

# Understanding The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) For People with Developmental Disabilities

<b>What is DVRS</b>	The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) provides services that enable individuals with disabilities to find jobs or keep their existing jobs. If you or a loved one has a disability that is preventing employment, or is endangering present employment, you can submit a referral for services (see “Timeline” below for referral links).		
<b>Who is Eligible</b>	Any individual with a physical or mental impairment that wants to be employed at a competitive wage may qualify for individual or vocational rehabilitation services.		
<b>What Services Does DVRS Offer People with Developmental Disabilities?</b>	The consumer and DVRS counselor will work together to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). The plan may include: Vocational Counseling & Guidance, Job Placement Services, Job Seeking Skills, Supported Employment, Time Limited Placement and Coaching, Job Accommodations, Skills Training, *College Training, Physical and/or Emotional Restoration (Equipment or therapies which improve physical or cognitive functioning so that a person is able to work), Mobility Equipment, Driver Training, or Vehicle and/or Home Modification. For more information visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/njdvr">bit.ly/njdvr</a>		
Read	Timeline	DVRS Partners	Get Connected
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NJ DVRS Home Page:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/njdvr">bit.ly/njdvr</a></li> <li><b>DVRS Frequently Ask Questions:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/dvrfaq">bit.ly/dvrfaq</a></li> <li><b>Students With Disabilities:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/dvrstudentswithdisabilities">bit.ly/dvrstudentswithdisabilities</a></li> <li><b>DVRS Myths and Facts:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/mythsandfactsdvr">bit.ly/mythsandfactsdvr</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Client Assistance Program</b> <a href="http://www.drnj.org/capprogram">www.drnj.org/capprogram</a> <b>609.292.9742</b> Assists individuals with disabilities in securing and understanding rehabilitation services.</p> <p><b>New Jersey Work Incentives Network Support</b> <a href="http://www.njwins.org">www.njwins.org</a> Assists SSI and SSDI beneficiaries to start, continue or increase work efforts while maintaining benefits.</p>	<p><b>14-21:</b> Beginning at age 14, DVRS counselors can provide consultation to transition students, parents/guardians, and school personnel when deemed appropriate. Some local DVRS school representatives may be able to attend a student’s IEP meeting.</p> <p><b>18-21:</b> Transition students may apply to DVRS up to two years prior to exiting from school. However, an individual will not receive service until 21 or older.</p> <p><b>21+:</b> At any time school personnel, a caregiver or individual can contact DVRS for services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Online Referral Form:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/dvrsonlinereferralfom">bit.ly/dvrsonlinereferralfom</a></li> <li><b>Print Referral Form:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/printreferralfomdvr">bit.ly/printreferralfomdvr</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Contact Local DVRS Office:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/dvrsofficelocations">bit.ly/dvrsofficelocations</a></p>	<p><b>The New Jersey Statewide Independent Living Council (NJ SILC):</b> <a href="http://www.njsilc.org">www.njsilc.org</a></p> <p><b>The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/commissionfortheblind">bit.ly/commissionfortheblind</a></p> <p><b>The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/2ajesom">bit.ly/2ajesom</a></p> <p><b>Community Rehabilitation Programs:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/crprograms">bit.ly/crprograms</a></p> <p><b>One-Stop Career Centers:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/onestopcareercenters">bit.ly/onestopcareercenters</a></p> <p><b>Centers for Independent Living:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/centersfoindependentliving">bit.ly/centersfoindependentliving</a></p> <p><b>The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD):</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/ddd_homepage">bit.ly/ddd_homepage</a></p>	<p>As changes take place within the service delivery systems, it is vital for families to stay connected with an organization that can provide the most recent and important information.</p> <p><b>The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute keeps you informed, educated and up-to-date</b> on all the latest changes that affect your loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability.</p> <p><b>Sign up today for free!</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/familyinstitutenewslettersignup">bit.ly/familyinstitutenewslettersignup</a></p> <p>* Remember to discuss college options when meeting with the DVRS counselor.</p> <p>* *Type all links exactly as seen including any capital or lowercase letters, and numbers. * *</p>