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You must have a physical, learning, or emotional condition that impedes you from preparing for, getting, or keeping a job.

The Vocational Rehabilitation program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For Federal Fiscal Year 2018, the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$26,620,667. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs were funded by state appropriations and other non-federal allowable sources.



Meet Matthew!

Matthew participated in various Pre-ETS activities while in high school. Through these experiences, he was able to build workplace readiness skills which were highlighted during a reverse job fair. A local employer who attended the event recognized Matthew's abilities and offered him a position. Matthew is now successfully employed and is described as a hardworking and personable individual!



Meet Mariah!

Mariah's employment goal is to work with school-aged children in a classroom setting. Mariah participated in Pre-ETS activities while in high school, which included a work-based learning experience at a local preschool. Through this experience, Mariah built the skills and self-confidence she needed to be successful in this field.



Mariah's supervisor at her work-based learning experience stated, "Mariah is positive, takes initiative, and displays knowledge appropriate to working with kids." Mariah is now attending college and continuing down her path to success in her future career!

IOWA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Preparing Students for Transition



Finding solutions. Generating success.

What is IVRS?

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) works with students with barriers to employment by providing Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS).



Student participating in a hands-on learning experience at a local apprenticeship program.

IVRS works closely with students and their transition team to assist in determining career goals and developing a plan of action to set the student's future in motion.

What are Pre-ETS?

Activities that provide an early start at job exploration for students with disabilities to assist with transitioning from school to postsecondary education or employment.

Job Exploration Counseling—Provides students with opportunities to learn about various career options and work skills necessary to be successful.

Work-Based Learning Experiences—Provides students with opportunities in the community to assist them with connecting school experiences to real-life work activities and future career options.

Counseling on Opportunities—Provides students with information and guidance on a variety of postsecondary education and training opportunities.

Workplace Readiness Training—Training to develop employability skills, social skills, and independent living skills.

Instruction in Self-Advocacy—Activities to develop self-advocacy skills needed in education, workplace, and community settings.

Pre-ETS in Action!

Students participating in a work-based learning activity with a local employer.



Students exploring career opportunities at a local news station.

Students learning culinary skills while engaging in a team building activity.



Students discovering postsecondary opportunities in a healthcare setting.

How can I access Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)?

Students with a disability, (e.g. those on an IEP or 504 Plan) between the ages of 14 and 21, who have not yet applied or been made eligible for IVRS are considered to be potentially eligible for services.

Both eligible and potentially eligible students are able to participate in Pre-ETS. Students interested in participating in Pre-ETS should talk with school staff or IVRS staff about getting started.

What if I need more intensive services in addition to Pre-ETS?

If more intensive services are needed due to a disability, students will be encouraged to apply for IVRS. Eligibility for IVRS is based on a student's barriers in preparing for, getting, or keeping a job. Students interested in applying for services should contact IVRS to begin the process.

Be productive and live independently

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) is here to help you. If you are an eligible individual with a disability, IVRS will work closely with you to develop a tailored plan to obtain your employment goal. Whether you are a student or a seasoned professional, a farmer or an executive, IVRS is your valued partner in finding solutions and generating success.

How do I apply?

Referral or application for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services may be made by contacting any of the area offices or service centers located throughout the state. Rehabilitation counselors may also be contacted during their regular visits to other state and local government offices, or to the secondary schools within your local community.

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, IVRS, 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 IVRS Services.

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If it is inconvenient for you to travel to one of our offices, you may make an appointment with our staff to meet in a public place closer to your home.

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

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Job Placement

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Job Exploration

Job Seeking



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Our staff of professionals are focused on your success

Employment is the objective for each individual served by Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS). Eligible individuals 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 services will be obtained and how and when progress will be measured.

A network of resources to support your efforts

By partnering with your IVRS 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.
- 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 IVRS develops strong relationships with organizations that can assist us in delivering on our mission—finding solutions and generating success.



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What services are available?

- Medical and psychological assessment
- Technological assessment
- Vocational assessment
- Counseling and guidance
- Transition services for students
- Physical and/or mental restoration services that may include therapy, wheelchairs, hearing aids, etc.
- Special adaptive equipment or devices
- Training for employment
- Occupational tools, equipment or licenses
- Planning for Self-Employment
- Personal assistance
- Supported Employment
- Job coaching
- Job placement
- Follow-up after placement to assist with work and employer satisfaction

Services may be provided after employment to help you maintain your job.

Independent Living

The IVRS 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.

Supported Employment

Supported Employment services are provided to those eligible for IVRS services with the most significant disabilities, who require ongoing support services to work.

Iowa Self-Employment Program

Self-Employment services are available to those eligible for IVRS Services who are able to become self-sufficient by establishing, expanding or acquiring a business within the state of Iowa.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income

Disability Determination Services Bureau (DDS) 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.

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

Employer's Disability Resource Network (EDRN)

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