

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program

### **The Mission of the MRC Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

The mission of the MRC Vocational Rehabilitation Program is to assure the provision of appropriate vocational rehabilitation services for eligible consumers so they may enter part or full-time competitive employment.

### **What is the MRC Vocational Rehabilitation Program and its Results?**

The MRC Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind serve eligible individuals with disabilities who are available and able to attain employment as a result of vocational rehabilitation services.

The MRC Vocational Rehabilitation Program is the federal-state vocational rehabilitation program focused on assisting individuals with a severe disability(s) to become employed. The successful result of the MRC-VR Program is employment in a competitive job. Ideally, the consumer obtains his/her own job, with assistance from the MRC-VR staff and others working with the consumer to secure employment. Once employed, the MRC-graduate-consumer may wish to pursue getting “the job” / reaching the consumer’s ultimate employment goal.

### **Services Provided to the Eligible Consumer**

*(Some of the MRC-VR services available, based on an Individual Plan for Employment for each consume):*

- Vocational counseling, guidance and assistance in job placement.
- Training program, including college if appropriate, to attain entry level employment.
- Rehabilitation Technology services.
- Occupational licenses, tools, initial stocks and supplies for work.
- Job coach services.
- Community based employment services.
- Assistance in developing a “PASS” *(for SSI recipients)* to work.
- Van modification services
- Housing adaptation services
- Necessary and appropriate vocational rehabilitation services based on the Individual Plan for Employment (IPE).

### **Who Pays?**

When possible, the consumer and/or family financially participate in the individual vocational rehabilitation plan based on a Financial Need Determination by MRC. The MRC-VR first utilizes comparable benefits that are available such as: PELL Grants, health insurance, or services available from other agencies to which the Individual is deemed eligible.

## When Should I Apply?

You can apply at any time. For High School aged students with disabilities, it is suggested that you apply 2 years before high school graduation or before turning 22, whichever comes first. There is no upper age limit to applying.

## QUESTIONS

You can contact our Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Hyannis Area Office

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**UNIT SUPERVISOR**  
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For Assistance / Advocacy Services call  
Mass. Office of Disability  
1-800-322-2020

MRC Ombudsperson for problems with MRC  
1-800-245-6543  
(or call the Director of the office serving you)

Social Security Information  
1-800-772-1213

#### IMPORTANT

This notice contains information about your rights or obligations, and should be translated immediately. If you need a translator ask for a listing of translation services.

#### IMPORTANTE

Questo avviso contiene informazioni sui vostri diritti e doveri e deve essere tradotto immediatamente. Se avete bisogno di un servizio di traduzione, richiedete una lista di tali servizi.

#### IMPORTANTE

Este aviso contém informações acerca dos seus direitos e obrigações e deve ser traduzido imediatamente. Se precisar de uma tradução, peça uma lista de agências de tradução no escritório.

#### IMPORTANTE

Este aviso contiene información acerca de sus derechos y obligaciones y debe ser traducido inmediatamente. Si usted necesita un servicio de traducción, pida un listado de dichos servicios en la oficina.

#### IMPORTANT

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#### 重要事項

本通知包含您的權利和義務，應立即被翻譯。若您需要將其  
行，請向本處索取翻譯服務的名單。

#### ສຳຄັນ

ຄຳປະກາດສ່ວນນີ້ມີຄວາມຄ່າງ່າຍດ້ວຍວິທີລະຫັບຊື່ຂອງ  
ຕ່າງໆ, ແລະມັນຄວນຖືກໂຕ້ແປງທັນທີໃນພາສາທີ່ທ່ານເຂົ້າໃຈ. ຖ້າວ່າທ່ານຕ້ອງ  
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#### សេចក្តីសំខាន់

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#### ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ

Αυτή ή ειδοποίησή περιέχει πληροφορίες για τα  
δικαιώματά σας ή τὰς υποχρεώσεις σας και πρέπει να  
μεταφραστεί άμεσα. Εάν χρειάζεστε μεταφραστή,  
ζητήστε να σας δώσουν ένα κατάλογο μεταφραστών στο  
Ο.Α.Τ. Υποφύλαξη της περιοχής σας.

#### QUAN TRONG

Bản thông cáo này bao gồm những tài liệu về quyền lợi cũng  
như nghĩa vụ của quý vị, vì nên được dịch ngay tức khắc.  
Nếu cần người dịch, xin quý vị hỏi

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment and public services provided by government agencies. If consumers or employees of Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission believe they have been discriminated against on the basis of disability, they should contact the Commission's Civil Rights Officer: Mary Connelly, Office of Disability & Community Services, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111, 1-617-348-5945