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### A Team of Professionals

DVR counselors work closely with customers throughout the rehabilitation process. DVR counselors are skilled professionals in the area of understanding disabilities and how disabilities relate to employment.

We welcome the involvement of family, friends, advocates and other social supports and programs that will contribute to a successful outcome. Partnering improves communication and coordination of our unique services for the individual.



We appreciate your referrals and we encourage you to contact the office nearest to you for a visit or to have us come and give a presentation about DVR services.

### Where can community partners find out more?

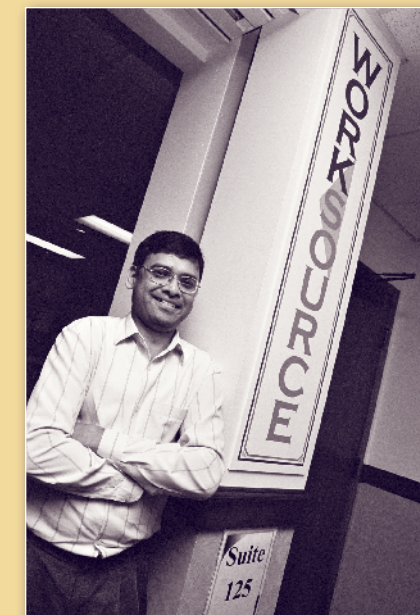
Log onto DVR’s website for local office contact information at:

[www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr)

...and click on **Contact DVR**, or call 1-800-637-5627.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**A Partner with  
Washington’s Communities  
since 1933**



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**DVR** Division  
of Vocational  
Rehabilitation



## 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.

## Helping People with Disabilities

With offices statewide, DVR has been a partner with Washington's communities since 1933. As a division of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), DVR is designed to help meet the employment needs of people with disabilities.

To be eligible for DVR services a person must:

- 1) have a physical or mental disability that is a substantial impediment to employment;
- 2) be able to benefit from VR services in terms of employment; and
- 3) require VR services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain employment.

It is important that an individual be able to actively participate in the rehabilitation process and the disability be as stable as possible.

## Individualized Services

The services each person receives are based on the unique needs of the individual and are designed to eliminate or reduce the barriers to employment being created by the individual's disability.

DVR services differ from those found in other job training programs. DVR services include trial work evaluation, independent living, assistive technology, benefits planning, vocational counseling, training, job placement, medical services and/or therapy.



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