



Parents often ask

How can I collaborate with my youth and their counselors?

Your support during the rehabilitation process is very important to your youth's success. In addition to emotional support, if your youth is under 18, you must authorize all services provided by DVR.

Do we have to pay anything if our youth receives vocational rehabilitation services?

Some services are provided at no cost, such as job placement, and others are based on financial need. You will be asked to disclose your financial resources and may be asked to share in the cost of some services. A DVR counselor will explain your responsibilities.

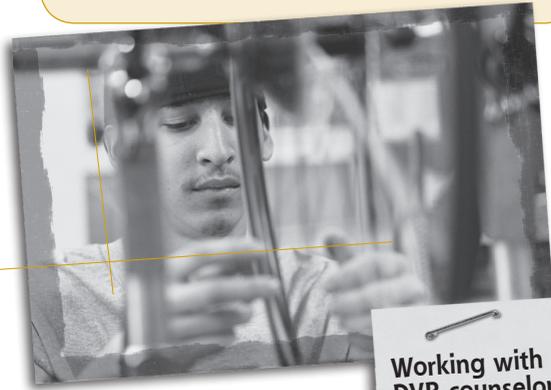
Web site info:

To find your high school's DVR Counselor or to view the DVR Transition DVD, go to **DVR's web site for School Transition:**

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr/QuickLinks/SchoolTransition/Transition.aspx>

There is a School Transition link under Quick Links on the right side of DVR's web page:

www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr



Working with my DVR counselor, I got the job I wanted as a bicycle technician.

For more information about **Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services**, visit us on the web at

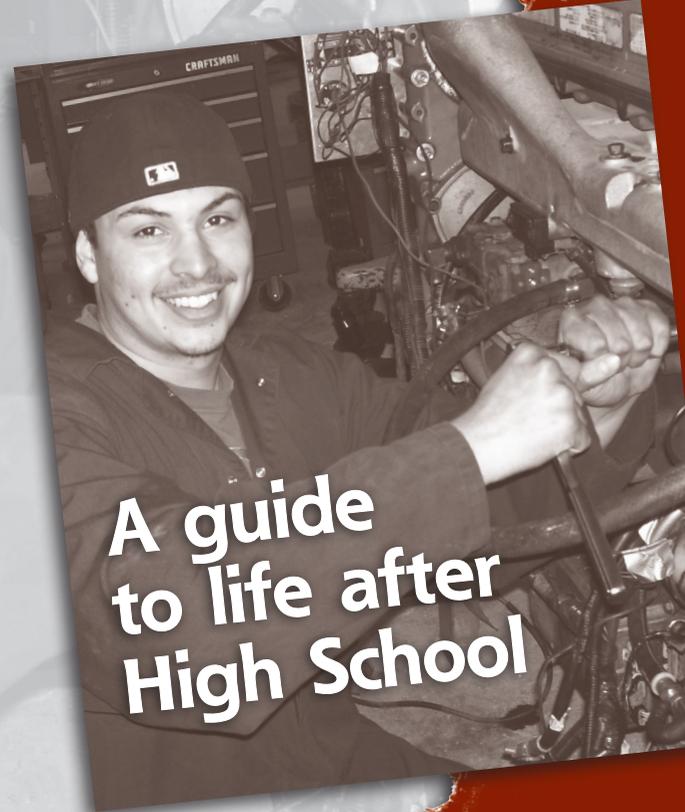
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or call us at **1-800-637-5627 (Voice/TTY)**

DVR's Purpose

DVR's purpose is to empower people with disabilities to achieve a greater quality of life by obtaining and maintaining employment. DVR believes employment contributes to a person's ability to live independently and everyone has a right to work.

As a division of the Department of Social and Health Services, with offices located throughout Washington, DVR has partnered with communities since 1933 to help meet the employment needs of people with disabilities and employers.



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What is SCHOOL to WORK transition?

School to work transition services are designed to help students with disabilities develop and pursue their career goals after high school.

It is a team effort between students, family members, teachers and school staff, employers, and other agencies along with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to begin your successful work life after high school.

As you leave high school, many things change: you will go to work and become independent, get more job training or education, handle your own money or financial benefits, and you will have more time to focus on your career.

How can DVR help you?

The **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**, known as **DVR**, can help you prepare for and go to work in the community after you leave high school. DVR sees a world where ALL people with disabilities who want to work are employed in careers that are satisfying and make them economically secure.

Is DVR Right for you?

You may be eligible for DVR services if you can answer "YES" to both of these questions:

1. Do you have a physical, sensory, cognitive, mental or learning disability that makes it difficult to get or keep a job?
2. Do you need help preparing for, getting and keeping a job?

You are in the driver's seat of your rehabilitation process!



I'm so focused on the big picture... my career. Moving out and going on to college is just all part of the big plan.

How do I apply for DVR services?

- Make an appointment with the DVR counselor who serves your high school or contact the local DVR office.
- You will be given a DVR application and other paperwork to fill out.
- Please bring your picture ID and Social Security card or your birth certificate.

How do I know if I qualify for DVR services?

- Once you apply, DVR will gather information about you and your disability to see if you qualify for services.*
- Your DVR counselor may send you for other tests or evaluations. DVR will set up and pay for any required evaluations.
- After receiving all the information and evaluations, your DVR counselor uses the information to decide whether you require DVR services to get or keep a job.

What happens after I know I qualify for DVR services?

- **Choose a Job Goal**
You and a DVR counselor explore the different careers and jobs that best match your strengths, abilities, interests and the job market. The work you have already done at school should help you with some ideas.
- **Plan for Employment**
You will choose a job goal and begin work to get the job you want. Your DVR counselor offers guidance and support as you move through the steps of your employment plan and makes sure you get the services needed to reach your job goal.
- **Successfully Employed**
After you get a job, DVR will keep in contact with you for at least 90 days to make sure everything is going well and the job is a good match.

* All of the information DVR collects about you is kept confidential. We do not share information about you without your written approval.