Youth Transition Services

All students with disabilities should have an opportunity to work. It is important for families, school personnel, and service providers to work with students to plan for their transition from school to college, vocational school, and/or a career. Planning is essential to ensure a productive and meaningful future.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) provides students with disabilities services and supports with obtaining higher education, training, and employment.

Your disability should not stop you from working in the community. Your school and Vocational Rehabilitation Program are mandated to offer their services and work with you while you are still in high school to create a plan to achieve your employment goals.

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West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS) is the state’s primary vocational rehabilitation resource for people with disabilities who want to work. WVDRS helps many individuals prepare for careers or obtain employment if their disability is making it difficult.

WVDRS provides a wide range of services to help people get and keep jobs.

**Examples of Services**

- Vocational Evaluation & Planning
- Career Counseling & Guidance
- Work-related Training & Education
- Worksite Assessment & Accommodations
- Job Coaching
- Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology Assessment & Equipment

**Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)**

Once you have applied for and have been determined eligible for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services, you will work with your counselor to create your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Your IPE will be based on your employment goals, interests, abilities, priorities and informed choice.

Contact DRWV if you are a student age 14-21 and would like information about training, employment, or want information to help understand your employment rights. We may be able to help.