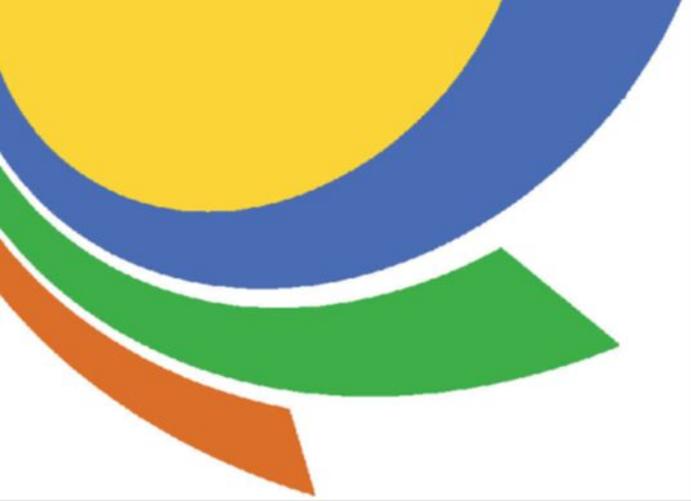

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES (DVRS)





What is DVRS

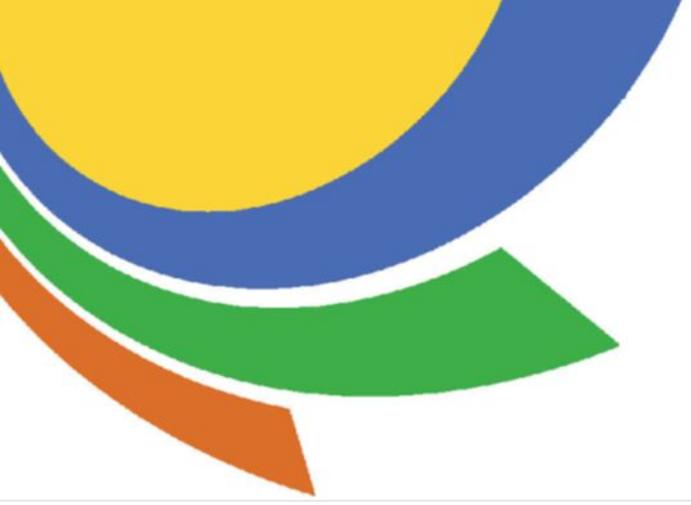
DVRS stands for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services within the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development

DVRS helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain competitive employment

More recently, DVRS has started going into the high schools and informing students of Pre- Employment Services that can be offered while they are in school, up until the age of 24 years old.



The mission of the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is to enable eligible individuals with disabilities to achieve an employment outcome consistent with their strengths, priorities, needs, abilities, and capabilities.



Who should be referred to DVRS?

- Students that are 14 years of age or older, who have expressed a desire to work in competitive employment or need additional support and guidance to transition out of high school.
- Students who have a significant disability (physical, cognitive, and/or mental impairment) as documented in an IEP, 504 Plan, and/or other evaluations or medical records

