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To Transitioning Students, Family Members and School Personnel:

Greetings!

For 100 years, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) has provided services to individuals with disabilities to enable them to obtain or maintain appropriate competitive employment and to take their rightful place in the workforce. New Jersey's DVRS program has an outstanding record of successful placement of people with disabilities into **competitive, integrated employment**. Year after year individuals with disabilities are successfully rehabilitated through the partnership of the consumer and the DVRS. The DVRS is an integral component in **Workforce New Jersey's One-Stop Career Center system** which enables us to partner with other agencies whose mission is career placement.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 reauthorized the law that drives the services of the public vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs throughout the country, and as such is changing the way that services are provided, in particular for students with disabilities. WIOA emphasizes the provision of services to **students and youth with disabilities** to ensure they have opportunities to receive the training and other services necessary to achieve **competitive integrated employment**; WIOA also expands the population of students with disabilities who may receive services and the kinds of services that the VR agencies may provide to youth and students with disabilities who are transitioning from school to postsecondary education and employment.

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are provided to students with disabilities who are eligible for VR services, or potentially eligible for VR services, and may begin when a **student turns 14**.



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There are five activities available under Pre-ETS:

1. **Job exploration counseling;**
2. **Work-based learning experiences, which may include in-school, or community-based opportunities;**
3. **Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs;**
4. **Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living; and**
5. **Instruction in self-advocacy, including peer mentoring.**

Youth with disabilities must demonstrate, through documentation, receipt of appropriate Pre-ETS and transition services under IDEA prior to beginning work at **subminimum wage**. Schools are prohibited from contracting with any entity for the purpose of operating a program in which a student is compensated at a subminimum wage.

Please note that your local school district is responsible for providing and paying for any transition service that is considered **special education** or related services necessary for ensuring a free appropriate public education as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (IDEA).

I appreciate the successful partnership we have established with the school districts over the years, and I look forward to our continued cooperation on behalf of students with disabilities. Please feel free to call our **local office** in your area at any time for additional information concerning Pre-ETS.

Sincerely,



Karen Carroll
DVRS State Director



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PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES STUDENT REFERRAL FORM

Referral Information

Social Security Number: _____ Birth date: _____

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

What do you prefer to be called? _____ Previous names (maiden name, etc.): _____

Who referred you to DVRS? _____

Home Address (House #, Street, apt., etc.): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Videophone ☐ Work

Second Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Videophone ☐ Work

Email Address: _____

Emergency or Other Contacts: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Do not wish to self-identify

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Do not wish to self-identify

Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you need assistance with communicating in English? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Please explain: _____

Do you need assistance with reading English? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: _____

Education Information

If you are currently in high school:

What grade are you in? _____ What school do you attend? _____

What year did you begin HS? _____ What year will you graduate or exit school? _____

Are you receiving education services and support under a 504 Accommodation Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, are you receiving education services under an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are not currently in high school:

What is the highest level of education you completed?

☐ Certificate of Completion ☐ High School Diploma or GED ☐ Post-Secondary Education (no deg. or cert.)

☐ Vocational/ Technical Certificate ☐ AA Degree

Grade: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

What is your primary disability? _____

Other Comments:

Pre-ETS Services Requested (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Job Exploration Counseling
- ☐ Counseling on Post-Secondary Educational Options
- ☐ Work Based Learning Experiences (internships, apprenticeships)
- ☐ Workplace Readiness Training
- ☐ Instruction in Self Advocacy
- ☐ Referral to RCC (Deaf / Hard of Hearing)

REQUEST FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES AND NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

I am requesting pre-employment transition services, and understand that pre-employment transition services are not traditional vocational rehabilitation services. I understand that participating in pre-employment transition services does not qualify an individual for vocational rehabilitation services as the eligibility criteria is different and applicants for vocational rehabilitation services are subject to DVRS Order of Selection and wait list restrictions. If I wish to apply for vocational rehabilitation services, I understand that I may do so in my next to last year of school. I understand that if I choose to apply for vocational rehabilitation services prior to receiving pre-employment transition services that I may be delayed in receiving pre-employment transition services.

I understand that pre-employment transition services are limited services that DVRS can provide to a student with a disability, and that a student with a disability is an individual who:

1. Has a disability.
2. Is at least 14 years old and has not turned 22 years old.
3. Is currently attending or considered enrolled in an educational program (secondary education; non-traditional or alternative secondary education, including home schooling; post-secondary education programs approved by NJ Office of Secretary of Higher Education and other recognized educational programs limited to: those offered through the juvenile justice system, adult basic education programs i.e. GED or external diploma programs, and WTC career and technology training programs).
4. Has not graduated/completed/exited/ or withdrawn their educational program.

