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## **New Anniston facility combines ADRS services**

ANNISTON – A newly opened Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) complex in Anniston unites five previously separate offices in northeast Alabama.

The facility brings together the Anniston offices of Alabama's Early Intervention System (EI), Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS), Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VR), and the State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL) Service as well as the Talladega CRS office.

Located in Anniston near the satellite campus of Gadsden State Community College at 1900 Coleman Road, the new facility features a single-story 26,000 square-foot building with better accessibility, a greatly increased clinic space, ample parking and ease of access to public transportation. A nearby career center will also be convenient and beneficial to consumers seeking job assistance.

The new Anniston facility offers numerous advantages and improvements compared to offices previously servicing the area, said ADRS Commissioner Cary Boswell. The former offices serving the area were cramped and sometimes difficult to access by elevator. The current facility offers greater accessibility to the public and unifies all area programs under one roof, strengthening the collaboration between programs in the department's continuum of services, which serves Alabamians from birth to old age with disabilities.

"These latest changes reflect the department's ongoing commitment to serving clients in all areas of Rehabilitation Services," said Boswell.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.