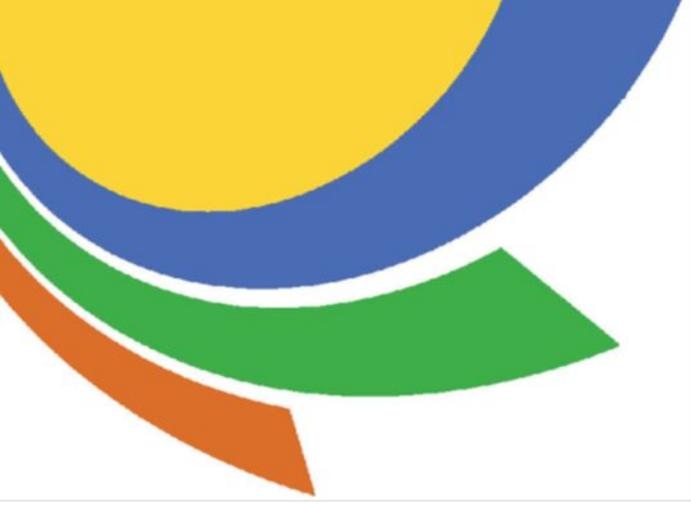


5 Services offered for Pre-Employment

-these can last up until the age of 24-

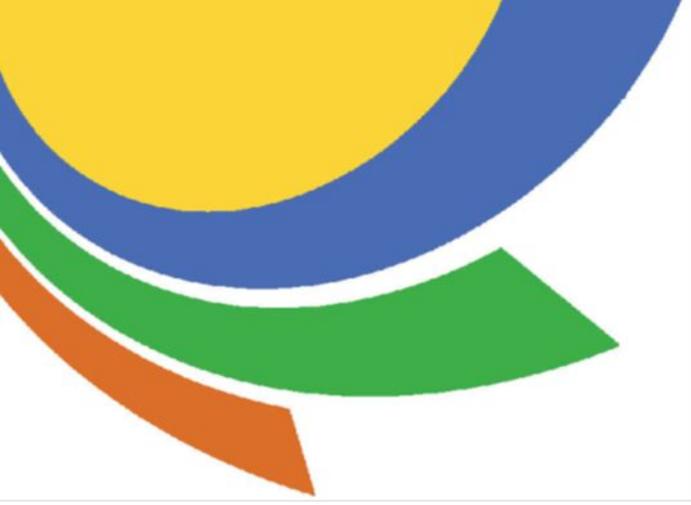
- Job Exploration Counseling
- Post- Secondary Educational Counseling
- Workplace Readiness Training
- Job Sampling in the Community
- Self-Advocacy Training

All 5 of these are good for someone with limited vocational experience or are unsure of their goals/interests.



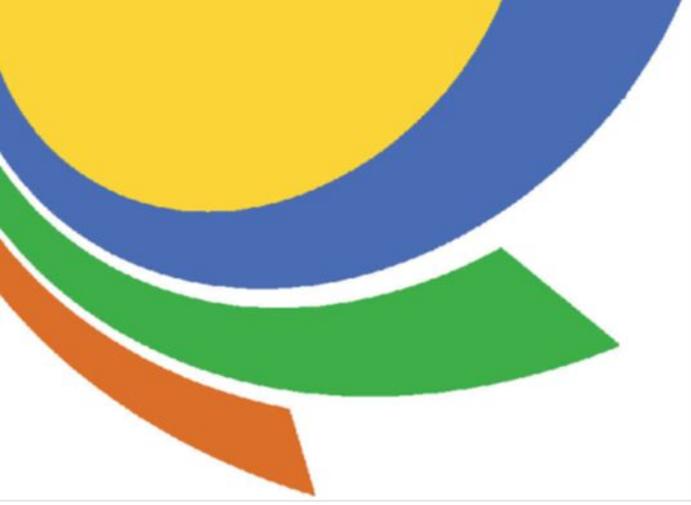
Job Exploration Counseling

- Students will work individually with a skills trainer to take interest inventories and determine interests, aptitudes and abilities.
- Once these are determined, the student and skills trainer will focus on what type of jobs could be a good fit for them.



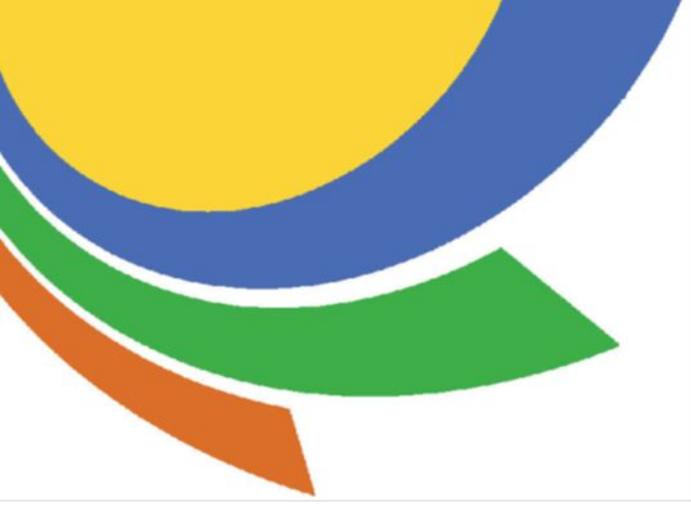
Post-Secondary Education Counseling

- If there is an interest in furthering your education, working with a skills trainer to sort out your career goals could be beneficial. Together, you can research what schools offer the programs you are interested in. They can also discuss the difference between vocational schools, trades, community college and 4-year schools to see what may be the best for your field of interest and major.



