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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Our Mission

The **Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services**, in collaboration with community partners, provides and advocates for resources and services to improve the employment, quality of life, security, and independence of older Virginians, Virginians with disabilities, and their families.

The **Division of Rehabilitative Services** offers vocational rehabilitation to assist people with disabilities



to prepare for, secure, retain or regain employment. You may be eligible for these services if you have a physical, mental or emotional disability; this disability keeps you from working; you live, work or attend school in Virginia; and DRS certifies that there is a good chance that these services will result in your employment.

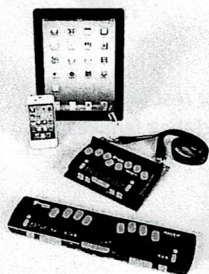
Vocational rehabilitation counselors may provide or assist with:

- Physical and mental restoration
- Vocational evaluation/career exploration
- Vocational/job training
- Job placement assistance
- Situational assessment
- Job development/job coaching



Assistive technology devices, services or accommodations may help consumers live and work independently. Services and supports are also available

to businesses to improve workplace accessibility. DARS can help identify potential resources for obtaining equipment through the Virginia Assistive Technology System, the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority and Centers for Independent Living.

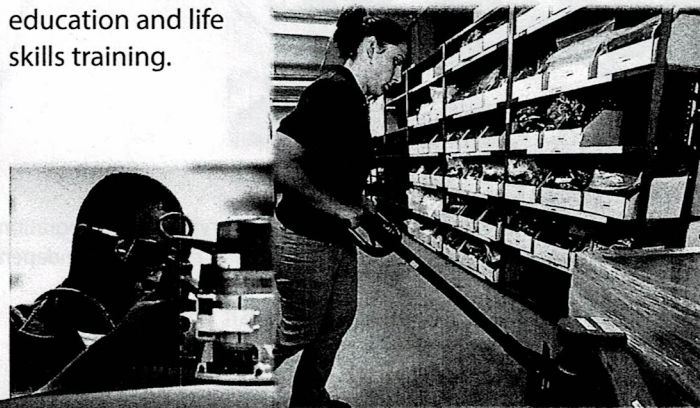


DARS works with many **Community Partners** and businesses to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving their goals of employment and/or independence.

- Brain Injury Services
- Centers for Independent Living
- Employment Service Organizations
- Virginia Assistive Technology System
- ATLFA
- One-Stop Career Centers
- Ticket to Work/Employment Networks
- High schools and higher education



The **Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center** provides comprehensive, integrated medical and vocational rehabilitation services to enhance an individual's independence and employability. Its on-campus staff provide counseling, vocational evaluation and training, medical rehabilitation/clinical therapy services, driver education and life skills training.





The **Community Based Services Division**

administers programs that support individuals with significant disabilities to maximize their independence, employment and inclusion into society. Services include:

- Brain Injury Services Coordination
- Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services
- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistance Services
- Blueprint for Livable Communities

The **Adult Protective Services Division** oversees local programs that investigate reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults as well as incapacitated adults. A variety of health, housing, social and legal services may be arranged to stop or prevent mistreatment. Services may include home-based care, transportation, adult day services, adult foster care, nutrition services and legal intervention.

Disability Determination Services

DDS processes claims for federal benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income Disability Programs. Virginia's DDS offices process approximately 85,000 in-state claims for benefits and about 15,000 claims for residents of other states each year.

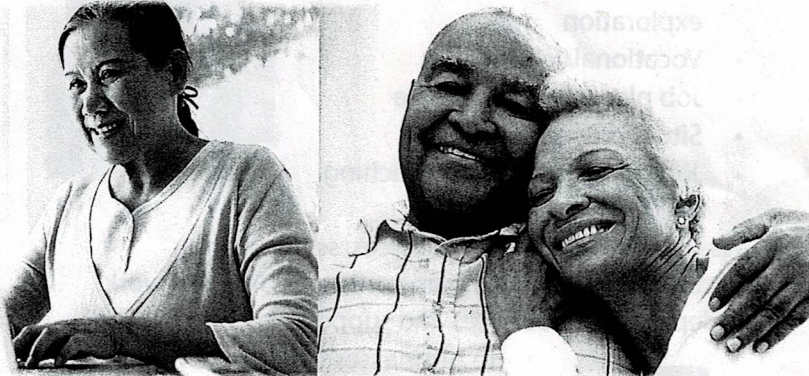
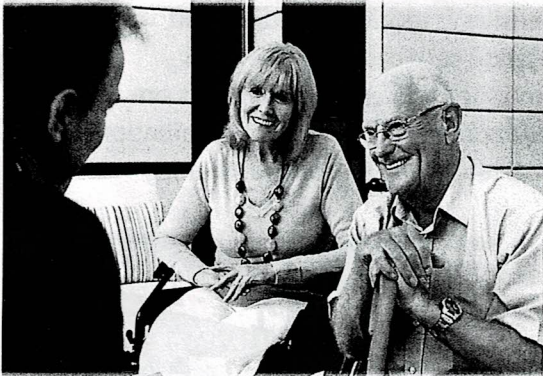
The **Division for the Aging** serves the population of older Virginians. By the year 2030, 1 of every 4 Virginians will be 60 or older. DARS is committed to having livable communities for those who want to age in place or transition from facilities to community settings with long-term supports and services.