I understand that pre-employment services are limited to the following services, as appropriate and available in my local area:

1. Job exploration counseling.
2. Work-based learning experiences, which may include in-school or after school opportunities, or experience outside the traditional school setting (including internships), that is provided in an integrated environment in the community to the maximum extent possible.
3. Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs at institutions of higher education.
4. Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living.
5. Instruction in self-advocacy (including instruction in person-centered planning), which may include peer mentoring (including peer mentoring from individuals with disabilities working in competitive integrated employment).

Information that I have provided is to the best of my knowledge true, correct and complete. I understand that giving DVRS untrue and/or fraudulent information may result in services not being provided or continued. I have been given a copy of the Disability Rights NJ brochure from my assigned counselor.

Before signing, please discuss with your DVRS counselor any information you do not understand.

Student Signature/Date:

Signature of Parent or Representative:

(if applicant is in high school, under age 18 or has a legal guardian)

INFORMATION GATHERING

- Refusal to provide requested documentation of disability will prevent you from receiving pre-employment transition services.
- The requested information is not available for public inspection, unless you give written permission.
- The requested information is routinely shared with other governmental agencies when information is needed for you to obtain benefits or services; for audit, evaluation or research purposes connected with the administration of the rehabilitation program as long as confidentiality is safeguarded; and to obtain payment for services which have been provided when covered by third party resources.
- DVRS requests the Social Security Number of applicants for services and uses it only for federal reporting purposes and, as applicable: (1) confirmation of Social Security benefits, and (2) financial transactions.

Referral
Participant

Referral taken by: _____

Phone _____ Mail _____ Email _____

Walk-In _____ Fax _____

Department of Labor & Workforce Development
DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
550 Jersey Avenue New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Telephone : (732) 937-6300 Fax: (732) 937-6358

"OO" Closure #: _____

Regular Closure #: _____

Screened by: _____ Date _____

CONFIDENTIAL Referral Form

Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain and/or keep suitable jobs. The rehabilitation services the agency can provide depend on the availability of State and Federal funds and on the availability of other programs and services. All individuals have the responsibility to: participate financially in their plan to the best of their ability, obtain services only with prior written approval; cooperate by using community services when they can be of help in the rehabilitation program; maintain regular contact with the VR agency counselor; and go to work when the VR program is completed.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ NJ Zip _____ Telephone _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

BIRTH DATE _____ / _____ / _____ SEX _____ AGE _____ Highest grade completed in school? _____

English speaking? (Y or N) _____ Spanish speaking? (Y or N) _____ Veteran? (Y or N) _____ US Citizen? (Y or N) _____

If no, do you have documentation to work? _____ (Y or N) Registered with Div of Dev Disabilities (DDD)? (Y or N) _____

Disability _____ ? Are you physically able to come to this office? _____

Have you ever applied to DVRS before? (Y or N) _____ If yes, when/where? _____

Do you receive Social Security Benefits? (Y or N) _____ SSD _____ SSI _____ Welfare Benefits? (Y or N) _____

TANF/GA case number _____ TANF/GA case worker _____ Phone number _____

REFERRAL SOURCE: Name _____

Organization _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Reason for referral: _____

If records documenting disability are available, please include with referral to expedite eligible process.

(BELOW FOR DVRS USE ONLY)

ASSIGNED TO COUNSELOR: _____ DATE _____

APPOINTMENT DATE & TIME: _____

OO CLOSURE DATE: _____ REASON: _____

NOT ASSIGNED DATE: _____ REASON: _____

_____ Referral
_____ Participant

Referral taken by: _____

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Walk-In _____ Fax _____

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SOLICITUD PARA SERVICIOS-CONFIDENCIAL

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Screened by: _____ Date _____

La agencia de Rehabilitacion Vocacional provee servicios a las personas con incapacidades, para prepararlos a obtener y/o para asistirlos a mantener un empleo que sea apropiado. Los servicios que esta agencia provee, depende de los fondos Federales y Estatales disponibles, al igual que de los otros servicios/programas disponibles en la comunidad. Todas las personas solicitando servicios, tienen la responsabilidad de participar economicamente de acuerdo con su capacidad al desarrollo de su plan. El solicitante debe cooperar utilizando otros servicios de la comunidad cuando dichos servicios esten disponibles, al igual que mantener contacto frecuentemente con su consejero/a (de la agencia de Rehabilitacion Vocacional), y proceder a trabajar cuando el programa termine.