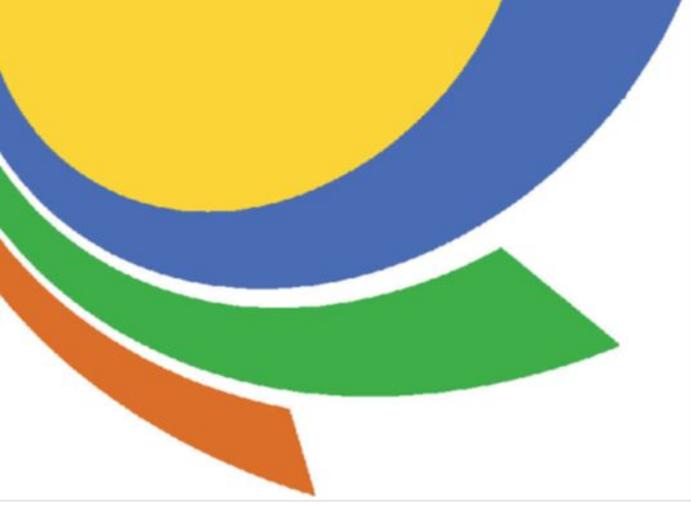
Workplace Readiness Training

- Working together to learn and improve on general work skills and social skills needed to be successful in the workforce.
 - Workplace etiquette
 - Resume writing
 - Interview prep
 - How to dress for an interview and job
 - Time management
 - Co-worker relations
 - Reading a schedule



Job Sampling in the Community

- This gives students the opportunity to sample different sites and jobs in the community. These are real life work settings that will give students exposure to various types of jobs.
- This helps determine strengths, weaknesses, interests, etc.



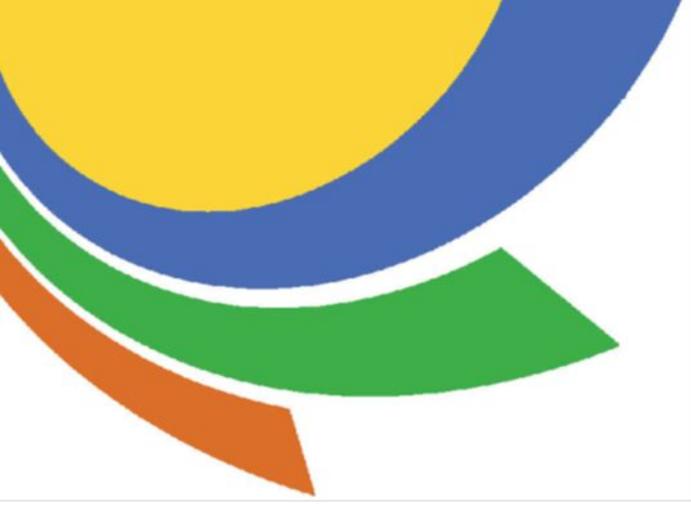
Self-Advocacy Training

- Students will learn how to communicate in the workplace and ask for accommodations, speak up for themselves when needed.
- General social skills will also be worked on.



