Understanding The New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)



### What is DVRS?

• 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*).

# Who is eligible for DVRS?

• Any individual with a physical, mental, cognitive, or other form of disability that has a substantial impediment to employment may qualify for services through the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS).

#### Read

- NJ DVRS Home Page: bit.ly/njdvrs
- DVRS Frequently Asked Questions: <u>bit.ly/dvrsquestions</u>
- Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS): <u>bit.ly/pre-</u> employmentts

#### Client Assistance Program : <u>bit.ly/capnj</u>

 CAP advocates protect the rights of individuals with disabilities who are seeking or receiving rehabilitation services.

#### New Jersey Work Incentives Network Support: <u>njwins.org</u>

 Assists SSI and SSDI beneficiaries to start, continue or increase work efforts while maintaining benefits.

# Timeline

- 14-21: Beginning at age 14, DVRS counselors can provide services through its Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). Some local DVRS school representatives may also be able to attend a student's IEP meeting.
- **21**+: At any time, school personnel, a caregiver or an individual can contact DVRS for services.
  - Online Referral Form: bit.ly/dvrsreferralform
  - Print Referral Form: bit.ly/dvrsprintform

Contact Local DVRS Office: bit.ly/dvrslocaloffice DVRS Case Services Policy Manual: bit.ly/dvrs-policymanual

### Services DVRS Offers:

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

**DVRS** Partners

New Jersey State Independent

The Commission for the Blind

• The Division of the Deaf and

• Community Rehabilitation

One-Stop Career Centers:

bit.ly/onestopcareer

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Programs: bit.ly/crprograms

• Centers for Independent Living:

bit.ly/centersforindependentli

bit.ly/commissionfortheblind

Hard of Hearing: <a href="http://doi.org/10.1111/bit.ly/2ajesom">bit.ly/2ajesom</a>

and Visually Impaired:

Living Council: <u>www.njsilc.org</u>

• Vehicle and/or Home Modification.

# **Get Connected**

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  - DVRS Go Bag : https://bit.ly/DVRSgobag
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- The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: <u>bit.ly/2ajesom</u>
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