

How Do I Apply to VR?

1. Visit RehabWorks.org or call your local VR office
2. Tell school staff you're interested
3. Get a VR referral from your school
4. Meet with VR counselor to learn more about VR
5. Complete your VR Application, signed by parent/guardian or student 18 or older

A VR counselor determines whether you are eligible for services. If eligible, a plan is developed.

How Do I Sign up for the STAR Program?

1. Tell school staff you're interested
2. Get a VR referral from your school
3. Meet with VR staff to discuss options
4. Get services

TRADITIONAL VR SERVICES MAY ALSO INCLUDE:

- Postsecondary Education
- Supported Employment
- Postsecondary Training
- Time-limited Treatment
- Job Placement
- Assistive Technology and Devices
- Transportation
- Workplace Accommodations

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the **Transition Youth Team**

VRTransitionYouth@vr.fldoe.org

(850) 245-3399

(800) 451-4327

TTY users dial 711 to connect with the telecommunications relay service (TRS). Video phone users can call through the video relay service (VRS).

www.RehabWorks.org



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BUILDING CAREERS FOR TRANSITION STUDENTS



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WHO QUALIFIES FOR TRANSITION YOUTH PROGRAMS?

Students age 15-21 who:

- Are in high school OR enrolled in training or education after high school
- Have an IEP or 504 Plan
- Have a condition that interferes with preparing for, getting, or keeping a job

THE TRANSITION YOUTH PROGRAM IS:

- Offered when school is not in session (after school, evenings, weekends, holidays, spring break, summer, early release days)
- Free to students

WHAT ARE MY TRANSITION PROGRAM CHOICES?

1. STAR Program

- School identifies you as a student with an IEP or 504 Plan
- You complete STAR referral

2. Traditional VR

- You apply at a VR office
- VR counselor determines you eligible
- You and your counselor complete a plan for services

BOTH TRADITIONAL VR & STAR OFFER PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

- **Career Exploration Counseling** – Includes skills, abilities, aptitudes, interest assessments, and postsecondary options
- **Work Readiness Training** – A 20-hour course that focuses on employability and work-readiness skills
- **Community-Based Work Experiences** – Includes hands-on training for employability skills
- **Self-Advocacy** – A two-part course that teaches you how to speak up for yourself and make decisions about your own life

WORK READINESS TRAINING

Teaches students to:

- Write a resume
- Interview properly
- Search and apply for jobs online
- Find and complete job applications
- Manage employer contacts
- Handle conflict
- Navigate public transportation
- Review employee benefits, if needed

COMMUNITY-BASED WORK EXPERIENCES

Allows students to:

- Apply and practice soft social skills
- Gain an idea of work
- Develop work skills
- Build relationships leading to job references
- Identify work accommodations

SELF-ADVOCACY TRAINING

Focuses on:

- Self-awareness
- Understanding your rights
- Setting goals
- Requesting reasonable accommodations
- Becoming career ready
- Developing an action plan
- Learning to self-advocate