NOMBRE: _____ FECHA: _____

DIRECCION: _____ CIUDAD/ESTADO: _____

ZONA POSTAL: _____ TELEFONE #: _____

SEGURO SOCIAL #: _____ ES VETERANO/A? (Si o No) _____

DIRECCION DE E-MAIL: _____

CUAL ES SU INCAPACIDAD? _____

ALGUNA VEZ HA APLICADO USTED PARA SERVICIOS A ESTA OFICINA? (Si o No) _____

DONDE? _____ CUANDO? _____

ESTE USTED RECIVIENDO BENEFICIOS DEL SEGURO SOCIAL? (SI O NO) _____ SSDI _____ SSI _____

SI RECIBE BENEFICIOS DEL SEG. SOCIAL, HA RECIVIDO EL "TICKET TO WORK"? (Si o No) _____

ESTA USTED RECIVIENDO BENEFICIOS DE WELFARE? (Si o No) _____

FECHA DE NACIMIENTO: _____ SEXO _____ # DE DEPENDIENTES _____

ESTADO CIVIL _____ GRADO MAS ALTO DE EDUCACION: _____

HABLA USTED INGLES? (Si o No) _____ ALGUN OTRO IDIOMA? _____

REFERIDO POR: _____

DIRECCION: _____ TELEFONO: _____

RAZON POR LA REFERENCIA: _____

SI UDSTED TIENE DOCUMENTOS DISPONIBLES DONED INDICA SU INCAPACIDAD, POR FAVOR INCLUYALA CON ESTE FORMULARIO PARA AGILITAR EL PROCESO.

DVRS Offices

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From School to Work

Pre-employment Transition
Services for High School
Students with Disabilities



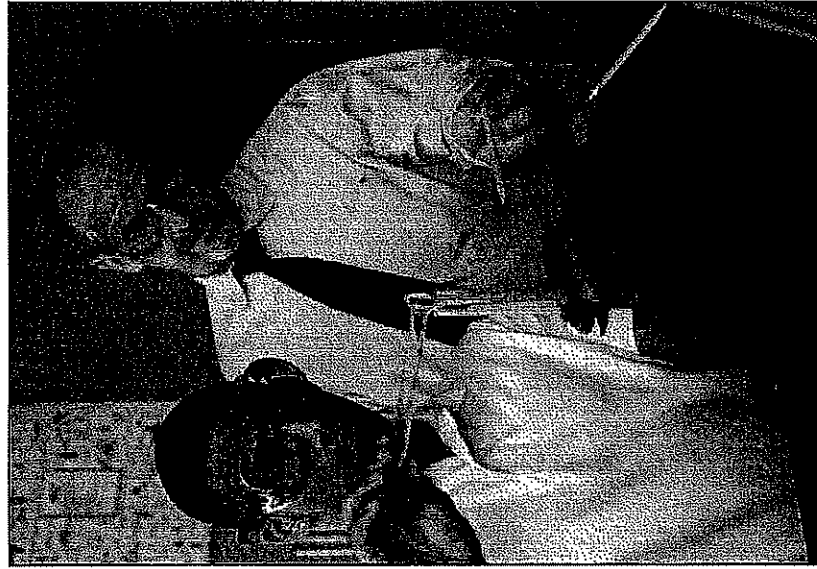
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What's Available

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services offers pre-employment transition services to help students ages 14-21 make a smooth, successful transition from high school to work, post-secondary education, or job training. These services are available locally. (Locations listed on back panels.)

Our clients learn about opportunities that can help them find a job, and attain the skills needed for them to be productive at work.



