

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

WHAT IS IT?

WHY YOU SHOULD DO IT?

Vocational Rehabilitation is a state program whose purpose is to help unemployed and/or disabled persons find jobs. Typically, an unemployed or disabled person meets with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. The Counselor looks at a person's education, skills, and job history and then comes up with a plan that will help that person get back into the work force. Sometimes, in order to put together a plan, the Counselor will have the person take some tests, such as job interest tests, aptitude tests, IQ tests, and/or psychological tests.

The plan may include job placement at lighter jobs or at less skilled jobs. The plan may include educational opportunities such as learning a new trade, obtaining a GED, or college classes. Usually, if the plan recommends further education, the state will pay for that education. Also, if the plan recommends accommodations such as equipment to help the disabled person work, the state will pay for that equipment.

If you go through Vocational Rehabilitation and they find you a job and you like the job, you may not need Social Security Disability benefits.

If you go through Vocational Rehabilitation and they cannot find you a job, then the fact they could not find you a job will help prove disability in your Social Security Disability case.

As a result, I recommend that you go through Vocational Rehabilitation. The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor often meets with people in their county of residence.

Website for Indiana www.in.gov/fssa

Website for Ohio www.ood.ohio.gov/Core-Services/BVR

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