

# NAVIGATING ADULT SERVICES



	<b>ACCES-VR</b> 1-800-222-JOBS (5627) TTY: 716-848-8105	<b>NYSCB</b> 1-866-871-3000 TTY: 1-866-871-6000	<b>OPWDD</b> 1-866-946-9733 NY Relay System 7-1-1	<b>OMH</b> 1-800-597-8481	<b>College Disability Services</b>	<b>ILC</b> (518)-474-2925 TTY:1-800-222-5627	<b>Other Services</b>
<b>Contact Information</b>	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr">www.acces.nysed.gov/vr</a>	New York State Commission for the Blind <a href="http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cb">www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cb</a>	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities <a href="http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/">www.opwdd.ny.gov/</a>	Office of Mental Health <a href="http://www.omh.ny.gov">www.omh.ny.gov</a>	Individual college websites Collegiate Consortium of Disability Advocates <a href="http://www.wnyccda.org/">http://www.wnyccda.org/</a>  WNY College Connection <a href="http://www.wnycollegeconnection.com">www.wnycollegeconnection.com</a>	Independent Living Center <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lisn/ilc/about.htm">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lisn/ilc/about.htm</a>	Department of Labor <a href="http://www.labor.state.ny.us">www.labor.state.ny.us</a> (716) 851-2600  Department of Health <a href="http://www.health.state.ny.us/">www.health.state.ny.us/</a> (716) 858-7690
<b>Target Population</b>	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	<b>DOL</b> – Youth and adults looking for employment.  <b>DOH</b> – Anyone with a health-related concern.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical or mental impairment</li> <li>Impairment impedes employment</li> <li>Ability to benefit from services</li> <li>Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>Have one or more physical or mental impairments that keep them from working</li> <li>Need rehabilitation services to get or keep employment</li> <li>Benefit from services</li> </ul>	Documented developmental disability (prior to age 22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intellectual Disability</li> <li>Autism</li> <li>Cerebral Palsy</li> <li>Epilepsy</li> <li>Neurological Impairment</li> <li>Closely related conditions that limit intellectual functioning</li> </ul>	Children (before 18): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severity of Problem Presentation</li> <li>Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma</li> <li>Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Behaviors</li> <li>Caregiver strengths/needs</li> </ul> </li> </ol> Adults (over 18): Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-declare disability</li> <li>Documentation of disability, that includes:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a diagnosis of your current disability</li> <li>the date of the diagnosis</li> <li>how the diagnosis was reached</li> <li>the credentials of the professional</li> <li>how your disability affects a major life activity and how the disability affects your academic performance</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<b>Independent Living Center</b> All disabilities – check with local provider regarding documentation requirements.	<b>NYS Department of Labor</b> Universal access.  <b>NYS Department of Health</b> 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	<b>NYS Department of Labor</b> No cost  <b>NYS Department of Health</b> No cost
Services Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational counseling</li> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school)</li> <li>• Job placement services</li> <li>• Job skills training</li> <li>• Driver evaluation training</li> <li>• Supported Employment</li> <li>• Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology</li> <li>• Referral to outside agencies for additional supports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation services</li> <li>• Training for Employment</li> <li>• Business Enterprise Program</li> <li>• Programs for older adults</li> <li>• Programs for children</li> <li>• Services provided in home, community, and private rehabilitation services</li> <li>• Counseling and guidance to family</li> <li>• Advocacy services</li> <li>• Educational consultation</li> <li>• Vocational coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent advocacy training</li> <li>• Service coordination</li> <li>• Family supports services and financial counseling</li> <li>• Residential Support</li> <li>• Supported Employment</li> <li>• Community support services (in-home support, respite)</li> <li>• Self-determination</li> <li>• Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment)</li> <li>• Healthcare (Medicaid)</li> </ul>	Children and Adult Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Treatment</li> <li>• Day Treatment</li> <li>• Family Support Services</li> <li>• Functional Family Therapy</li> <li>• Home and Community-Based Services Waiver</li> <li>• Intensive Case Management (Medicaid)</li> <li>• School-Based Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Single Point of Access</li> <li>• Supportive Case Management</li> </ul>	Accommodations Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note taker</li> <li>• Enlarged print material</li> <li>• Extra time on tests</li> <li>• Tape record classes</li> <li>• Textbooks on tape</li> <li>• Computer voice input/output</li> <li>• Alternate test locations</li> <li>• Test/ assignments in electronic format</li> <li>• Interpreter</li> </ul>	Independent Living Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client Assistant Program</li> <li>• Peer counseling</li> <li>• Housing assistance</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Information and referral</li> <li>• Living skills training</li> </ul>	NYS Department of Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment Benefits</li> <li>• Career Services</li> <li>• Finding a job</li> <li>• Planning your career</li> <li>• One Stop services</li> <li>• Worker Protection</li> </ul> NYS Department of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STD Clinic</li> <li>• Obesity prevention</li> <li>• Eating disorders</li> <li>• Substance abuse prevention</li> <li>• Pregnancy planning</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> </ul>
How to Access Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete signed application</li> <li>• Documentation of disability</li> <li>• Availability to participate in assessment and training process</li> </ul> Comply with requests of VR counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete signed application</li> <li>• Documentation of disability</li> <li>• Participate in initial interview</li> <li>• Provide necessary reports</li> <li>• If eligible, work with a counselor to develop a plan for services and/or employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone call to DDRO</li> <li>• Documentation of a developmental disability</li> <li>• Complete Admission packet submit to local DDRO eligibility determination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application to County Department of Mental Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self- declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college</li> <li>• Documentation of disability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact your local ILC</li> </ul>	NYS Department of Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local office</li> </ul> NYS Department of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local office</li> </ul>