



Vocational Rehabilitation

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Visually Impaired at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist them in attaining and maintaining competitive integrated employment. OOD works with adults seeking to enter the workforce or retain a job, and with youth beginning at age 14 to assist them as they transition from high school into college and/or the workplace.

Getting Started with Services

Individuals interested in applying for VR services can begin the process by visiting [OODWorks.com](https://oodworks.com). Through this secure website, professionals can also refer one or multiple Ohioans with disabilities. Individuals can also contact any of [OOD's offices or appointment centers](#) to begin the process.

Eligibility

Once an individual has applied, OOD will determine eligibility for services. In order to be eligible:

- The individual must have a physical, intellectual, sensory or mental impairment,
- The impairment must result in a substantial barrier to employment,
- The individual is presumed to benefit from VR services in terms of an employment outcome, &
- The individual must require VR services to gain or retain employment.

Planning for Employment

Once determined eligible, the individual is provided career counseling and guidance to help identify an employment goal, as well as the services needed. This process results in the development of an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Types of Services Offered

OOD purchases services from providers in the community, closely monitoring to make sure they meet the needs of the individual. Services may include work experience, job training, job search assistance, rehabilitation technology, and on-the-job supports. For information about approved providers, go to ProviderSearch.ood.ohio.gov.

Employment

OOD, along with its network of providers, works with employers to match individuals who are ready to work with available job openings. Once the individual is working successfully on the job for at least 90 days and is satisfied with the work, OOD will close the case. If the individual experiences difficulties on the job later, the individual can reapply for VR services.



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