

**TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS –
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**



TRANSITION SERVICES



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**“I believe in
my abilities, skills
and strengths!”**

Texas Workforce Solutions comprises the Texas Workforce Commission, 28 local workforce development boards and our service-providing partners. Together we provide workforce education, training and support services, including vocational rehabilitation assistance for the people of Texas.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) are just two laws that help students with disabilities prepare for the transition from school to adult life, employment and independence. These laws are in place to ensure that services and supports for transitioning students with disabilities are coordinated among agencies to help the student move from school to post-school activities.

Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS) provides transition services to students with disabilities to help them make the transition from school to work.

Building a Foundation of Confidence

Transition planning is student-centered. Its success relies on the collaboration between the transition team and available support systems. In addition to the student and their family, this transition team includes a combination of professional and non-professional members who are interested in the success of the student and may consist of the counselor, educational staff, specialists from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) or the educational system, or any other members of the community who can provide support and assistance.

Transition planning activities and services bring together those resources and support systems that promote the achievement of independence and vocational success. The sooner planning is initiated, the sooner supports and services can be coordinated to achieve the goals of the student.

The best time to start preparing for adult responsibilities is while you are still in school. If you have a disability, you can apply for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to find out if you are eligible for assistance. You can apply directly at the local Workforce Solutions office or with a TWS-VRS counselor at your school.

Transition services from TWS-VRS help persons with disabilities:

- prepare for a career; and
- become more independent.

Transition services are for students ages 14-22 and are specifically focused on five Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS) areas, as required by WIOA.

The five Pre-ETS are:

1. Career Exploration
2. Work-Based Learning
3. Counseling on Postsecondary Opportunities
4. Workplace Readiness, and
5. Self-Advocacy

Counselors can also attend Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) meetings, when appropriate, and coordinate VR services to compliment and continue those provided by the school.



**“I am
confident
in myself.”**



**“Transition services
assisted me in finding
my way to independence
and a future.”**

Services for Youth and Families

- Counseling and guidance
- Career exploration and planning to assist with meeting your employment goal
- Ongoing evaluations to determine changes in vision or service needs
- Diagnostic evaluations and referrals
- Summer work activities and programs
- Individual or group training for students and families (for example, Braille and social/behavior skills for vocational success, using technology, accessing information, advocacy skills, job readiness workshops and career exploration)
- Assistive technology
- Consultation with teachers and other education professionals
- Referrals to other resources
- Planning for postsecondary training

What Families Say About Transition Services

“The information that I have gained will empower me to help my son transition into the world and workforce, as well as in school and perhaps college.”

“[TWS-VRS] have helped me deal with my son’s blindness by introducing me to blind people who are very successful in the work field. They have given my son a chance to see he is not the only one in the world who is blind. They are always someone who I can count on to encourage me and my family.”

If you need more information or assistance about the legal rights of people with disabilities contact:

Client Assistance Program

Intake line to 800-252-9108

Disability Rights Texas (DRTx)

2222 W. Braker Lane, Austin, Texas 78758

Phone: 512-454-4816 Fax: 512-323-0902

Videophone: 866-362-2851

Your Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services Office

To locate your Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services office, visit:

www.twc.texas.gov/find-locations



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101 East 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78778-0001
800-628-5115

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request
to individuals with disabilities.

Relay Texas: 800-735-2989 (TTY) and 711 (Voice)

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For purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation grant pays 78.7 percent of the total costs of the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency anticipates receiving \$287,666,847 in Federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds. Funds appropriated by the State pay 21.3 percent of the total costs (\$77,856,466) under the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

For purposes of the Supported Employment program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency received \$1,446,266 in Federal Supported Employment funds. State appropriated funds paid 10 percent (\$80,348) of the total costs under the Supported Employment program.