

NAVIGATING ADULT SERVICES



	ACCES-VR (888) 652-7062	NYSCB (716) 847-3516	OPWDD (800) 487-6310	OMH (716) 816-2001	College Disability Services	ILC (716) 836-0822	Other Services
Contact Information	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation www.acces.nysed.gov/vr	New York State Commission for the Blind www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cb	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities www.opwdd.ny.gov/	Office of Mental Health www.omh.ny.gov	Individual college websites Collegiate Consortium of Disability Advocates http://www.wnyccda.org/ WNY College Connection www.wnycollegeconnection.com	Independent Living Center http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lsn/ilc/about.htm	Department of Labor www.labor.state.ny.us (716) 851-2600 Department of Health www.health.state.ny.us/ (716) 858-7690
Target Population	Adults (post-secondary) with a documented permanent disability that impacts their ability to seek, secure and maintain employment	Children and adults who are legally blind are eligible for vocational rehabilitation services	Children and adults with a documented developmental disability	Children and adults with a documented mental health diagnosis.	Adult college students who have a documented disability that requires they need accommodations in order to have equal access to education	Individuals with disabilities and Elderly individuals	DOL – Youth and adults looking for employment. DOH – Anyone with a health-related concern.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical or mental impairment Impairment impedes employment Ability to benefit from services Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legally blind visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye Or Vision field of 140 degrees or less in the better eye Have one or more physical or mental impairments that keep them from working Need rehabilitation services to get or keep employment Benefit from services 	Documented developmental disability (prior to age 22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellectual Disability Autism Cerebral Palsy Epilepsy Neurological Impairment Closely related conditions that limit intellectual functioning 	Children (before 18): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Severity of Problem Presentation Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Behaviors Caregiver strengths/needs Adults (over 18): Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-declare disability Documentation of disability, that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a diagnosis of your current disability the date of the diagnosis how the diagnosis was reached the credentials of the professional how your disability affects a major life activity and how the disability affects your academic performance 	Independent Living Center All disabilities – check with local provider regarding documentation requirements.	NYS Department of Labor Universal access. NYS Department of Health Services are available based on an individual's disability or medical concern.

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Cost	No cost to determine eligibility. Sponsorship in some services may be based on income and/or family resources	No cost to determine eligibility.	Services available through Medicaid	Services available through Medicaid	No Cost (Although College Tuition and Admission Fees still apply)	No cost	NYS Department of Labor No cost NYS Department of Health No cost
Services Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational counseling • Assessment • Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school) • Job placement services • Job skills training • Driver evaluation training • Supported Employment • Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology • Referral to outside agencies for additional supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation services • Training for Employment • Business Enterprise Program • Programs for older adults • Programs for children • Services provided in home, community, and private rehabilitation services • Counseling and guidance to family • Advocacy services • Educational consultation • Vocational coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent advocacy training • Service coordination • Family supports services and financial counseling • Residential Support • Supported Employment • Community support services (in-home support, respite) • Self-determination • Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment) • Healthcare (Medicaid) 	Children and Adult Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic Treatment • Day Treatment • Family Support Services • Functional Family Therapy • Home and Community-Based Services Waiver • Intensive Case Management (Medicaid) • School-Based Mental Health Services • Single Point of Access • Supportive Case Management 	Accommodations Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taker • Enlarged print material • Extra time on tests • Tape record classes • Textbooks on tape • Computer voice input/output • Alternate test locations • Test/ assignments in electronic format • Interpreter 	Independent Living Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Assistant Program • Peer counseling • Housing assistance • Advocacy • Information and referral • Living skills training 	NYS Department of Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Benefits • Career Services • Finding a job • Planning your career • One Stop services • Worker Protection NYS Department of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD Clinic • Obesity prevention • Eating disorders • Substance abuse prevention • Pregnancy planning • Traumatic Brain Injury
How to Access Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete signed application • Documentation of disability • Availability to participate in assessment and training process Comply with requests of VR counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete signed application • Documentation of disability • Participate in initial interview • Provide necessary reports • If eligible, work with a counselor to develop a plan for services and/or employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call to DDRO • Documentation of a developmental disability • Complete Admission packet submit to local DDRO eligibility determination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to County Department of Mental Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self- declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college • Documentation of disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your local ILC 	NYS Department of Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local office NYS Department of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local office