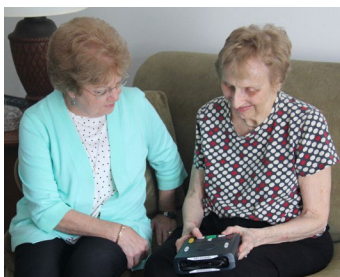




VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BLIND and DEAF SERVICES

A division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services



Working for People with Vision and Hearing Loss



***Unlock your
unique
talents to
maximize***



***your
potential
in the
workforce***

REHABILITATION COUNSELING AND EMPLOYMENT

For individuals who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, navigating the job market can be tough. However, our specially trained counselors provide person-alized support to assist consumers in choosing a career path, identifying educational and training needs, and securing employment.

A rehabilitation counselor can:

- offer counseling and guidance on work and disability issues
- assist with career planning
- assist with education and vocational training
- provide job readiness training
- provide assistive technology services and devices
- assist with workplace accommodations
- provide job development, placement and retention

BLIND SERVICES

VISION REHABILITATION THERAPY

Unlock your full potential with the help of a highly trained vision rehabilitation therapist (VRT). These highly trained professionals possess the expertise to guide and support individuals with visual impairments and blindness.

Experience a range of top-notch services, including but not limited to:

- evaluating current independent living skills and determine the areas in which training is needed
- providing training in all aspects of everyday living skills
- providing training in communication techniques such as Braille reading and writing and the use of computers
- providing training in using handheld, stand, or video magnifiers; effectively using contrast and lighting; and methods of glare control, all of which will maximize the use of low vision
- providing training to enhance job readiness skills

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

Orientation and mobility (O&M) specialists teach skills that help individuals understand their location (orientation) and move safely (mobility). They equip people with the necessary skills to travel safely.

The training offered by O&M specialists covers a wide range of skills, including:

- training in human guide techniques
- training in the use of a long cane (indoors and outdoors)
- training in the use of a support or ID cane
- orientation within residential and/or business settings
- training in the proper use of street crossing techniques
- training in the use of public transportation
- providing introduction to skills necessary for obtaining a dog guide
- training in the use of GPS devices
- training in the use of optical devices



AUDIOLOGY

An audiologist is a licensed professional who specializes in evaluating and treating people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Services provided by VRS audiologist may include:

- evaluation of hearing loss to assist in determining eligibility
- educational counseling to understand your hearing loss and how it may impact communication and employment
- recommendations for hearing aids and assistive devices
- training in communication strategies

DEAF SERVICES

DEAF SUPPORT SERVICES

Deaf Support Specialists (DSS) help ADRS consumers with finding and keeping jobs. They work alongside the VR counselor to offer different services to help individuals reach their maximum potential.

Services provided by DSS may include:

- job readiness skills
- job leads
- job development
- assistance with completing job applications
- coaching for job interviews
- job coaching

INTERPRETING

ADRS sign language interpreters are professionals with extensive training who facilitate effective communication between deaf consumers and others.

Interpreting services may be provided for:

- vocational planning and guidance
- vocational training
- job readiness skills workshops/courses
- job interviews
- job placement



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