closed, client can receive post-employment services if they need help to keep their job.
- ▶ Clients that fail to comply with their IPE and do not make progress toward remediation of a disability or towards a vocational goal will have their case closed by VR.

Questions?



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION....

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