

Helping Iowans with Disabilities Achieve Meaningful Employment

Vocational Rehabilitation is here to help you navigate your journey into the workforce. If you are an eligible Iowan with a disability, Vocational Rehabilitation Services will work closely with you to develop a personalized plan to obtain your employment goal. Whether you are a student, seasoned professional, or someone looking to learn new skills, Vocational Rehabilitation is your valued partner in finding solutions and generating success.

How do I apply?

Referral or application for Vocational Rehabilitation Services can occur by contacting any of the area offices located throughout the state or by visiting the Vocational Rehabilitation website. Vocational Rehabilitation Services serves all Iowa high schools and can receive referrals or applications from school staff.

Am I eligible?

Are you having difficulty getting or keeping a job due to a disability? Our professional counselors and staff are qualified to assess your eligibility for services and help you identify occupations, community organizations and resources you need to meet your employment goals.

If I am in high school, can I participate in services?

If you are a high school student with a disability, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, in collaboration with high school teachers and community partners, can provide you with Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). Pre-ETS provides opportunities for students to learn about career and training options as well as build work and self-advocacy skills. If you need specialized rehabilitation services in order to transition to job training and/or work after high school, you will be encouraged to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and we'll continue to help you on your employment journey.

The vocational rehabilitation program in Iowa is funded with 78.7% federal funds in the amount of \$29,923,186 for FFY2022. No non-governmental funds are used to finance this program.

Area Offices

Ames Area Office

819 Wheeler Street, Suite 6
Ames, Iowa 50010
515-233-5753

Burlington Area Office

Westland Mall
550 South Gear Avenue, Suite 35
West Burlington, IA 52655
319-753-2231

Cedar Rapids Area Office

4444 First Avenue NE, Suite 436
Cedar Rapids, IA 52492
319-294-9308

Council Bluffs Area Office

300 W. Broadway, Suite 33
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-328-3821

Davenport Area Office

1801-A East Kimberly Road
Davenport, IA 52807
563-386-1200

Des Moines Area Office

200 Army Post Road, #44
Des Moines, IA 50315
Toll Free 1-800-532-1486

Dubuque Area Office

2600 Dodge Street, Suite NW2
Dubuque, IA 52003
563-588-4697

Fort Dodge Area Office

Two Triton Circle
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
515-573-8175

Iowa City Area Office

1700 South 1st Ave, Suite 11-A
Eastdale Plaza
Iowa City, IA 52240
319-354-4766

Mason City Area Office

600 South Pierce Avenue
Mason City, IA 50401
641-422-1551

Ottumwa Area Office

15260 Truman Street, Suite 4
Ottumwa, IA 52501
641-682-7569

Sioux City Area Office

2508 East 4th Street
Sioux City, IA 51101
712-255-8871

Waterloo Area Office

3420 University Avenue, Suite D
Waterloo, IA 50701
319-234-0319

For TTY, call Iowa Relay at 711 or 1-800-735-2942, and ask for the number you wish to contact.

For a complete list of all VR-related offices and contact information, visit workforce.iowa.gov/vr. Virtual appointments are also available as well as appointments in a public place closer to your residence.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services is now a division under Iowa Workforce Development. Many VR offices now work more closely with the IowaWORKS Offices, better connecting workforce services for all job seekers.



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Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Our staff of professionals are focused on your success

Employment is the objective for each individual served by Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Eligible Iowans receive counseling and guidance in choosing a vocational goal consistent with their interests and abilities. An employment plan is jointly developed by the individual and the rehabilitation counselor that summarizes the individual's job goal, services needed to achieve employment, how they will be obtained, and ultimately how progress will be measured.

A network of resources to support your efforts

By partnering with your Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, you'll be connected with various public and private services and resources that can help you reach your employment goal. These include:

- Secondary and post-secondary institutions to coordinate academic and vocational training opportunities.
- Medical and rehabilitation specialists to design a treatment program to help manage your disability.
- Various workforce programs that will support your pathway
- Employers to ensure a solid employee/ employer relationship once you find a job.

Each individual requires various resources to be successfully employed. That is why Vocational Rehabilitation develops strong relationships with organizations across Iowa that can assist us in delivering on our mission—finding solutions and generating successful employment.



What services are available?

- Assessments that support your employment pathway
- Counseling and guidance
- Benefits planning
- Physical and/or mental restoration services
- Rehabilitation technology
- Self-employment services
- Post-secondary education
- Occupational/vocational training
- On-the-job supports
- Work-based learning experiences
- Supported employment services
- Occupational tools, equipment or licenses funding
- Personal assistance
- Transition services for students
- Job search and placement services
- Follow-up after placement to assist with work and employer satisfaction

Independent Living

The Independent Living Program provides a variety of services to assist individuals with significant disabilities who do not have a vocational goal to live independently in their community. It is an individualized process where the Independent Living Program Specialist and the client work together to determine an independent living plan to achieve the desired goals. For more information, please call 563-880-1350 or 712-262-9585, ext. 3.

Iowa Workforce Development Business Engagement Partnership

Vocational Rehabilitation Services is a division of Iowa Workforce Development. Vocational Rehabilitation works closely with Iowa Workforce Development's Business Engagement Division to learn the needs of disability-friendly employers to fully support you on the job. Some of the services provided by the Business Engagement Division include:

- ADA consultation
- Disability awareness sensitivity training
- Job analysis
- Training on tax incentives
- Reasonable accommodations
- Retention services

For more information, visit workforce.iowa.gov/employers or contact iaworks@iwd.iowa.gov.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income

Disability Determination Services Bureau (DDS) is now a division under Iowa Workforce Development and is responsible for determining the eligibility of Iowa residents who apply for disability benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs. Visit <http://www.ssa.gov> for more information.



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