

NAVIGATING ADULT SERVICES

	ACCES - VR	OPWDD	OMH	College Disability Services	Other Services
Contact Information	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services- Vocational Rehabilitation http://www.acces.nyse.d.gov/vr/ includes vocational rehabilitation, transition services, independent living services (listed here under other services), and business services.	Office for People With Developmental Disabilities http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/	Office of Mental Health http://www.omh.ny.gov	Individual college websites For students with intellectual disabilities, specialized programming and access information: www.thinkcollege.net	Department of Labor www.labor.ny.gov http://www.careerzone.ny.gov Independent Living Centers http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/independent-living-centers Department of Health https://www.health.ny.gov/
Target Population	Adults (post-secondary) with a documented permanent disability that impacts their ability to seek, secure and maintain employment	Children and adults with a documented developmental disability	Children and adults with a documented mental health diagnosis	Adult college students who have a documented disability that requires they need accommodations in order to have equal access to education	DOL – Youth and adults looking for employment ILC – Individuals with disabilities and their family DOH – Anyone with a health-related concern

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Eligibility Requirements	- Physical or mental impairment - Impairment impedes employment - Ability to benefit from services - Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers EXCEPTION: individuals who are legally blind are eligible for VR services through the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cbvh/	Documented Developmental Disability (prior to age 22) - Intellectual Disability - Autism - Cerebral Palsy - Epilepsy - Neurological Impairment - Closely related conditions that limit intellectual functioning	Children (before 18): - Severity of Problem Presentation - Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma - Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs) - Risk Behaviors - Caregiver strengths/needs Adults (over 18): - Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional	Self-Declare Disability Documentation of Disability, that includes: - a diagnosis of your current disability - the date of the diagnosis - how the diagnosis was reached - the credentials of the professional - how your disability affects a major life activity - and how the disability affects your academic performance	NYS Department of Labor Universal access Independent Living Center All disabilities – check with local provider regarding documentation requirements NYS Department of Health Services are available based on an individual's disability or medical concern

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Services	• Vocational counseling • Assessment • Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school) • Job placement services • Job skills training • Driver evaluation training • Supported employment • Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology • Referral to outside agencies for additional supports • Benefits advisement	• Parent advocacy training • Service coordination • Family supports services and financial counseling • Residential Support • Supported Employment • Community support services (in-home support, respite) • Self-determination • Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment) • Healthcare (Medicaid) • Benefits advisement	Children and Adult Services: • Clinic Treatment • Day Treatment • Family Support Services • Functional Family Therapy • Home and Community-Based Services Waiver • Intensive Case Management (Medicaid) • School-Based Mental Health Services • Single Point of Access • Supportive Case Management • Benefits advisement	Accommodations Examples • Note taker • Enlarged print material • Extra time/tests • Tape record classes • Textbooks on tape • Computer voice input/output • Alternate test locations • Test/ assignments in electronic format • Interpreter	<u>NYS Department of Labor</u> • Unemployment Benefits • Career Services ◦ Finding a job ◦ Planning your career ◦ One Stop services • Worker Protection <u>Independent Living Centers</u> • Client Assistant Program • Peer counseling • Housing assistance • Advocacy • Information and referral • Living skills training • Benefits advisement <u>NYS Department of Health</u> • STD Clinic • Obesity prevention • Eating disorders • Substance abuse prevention • Pregnancy planning • Traumatic Brain Injury

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Access	- Complete signed application - Documentation of disability - Availability to participate in assessment and training process - Comply with requests of VR counselor	- Phone call to intake office of an agency provider - Documentation of a developmental disability (medical record, psychological assessment, adaptive behavior scale) - Intake office prepares a Admission Packet and submits to local DDSO for eligibility determination	Application to County Department of Mental Health	Self declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college	<u>NYS Department of Labor</u> - Services available online - Register at local Career Center <u>Independent Living Centers</u> - Contact your local ILC - For a center near you: http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lcn/ilc/locations.htm <u>NYS Department of Health</u> www.health.ny.gov
Cost	- No cost to determine eligibility - Sponsorship in some services may be based on income and/or family resources	Services available through Medicaid	Services available through Medicaid	No cost (although College Tuition and Admission Fees still apply)	<u>NYS Department of Labor</u> - No cost <u>Independent Living Centers</u> - No cost <u>NYS Department of Health</u> - No cost