Core Services

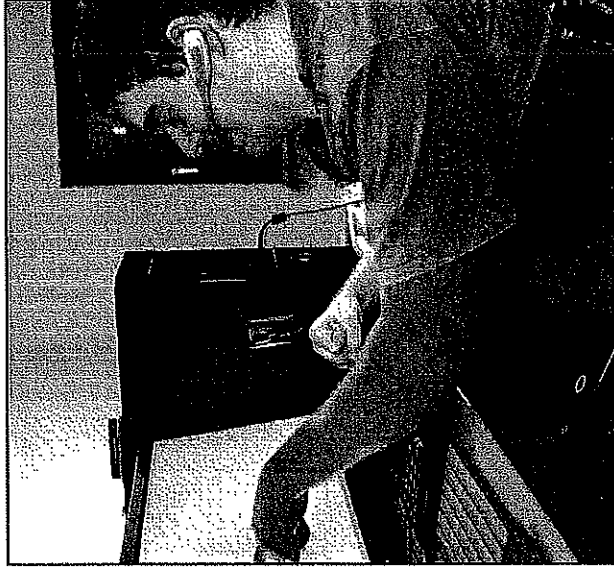
- **Job exploration counseling.**
Find out how your interests, skills, and passion could lead to a job that's a good fit.
- **Work-based learning.**
Opportunity to sample different jobs – while you're in school, or once you're in the community – through internships.
- **Counseling on post-secondary educational options.**
You may be ready to enroll in a vocational training program, or a two- or four-year college. We can help you sort out your career goals, then guide you to achieve them.
- **Workplace readiness training.**
Learn general work skills, social skills, and skills needed for successful independent living.
- **Self-advocacy instruction.**
Learn how to communicate your needs to others, and how to be a mentor to your classmates.

How Do I Qualify?

Students need an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, or other documentation of disability to qualify. Students who are home schooled are eligible. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services does not replace or duplicate any service your school district already provides. All services are voluntary.

How Do I Sign Up?

1. You'll need a referral from a parent, guardian, teacher, guidance counselor, pastor, or trusted adult.
2. You or the adult will need to complete a confidential student referral form found at njcc.nj.gov/dvrsstudents.
3. Mail or email the completed student referral form to your local Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services office. (Locations listed on back panels.)



Visit us online at:
njcc.nj.gov/dvrsstudents



WIOA-2014

Pre-Employment Transition Facts

In July 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law. WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and amends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. WIOA requires vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies to set aside at least 15% of their federal funds to provide **Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)** specifically to **Students with Disabilities**.



A Student with a Disability is defined as an individual who:

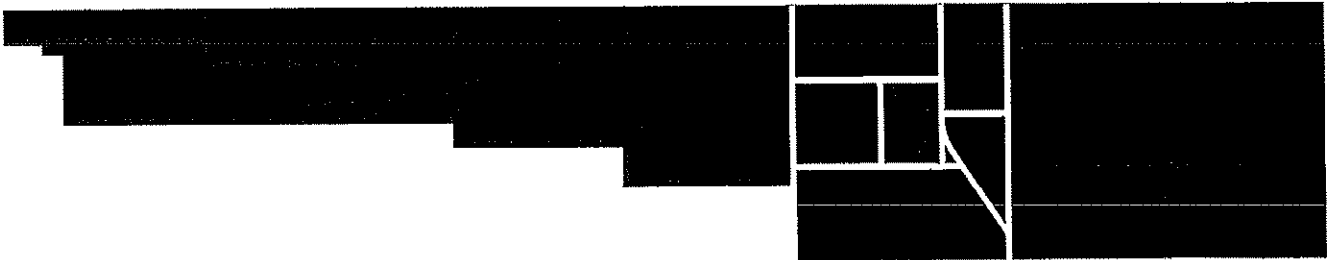
- Is still enrolled in secondary school and has not exited, graduated, or withdrawn;
- Is between the ages of 14 and 21 years old
- Has a disability (i.e., receives services under an IEP or 504 plan, or has a disability for purposes of section 504)

Pre-Employment Transition Services may include the following, based on availability of funds and resources:

- Job exploration counseling
- Counseling and guidance services on comprehensive transition, vocational training, industry recognized credential programs, and post-secondary school training programs like 2 and 4 year colleges
- Work-based learning experiences, internships, and apprenticeships
- Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living
- Instruction in self advocacy

Note: Students with disabilities who are home-schooled qualify for Pre-ETS Services

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Datos de la Transición Previa al Empleo

En julio de 2014, se promulgó la Ley de Innovación y Oportunidad de la Fuerza Laboral (WIOA, por sus siglas en inglés). WIOA sustituye a la Ley de Inversión en la Fuerza Laboral de 1998 (WIA, por sus siglas en inglés) y modifica la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973. WIOA requiere que las agencias de rehabilitación profesional reserven al menos el 15% de sus fondos federales para proporcionar **Servicios de Transición Previa al Empleo (Pre-ETS)** específicamente a los **estudiantes con discapacidades**.



