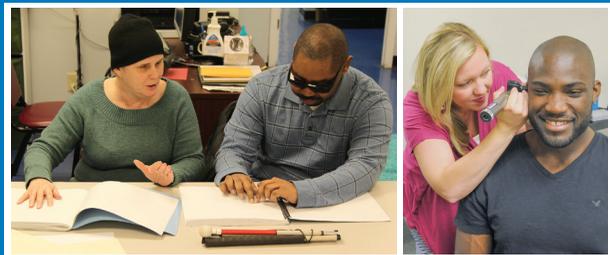


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ONE department. ONE mission.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services serves Alabama's children and adults with disabilities through four major programs:

Alabama's Early Intervention System, Children's Rehabilitation Service, Vocational Rehabilitation Service, and the State of Alabama Independent Living/Homebound Service.

VITAL TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

Whether a person is born with a disability or acquires one later in life, education provides the foundation for success.

The department's unique *continuum of services* supports thousands of Alabamians – from youngsters preparing to begin school to adults pursuing a post-secondary education.

Alabama's Early Intervention System

Alabama's Early Intervention System (AEIS) was created as a critical first step to ensuring that all children begin school ready to learn.

AEIS programs throughout the state provide specialized instruction; physical, occupational, and speech-language therapies; service coordination; and parent and family education.

To be eligible for services, a child must be between birth and age 3 and have at least a 25 percent delay in one or more of the five developmental areas: hearing or seeing; walking; talking; learning; and/or getting along with others.

If you are concerned about your child's development, call the toll-free [Early Intervention Child Find number, 1-800-543-3098](tel:1-800-543-3098) (or TTY 800-499-1816). Spanish-speaking families may call 1-866-450-2838.

(AEIS is committed to the provision of supports and appropriate early intervention services in natural environments or community settings such as child care environments, recreation environments, and other environments with peers without disabilities.)

Children's Rehabilitation Service

Through its network of community partnerships, Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) provides an array of specialty medical services by way of six programs offered through 14 community-based offices throughout Alabama:

- Information and Referral
- Clinical Evaluation
- Clinical Medical (with 150 specialty clinics throughout the state)
- Patient and Family Education
- Care Coordination
- Parent Connection
- Youth Connection

CRS also collaborates with school systems around the state to provide expertise and consultation for assessment, evaluation, therapy services, and augmentative communication devices, helping children with special health care needs participate more fully in school.

To be eligible for CRS services, a child must be an Alabama resident younger than 21* and have a special health care need.

CRS Hemophilia Program

The CRS Hemophilia Program provides highly supervised disability management, patient education, self-infusion education, and medical treatment for Alabamians with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

Services include: factor replacement, products and supplies, medications, surgery, bracing, physical evaluation, and genetic and HIV risk management counseling.

**Individuals with hemophilia are eligible beyond 21 years of age.*

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS) provides specialized employment-related services, training, and education to assist Alabamians with disabilities in becoming employed.

To ensure students with disabilities have the resources to succeed in school, VRS also collaborates with high schools and postsecondary schools.

VRS provides trained, job-ready employees and a wide range of consultant services to Alabama's business community.

To be eligible for services, individuals must have a physical or mental impairment which results in a substantial barrier to employment, and there must be a reasonable expectation that he or she can benefit from rehabilitation services in terms of becoming employed.

VRS services

- Education assistance
- Educational/vocational evaluation and counseling
- Job training/placement
- Employer services
- Assistive technology/equipment
- Orientation and mobility training
- Post-employment assistance

Speciality programs

- Blind and Deaf Services
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
- OASIS (for older Alabamians with vision loss)
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Supported Employment
- Transition Service
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) care coordination

State of Alabama Independent Living

The State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL) Service provides specialized in-home counseling, attendant care, training and medical services to Alabamians with significant disabilities.

SAIL ensures the consumer can be as independent as possible at home, school, the workplace, and in the community through three specialized programs:

SAIL Homebound Program

To be eligible for the Homebound Program, an individual must have had a brain or spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia due to trauma and must require services to be able to remain at home rather than becoming institutionalized.

SAIL Independent Living Program

To be eligible for Independent Living Support Services, a person must have a significant physical, mental, cognitive, visual or hearing impairment which limits his or her ability to function independently in the family or community or limits the ability to obtain, maintain or advance in school or employment.

SAIL waiver program

The State of Alabama Independent Living waiver assists eligible individuals with significant physical disabilities between the ages of 18 and 60 in remaining independent in their communities, helping them avoid institutional placement.

SAIL/VRS Hybrid Program

SAIL partners with sister program Vocational Rehabilitation Service to provide comprehensive services to assist individuals with significant physical disabilities in pursuing work goals.