From classrooms to career success, TRANSITION: SCHOOL-TO-WORK gets you where you want to go.

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WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?

You owe it to yourself to:
• Discover your strengths and interests
• Develop an individualized plan for employment
• Learn work skills
• Become competitively employed in the community

At the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, we want you to know, we’re here to serve. We have the resources to help you.

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YOU HAVE QUESTIONS – WE HAVE ANSWERS

WHAT ARE REHABILITATION SERVICES?
Rehabilitation Services help individuals who have physical, visual or mental disabilities find suitable employment in the community.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?
Eligibility is determined on an individual basis by a rehabilitation counselor. It is based upon medical, psychological and/or educational testing information, which indicate that there is a barrier to employment and the individual needs rehabilitation services to obtain a job. An assessment of job potential may be provided to your family at no cost.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR SERVICES?
Applications for services may begin at the age of 16.

WHAT SERVICES CAN THE DRS TRANSITION: SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM PROVIDE?
This program is based on individual needs, so each student’s vocational plan will be different. Eligible students will receive career counseling and guidance and may be provided work experience through work study, work adjustment training and job placement. Supported employment may be provided in the second semester of their senior year.

HOW ARE REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE SCHOOL YEARS?
Rehabilitation counselors are available to work with students with disabilities, parents and high school personnel. The goal is to help students to transition from school to work or post-high school training.

HOW LONG DOES DRS PROVIDE SERVICES?
There is no set time. Some individual vocational plans may take several years. Time varies by services provided. Services may be provided until an individual is suitably employed for 90 days or more.

WHAT WILL PARENTS AND STUDENTS BE ASKED TO DO?
Parental involvement and support is important, especially in the early part of the process. Our goal is to move the student toward greater independence. All information collected will be held in confidence under the policies of DRS. Parents and students, in collaboration with the DRS counselor, will be involved in the formulation of a vocational plan.

IS THERE A WAITING LIST?
There may be times when there is a wait for services. Students are encouraged to apply early.

WHO PAYS FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES?
Rehabilitation services are funded through a combination of state and federal dollars to help people with disabilities get jobs. When available, benefits may also be obtained from other public and private agencies. For high school students participating in the program, services are provided at no charge. However, once students leave high school and become adults, they may be required to participate in the cost of some services, depending on their incomes.