

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Fact Sheet

What is the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation?

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (also known as OVR) is a state agency within the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. OVR serves people with disabilities that present a substantial impediment to their employment. Employment related services are provided to individuals who can benefit from and who need assistance to prepare for, enter into, engage in, or retain competitive employment.

Who is eligible for services?

Eligibility for services will be determined by a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor after gaining a thorough understanding of an individual's abilities, limitations, interests, and aptitudes. For an individual to be eligible, they must have a disability – physical, mental, or emotional – which results in a substantial impediment to employment. The individual must be able to benefit from and require services to prepare for, enter into, engage in, or retain competitive employment.

What happens after I become eligible for OVR?

You and your counselor will work together to determine an appropriate job goal and create an Individualized Plan for Employment. The services you receive will be arranged to meet your individual needs and will be directly related to helping you achieve your job goal.

What services can OVR offer?

- Diagnostic Services
- Vocational Evaluation
- Counseling Services
- Restoration Services
- Training Services
- Placement Services

How much does OVR cost?

It does not cost anything to apply for services. There is no charge for diagnostic services, vocational evaluations, counseling, or job placement assistance. If you are eligible for services, your counselor may ask you to provide information on your income and expenses. Depending upon your income, you may have to contribute to the cost of OVR services. This can be explained further during your initial meeting with a counselor.

Who do I contact to learn more?

Contact the District Office (listed on the back of this page) serving the county where you live.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Office Directory

ALLENTOWN BVRS

45 North Fourth Street • Allentown, PA 18102
610.821.6441 • 1.888.377.9207 TTY • 1.800.922.9536
COUNTIES SERVED: Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton

ALTOONA BVRS

1130 12th Avenue • Suite 500 • Altoona, PA 16601
814.946.7240 • 1.866.320.7955 TTY • 1.800.442.6343
COUNTIES SERVED: Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton, Huntingdon

ALTOONA BBVS

1130 12th Avenue • Suite 300 • Altoona, PA 16601
814.946.7330 • 1.866.320.7956 TTY • 1.866.695.7673
COUNTIES SERVED: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Somerset, Union

DUBOIS BVRS

199 Beaver Drive • Dubois, PA 15801
814.371.7340 • 1.800.922.4017 Voice/TTY
COUNTIES SERVED: Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean

ERIE BVRS

3200 Lovell Place • Erie, PA 16503
814.871.4551 • 1.888.217.1710 TTY • 1.800.541.0721
COUNTIES SERVED: Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, Warren

ERIE BBVS

3100 Lovell Place • Erie, PA 16503
814.871.4401 • 1.888.884.5513 TTY • 1.866.521.5073
COUNTIES SERVED: Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren

HARRISBURG BVRS

Forum Place • 555 Walnut Street • 8th Floor • Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.787.7834 • 1.877.497.6545 TTY • 1.800.442.6352
COUNTIES SERVED: Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry

HARRISBURG BBVS

Forum Place • 555 Walnut Street • 8th Floor • Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.787.7500 • 1.888.575.9420 TTY • 1.866.375.8264
COUNTIES SERVED: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York

JOHNSTOWN BVRS

727 Goucher Street • Section 10 • Johnstown, PA 15905
814.255.6771 • 1.866.862.6891 TTY • 1.800.762.4223
COUNTIES SERVED: Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, Westmoreland

NEW CASTLE BVRS

100 Margaret Street • New Castle, PA 16101
724.656.3070 • 1.888.870.4476 TTY • 1.800.442.6379
COUNTIES SERVED: Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence

NORRISTOWN BVRS

1875 New Hope Street • Norristown, PA 19401
484.250.4340 • 1.888.616.0470 TTY • 1.800.221.1042
COUNTIES SERVED: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery

PHILADELPHIA BVRS

444 North Third Street • 5th Floor • Philadelphia, PA 19123
215.560.1900 • 1.800.772.9031 TTY • 1.800.442.6381
COUNTY SERVED: Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA BBVS

444 North Third Street • 5th Floor • Philadelphia, PA 19123
215.560.5700 • 1.888.870.4473 TTY • 1.866.631.3892
COUNTIES SERVED: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia

PITTSBURGH BVRS

531 Penn Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412.392.4950 • 1.888.870.4474 TTY • 1.800.442.6371
COUNTY SERVED: Allegheny

PITTSBURGH BBVS

531 Penn Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412.565.5240 • 1.877.255.5082 TTY • 1.866.412.4072
COUNTIES SERVED: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, Westmoreland

READING BVRS

1090 Commons Boulevard • Reading, PA 19605
610.916.2316 • 1.877.475.7326 TTY • 1.800.442.0949
COUNTIES SERVED: Berks, Schuylkill

WASHINGTON BVRS

201 West Wheeling Street • Washington, PA 15301
724.223.4430 • 1.866.752.6163 TTY • 1.800.442.6367
COUNTIES SERVED: Fayette, Greene, Washington

WILKES-BARRE BVRS

300 G Laird Street • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
570.826.2011 • 1.888.651.6117 TTY • 1.800.634.2060
COUNTIES SERVED: Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming

WILKES-BARRE BBVS

300 G Laird Street • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
570.826.2361 • 1.888.651.6117 TTY • 1.866.227.4163
COUNTIES SERVED: Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming

WILLIAMSPORT BVRS

The Grit Building • Suite 102 • 208 West Third St. • Williamsport, PA 17701
570.327.3600 • 1.800.706.0884 TTY • 1.800.442.6359
COUNTIES SERVED: Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union

YORK BVRS

2550 Kingston Road • Suite 101 • York, PA 17402
717.771.4407 • 1.866.466.1404 TTY • 1.800.762.6306
COUNTIES SERVED: Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, York

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BBVS - Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services