Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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DVR Administrator

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DVR Mission

To assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain, or improve employment

Find a Job.
Keep a Job.
Get a Better Job.
Disability Types Served by DVR

In FFY 2020, DVR served **26,054** individuals whose disability types included:

- ADHD
- AODA
- Autism
- Blind/Visual
- Brain Injuries
- Congenital Condition or Birth Injury
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Intellectual
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Illness
- Orthopedic
- Physical
- Other
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**DVR Director Locations**

**Other DVR Locations**

- **Ladysmith**: 1104 Lake Ave. West
- **Wausau**: 364 Grand Ave.
- **Eau Claire**: 221 W. Madison St.
- **La Crosse**: 2615 East Ave. South
- **Madison**: 1801 Aberg Ave.
- **Janesville**: 1900 Center Ave.

- **Green Bay**: 301 N. Adams St.
- **Oshkosh**: 219 Washington Ave.
- **Milwaukee**: 2701 S. Chase Ave.
- **Racine**: 1516 S. Green Bay Rd.
- **Waukesha**: 2607 N. Grandview Blvd.

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DVR Service Delivery

• At any given time, DVR is actively engaged with roughly 16,000 job seekers with disabilities who are working toward an employment goal

• DVR works with youth and adults with varying strengths and abilities

• Services to help meet employment goals are individualized and will look different for each person
To be Eligible for DVR Services

• Must have a disability

• Must have documentation of your disability or receiving SSI or SSDI

• Disability makes it hard to find a job, keep a job, or get a better job

• Requires DVR services to help with employment
DVR Wait List

Federal law gives service priority to individuals with the most significant disabilities

- **Category 1**: Most significant disability – immediate DVR service
- **Category 2**: Significant disability – immediate DVR service
- **Category 3**: All other eligible individuals – an indeterminate wait

- Federal law requires that DVR use a wait list when there are not enough resources (fiscal and staff) to serve all eligible individuals
  - Wait list times can change, based on service capacity challenges
DVR job seekers develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) with their DVR counselor, which defines:

- The job goal
- The services that are needed to reach that goal
- The job seeker’s role and responsibilities
Examples of services that DVR can provide are:

- Guidance and Counseling
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Self-Employment planning
- Finding and keeping a job
- Assistive Technology
- Training
Information and Referral

DVR staff will provide information about community agencies and other workforce partners to address needs:

- Mental health agencies
- Crisis centers
- Shelters
- Social service agencies
- Veteran agencies
- Food banks
## Consumers Identified as Homeless

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