

## NAVIGATING ADULT SERVICES

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

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<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical or mental impairment</li> <li>Impairment impedes employment</li> <li>Ability to benefit from services</li> <li>Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers</li> <li><b>EXCEPTION:</b> individuals who are legally blind are eligible for VR services through the NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCFB) <a href="http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cbvh/">http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cbvh/</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Documented Developmental Disability (prior to age 22)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intellectual Disability</li> <li>Autism</li> <li>Cerebral Palsy</li> <li>Epilepsy</li> <li>Neurological Impairment</li> <li>Closely related conditions that limit intellectual functioning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Children (before 18):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Severity of Problem Presentation</li> <li>2. Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma</li> <li>3. Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Behaviors</li> <li>Caregiver strengths/needs</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Adults (over 18):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Self-Declare Disability</b></li> <li>2. <b>Documentation of Disability, that includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a diagnosis of your current disability</li> <li>the date of the diagnosis</li> <li>how the diagnosis was reached</li> <li>the credentials of the professional</li> <li>how your disability affects a major life activity</li> <li>and how the disability affects your academic performance</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p style="color: green;"><b>NYS Department of Labor Universal access</b></p> <p style="color: orange;"><b>Independent Living Center</b> All disabilities – check with local provider regarding documentation requirements</p> <p style="color: blue;"><b>NYS Department of Health</b> Services are available based on an individual's disability or medical concern</p>

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<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational counseling</li> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school)</li> <li>• Job placement services</li> <li>• Job skills training</li> <li>• Driver evaluation training</li> <li>• Supported employment</li> <li>• Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology</li> <li>• Referral to outside agencies for additional supports</li> <li>• Benefits advisement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent advocacy training</li> <li>• Service coordination</li> <li>• Family supports services and financial counseling</li> <li>• Residential Support</li> <li>• Supported Employment</li> <li>• Community support services (in-home support, respite)</li> <li>• Self-determination</li> <li>• Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment)</li> <li>• Healthcare (Medicaid)</li> <li>• Benefits advisement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Children and Adult Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic Treatment</li> <li>• Day Treatment</li> <li>• Family Support Services</li> <li>• Functional Family Therapy</li> <li>• Home and Community-Based Services Waiver</li> <li>• Intensive Case Management (Medicaid)</li> <li>• School-Based Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Single Point of Access</li> <li>• Supportive Case Management</li> <li>• Benefits advisement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accommodations Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note taker</li> <li>• Enlarged print material</li> <li>• Extra time/tests</li> <li>• Tape record classes</li> <li>• Textbooks on tape</li> <li>• Computer voice input/output</li> <li>• Alternate test locations</li> <li>• Test/ assignments in electronic format</li> <li>• Interpreter</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>NYS Department of Labor</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment Benefits</li> <li>• Career Services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finding a job</li> <li>○ Planning your career</li> <li>○ One Stop services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Worker Protection</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Independent Living Centers</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client Assistant Program</li> <li>• Peer counseling</li> <li>• Housing assistance</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Information and referral</li> <li>• Living skills training</li> <li>• Benefits advisement</li> </ul> <p><u><b>NYS Department of Health</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STD Clinic</li> <li>• Obesity prevention</li> <li>• Eating disorders</li> <li>• Substance abuse prevention</li> <li>• Pregnancy planning</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury</li> </ul>

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Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete signed application</li> <li>• Documentation of disability</li> <li>• Availability to participate in assessment and training process</li> <li>• Comply with requests of VR counselor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone call to intake office of an agency provider</li> <li>• Documentation of a developmental disability (medical record, psychological assessment, adaptive behavior scale)</li> <li>• Intake office prepares a Admission Packet and submits to local DDSO for eligibility determination</li> </ul>	Application to County Department of Mental Health	Self declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college	<p><b><u>NYS Department of Labor</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services available online</li> <li>• Register at local Career Center</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Independent Living Centers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact your local ILC</li> <li>• For a center near you: <a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lcn/ilc/locations.htm">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lcn/ilc/locations.htm</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>NYS Department of Health</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov">www.health.ny.gov</a></li> </ul>
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost to determine eligibility</li> <li>• Sponsorship in some services may be based on income and/or family resources</li> </ul>	Services available through Medicaid	Services available through Medicaid	No cost (although College Tuition and Admission Fees still apply)	<p><b><u>NYS Department of Labor</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Independent Living Centers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NYS Department of Health</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost</li> </ul>