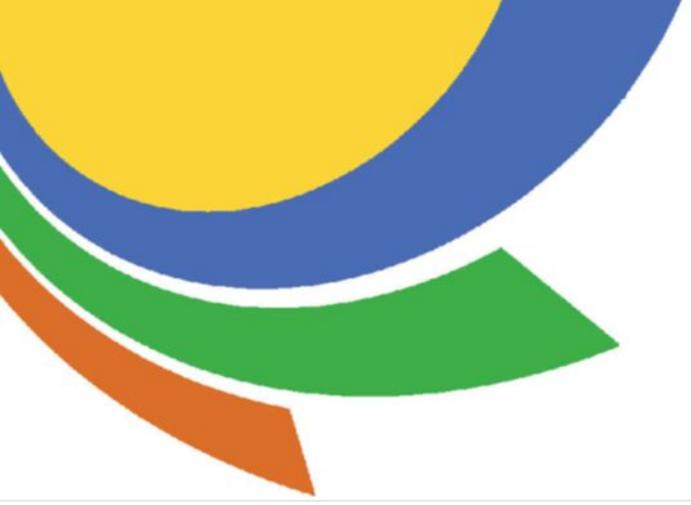
Paid Internship

- ***Student Internship Program*** - A DVRS Funded Program Serving Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth & Ocean Counties.
- 3 Weeks of Pre-Work Training- (\$300 worth of Gift Cards Upon Completion)
- 150 Hours of Paid Work at \$18 per Hour on an Approved Worksite (Minimum of 10 hours per Week)
- 3 Weeks of Post-Work Training- (\$300 worth of Gift Cards Upon Completion)
- Flexible Work Schedule Around School Hours, Participants must be an in-school youth ages 16-21, have reliable transportation & must be able to safely and independently work within the community.



Skills Trainers

- DVR has various agencies/vendors that we work with to provide these services. Each student will get a skills trainer to work with them on an individual basis.
- They typically meet 1:1 weekly or bi-weekly depending on the schedule of the student. Skills trainers do often go into the school to meet with students if their class schedule allows for it. Can also meet after school hours.
- This is no cost to the school or family; DVR provides the PE services in full.



How to get started..

- Step 1

- * REFERRAL :

- School staff typically make the referral – this fosters the collaboration between the school and DVRS and streamlines the process of obtaining needed school documentation
 - Parents/guardians can ask the school to make a referral or do it themselves

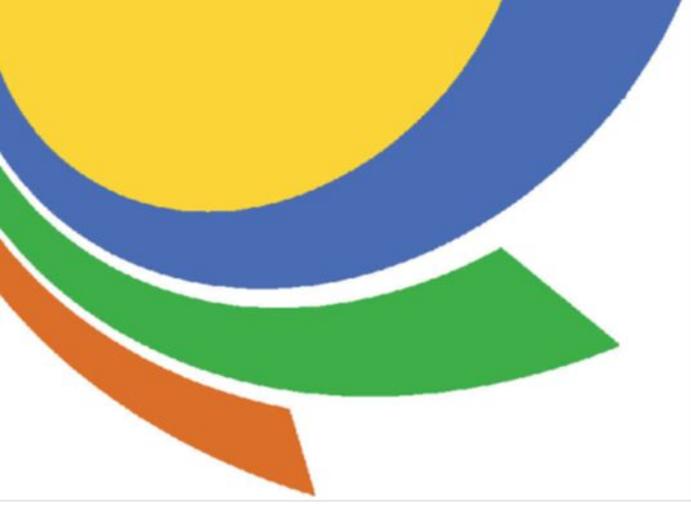


How to get started..

- Step 2

- *APPLICATION :

- Once the referral form is received, the DVR counselor and student will have a short meeting (if they have not already) to discuss what the goals are and what may be the best services for them to start with.
 - When that has been done, the counselor will need the most recent IEP and testing. A referral for the specific services will be mailed over to the vendor and a skills trainer will be assigned and they will reach out with a start date.



IEP Meetings with the high school

- Counselors can attend students IEP meetings throughout high school to discuss Pre-Employment services or Job Coaching services. If school staff, student or parent are unsure if services would be appropriate, we can always discuss that.
- A student does not need to have already been referred or have an open case with DVR for counselor to attend IEP meetings. As long as the student has an IEP or 504, we can attend meetings as needed.



Adult Services

- DVR services do not end after HS graduation. We also offer adult services that can include the following:
 - Vocational / Career counseling and guidance
 - Job placement services
 - Help to pay for vocational or college training required for a specific job – family must be under financial guidelines
 - Supported Employment / Job coaching
 - Counseling on Social Security benefits
- * All of these can be further discussed at a meeting closer to graduation.

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