Parent Training: Understanding the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Empowering Students for Future Employment
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What is the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)?

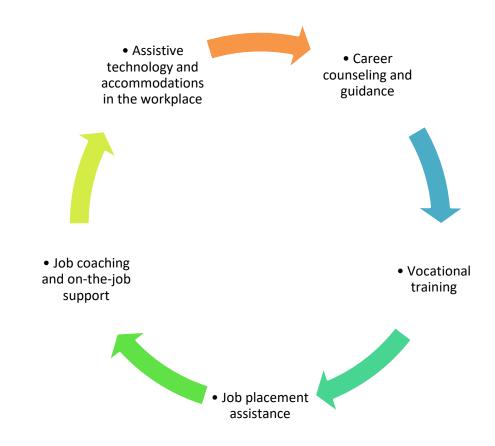
 OVR helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.

 Services are designed to support students in their transition from school to work.

Eligibility for OVR Services

- Students with a documented disability that affects their ability to work may qualify for OVR services.
- The student must be of transition age, typically 14 years and older.
- An evaluation will determine the specific supports and services needed.

Services Provided by OVR



The Role of the Transition Counselor

- Transition counselors work with students, families, and schools to develop individualized plans.
- They help assess the student's strengths, interests, and career goals.

• Counselors connect students with the resources they need to succeed in the workforce.

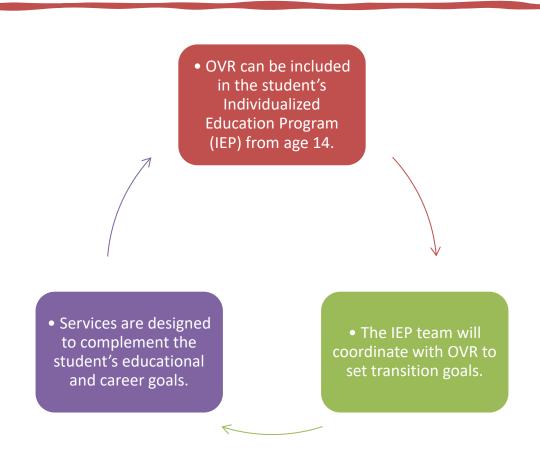
How to Apply for OVR Services

• Referrals can be made by parents, teachers, or the student themselves.

• Contact your local OVR office to schedule an intake appointment.

 The intake process will include evaluations and assessments to determine eligibility.

OVR and the IEP Process



Benefits of OVR for Students

 Access to employment opportunities and job training Individualized support to navigate the transition to adulthood

 Assistance with workplace accommodations and assistive technology

 Increased independence and confidence in the workforce

Resources for OVR

 PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation:**
 www.dli.pa.gov

 National Rehabilitation Information Center:**
 www.naric.com

Local OVR Offices and
 Transition Coordinators**

Q&A

Any questions please contact Dr. Laurel Keegan

Thank You

 Contact for follow-up questions or additional support Please confirm that you have completed this training by completing the form below.

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