Un Estudiante con Discapacidad se define como un individuo que:

- Está todavía matriculado en la escuela secundaria y no ha salido, graduado o retirado;
- Tiene entre 14 y 21 años de edad
- Tiene una discapacidad (es decir, recibe servicios en el marco de un IEP o un plan 504, o tiene una discapacidad a efectos de la sección 504)

Los Servicios de Transición Previa al Empleo pueden incluir lo siguiente, según la disponibilidad de fondos y recursos:

- Asesoramiento para la búsqueda de empleo
- Servicios de asesoramiento y orientación sobre la transición integral, la formación profesional, los programas de programas de credenciales reconocidos por la industria, y programas de formación escolar post-secundaria como universidades de 2 y 4 años
- Experiencias de aprendizaje basadas en el trabajo, prácticas y pasantías
- Capacitación de preparación para el lugar de trabajo para desarrollar las habilidades sociales y la vida independiente
- Instrucción en la autodefensa

Nota: Los estudiantes con discapacidades que son educados en casa tienen derecho a los Servicios Pre-ETS



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New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Benefits Planning for SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries Fact Sheet

Have questions about how employment will affect your Social Security benefits?

Social Security offers a number of work incentives to help you explore, maintain, and advance in employment. If you are receiving Social Security benefits and planning to become employed, now is a good time to learn more about these incentives. Benefits planners help SSI/SSDI recipients earn more than they ever thought possible.

Whether you are a student in high school or an adult, DVRS and Social Security recognize that disability benefits are a very important part of the career and household decision making process. Your DVRS counselor will talk with you about making benefits planning a part of your Pre-Employment Transitioning Service Agreement or your Individualized Plan for Employment. You and your counselor will decide which components of benefits planning are right for your individualized needs. When your DVRS counselor refers you to a certified benefits planner, the benefits planner will become a part of your support team. Your benefits planner will work with you throughout your DVRS case and will assist you in connecting to additional resources after your DVRS case is closed, all at no cost to you.

Benefits planners:

- help you establish an earnings goal
- help you understand how work can impact current state assistance you may be receiving
- touch base as you progress towards your employment
- help you report your earnings to Social Security
- help you identify supports after your DVRS case is closed

Ready to get started?

Your DVRS counselor will refer you to a benefits planner. Meetings may be provided in person, by phone, or via teleconference, as appropriate or preferred. The benefits planner will explain what documentation and records they will need to review in order to give you accurate information about the impact of work on your cash benefits and medical coverage, and will ask you to sign a release of information.

All benefits planners are required to abide by ethical standards to ensure confidentiality and to provide you with information in accordance with federal and state guidelines as they apply to your benefits.

Need more info?

- The Social Security Administration website also has information about work incentives at www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/workincentives

Contact your local DVRS Office to apply for services

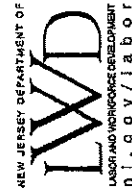
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New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Services for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing



At the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, we provide specialized services for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

Our Deaf Language Specialists, also known as Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf, provide direct vocational counseling to DVRS consumers whose primary language is American Sign Language (ASL).

Our Partners

We work with other organizations that are equipped to provide more specialized services.

Community-based vocational rehabilitation agencies provide supported employment services. Staff in these agencies are proficient in ASL and will assist you with job readiness skills, job placement, job coaching, and long-term follow-along services, if needed.

Regional Career Centers for People with Hearing Loss serve individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, or have cochlear implants. DVRS funds three centers in New Jersey — one each in the north, central and southern areas.

These centers offer vocational assessments, job readiness skills, job search support, job coaching, and pre-employment transition services for both students currently in school and youth who are out of school.

Each location has a demonstration center where you can try various assistive technologies that can help you at work.

Some of the many ways we can help you on the path to employment success:

- Career Counseling
- Vocational / College Training
- Internship Assistance
- Hearing Aids / CI Replacement
- Vocational Evaluations
- Other Diagnostic Evaluations
- SSDI / SSI Benefits Counseling
- Pre-Employment Youth Transition Services

The first step in applying for services is to either call the office in the county in which you live or complete the online referral form and send it to the office. To find the referral form, go to our website at careerconnections.nj.gov — scroll down, and in the Just for You area, choose Vocational Rehabilitation Services. On that page in the Additional Services box, choose Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services to find the confidential referral forms.

**Your Skills & Abilities
+ Our Support
= Your Job Success**



*All Services are based on
Eligibility*