

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) in Ohio

Mission

Empowering Ohioans with disabilities
through employment,
disability determinations, and
independence.

OOD Overview

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) was created in 1970 and serves individuals with disabilities in all **88** counties.
- A Director is appointed by the Governor
- 15-member OOD Council
- OOD is comprised of four (4) divisions that work directly with individuals with disabilities and/or employer partners.
 - *Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)*
 - *Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI)*
 - *Division of Employer and Innovation Services (EIS)*
 - *Division of Disability Determination (DDD)*

Phases of a VR Case

- *Application for Services*
- *Eligibility Determination*
- *Development of Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)*
- *Service Provision*
- *Employment obtained (case closure)*

VR Services

**Services are provided on an individualized basis
and may include:**

- Occupational/Vocational Training
- College/University Training
- Job Seeking Skills Training
- Job Search/Placement Assistance
- On-the-Job Supports
- Rehabilitation Technology
- Attainment of industry recognized credentials
- Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

Case Closure *with* Employment Outcome

- Must be competitive and integrated employment
- Achieved employment outcome identified in IPE
- Employment is permanent
- VR services contributed to the employment
- Maintained for 90 days

Programs and Partnerships

- Employment First Partnership (EF)
- Ohio Transition Support Partnership (OTSP)
- Ohio College2Careers
- OOD Jobs for Recovery
- Vocational Apprenticeship Program
- Personal Care Assistant (PCA)
- Business Enterprise Program
- Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) Ohioans

Ohio College2Careers

- Collaboration between OOD, Ohio Department of Higher Education, and Ohio businesses.
- Recently expanded to include all public two- and four-year college, university, and branch campuses
- Assists students with disabilities with additional supports, such as:
 - Career exploration & counseling
 - Assistive technology
 - Resume and interview preparation
 - Internships & permanent employment
 - Connection to an expansive employer partner network

OOD Jobs for Recovery

- Collaboration between OOD, RecoveryOhio, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) and the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- OOD counselors immersed as an active member of drug court teams to ensure individuals get jobs.
 - 1 Counselor and 1 Job Developer per county site
 - Currently in 14 counties Ashtabula, Butler, Franklin, Lucas, Scioto, Summit, Allen, Cuyahoga, Clinton/Highland/Warren, Hocking, Mahoning, Tuscarawas

Individual Placement and Support

- Collaboration between OOD and The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS)
- Behavioral Health Providers linked with liaison counselor (approx. 21 agencies in 35 counties)
- Evidence-based Supported Employment Model

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