Programs and resources include:

- Information and referral (Virginia Easy Access/ No Wrong Door)
- Caregiver support
- Congregate and home-delivered meals
- Chronic disease self-management
- Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP)
- Virginia GrandDriver
- Councils on Aging, Alzheimer's Disease and Public Guardianship

The **Office of Community Integration** assists in developing and implementing the Commonwealth's cross-governmental strategic plan to assure continued community integration of Virginians with disabilities. The office promotes efforts to assist Virginians with disabilities to live in the most integrated community settings possible.

The **Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman** advocates for older persons receiving long-term care services. Local ombudsmen provide information, advocacy, complaint counseling and assistance in resolving care problems.



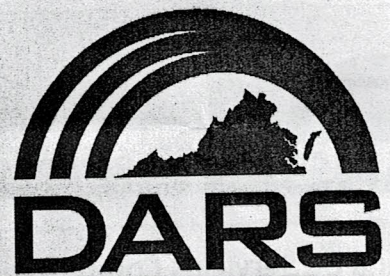
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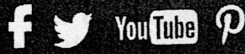
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Nuestra Misión

La agencia, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, aboga por los intereses de las personas de edad avanzada y personas discapacitadas del estado de Virginia, así como sus familias. Proveemos servicios y recursos comunitarios para ayudar a mejorar su calidad de vida y sus perspectivas de empleo, así como vivir con mayor independencia y seguridad.

La Oficina de Servicios de Capacitación provee capacitación vocacional a personas con discapacidades



con el fin de ayudarles a conseguir trabajo, retener su empleo o regresar al trabajo. Para calificar para estos servicios la persona tiene que tener una discapacidad física, mental o emocional que le impide trabajar; debe tener el deseo de trabajar y vivir, trabajar, o asistir a la escuela en Virginia. Asimismo, DARS debe poder creer que existe bastante certeza de que sus servicios le ayudarían a conseguir empleo.

Nuestros asesores de rehabilitación vocacional pueden ayudar con:

- Restauración física y mental
- Evaluación y orientación vocacional
- Entrenamiento vocacional
- Adiestramiento laboral
- Asesoría situacional
- Desarrollo y mentores laborales



Ofrecemos asistencia tecnológica en la forma de aparatos, servicios y modificaciones para ayudar al consumidor a vivir y a trabajar de forma más independiente. Estos servicios y apoyos también están disponibles a cualquier



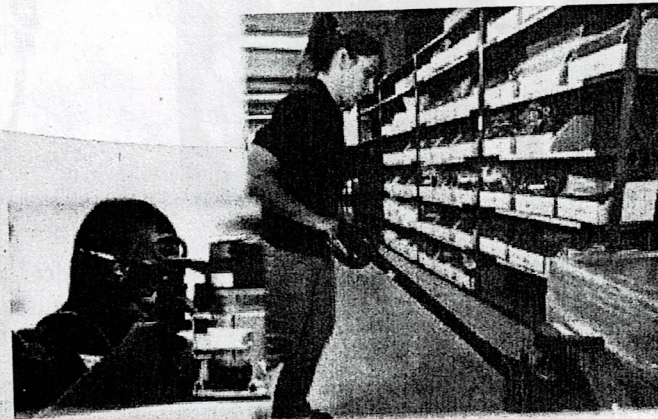
empresa que desea crear mayor accesibilidad para las personas con discapacidades. Además, DARS puede ayudar a identificar posibles suplidores de equipo a través de los programas Virginia Assistive Technology System, Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority y Centers for Independent Living.

Con el fin de ayudar a las personas con discapacidades lograr sus metas de empleo y/o de vida independizada, DARS colabora con numerosos negocios y socios comunitarios incluyendo:

- Servicios para heridas cerebrales
- Centros de vida independizadas
- Organizaciones de servicios de empleos
- Virginia Assistive Technology System
- ATLFA
- One-Stop Service Centers
- Ticket to Work/ Redes de empleo
- Escuelas secundarias e instituciones educativas superiores



El Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center provee servicios de rehabilitación vocacional y médico comprensivos que pueden ayudar a la persona a adquirir mayor independencia e incrementar sus posibilidades de conseguir trabajo. El personal en campus administra asesoría, evaluación y entrenamiento vocacional, servicios de rehabilitación médica y terapia clínica, clases de conducir y formación en materia de aptitudes para la vida.





La Oficina de Servicios Comunitarios se encarga de administrar programas que sirven para ayudar a las personas de mayor edad y personas discapacitadas a vivir vidas más independientes, obtener empleo e integrarse a la sociedad. Los servicios disponibles incluyen:

- Coordinación de servicios de lesiones cerebrales
- Servicios comunitarios para el control de casos de rehabilitación
- Ayuda para vivir vidas más independientes
- Servicios de asistencia personal
- Blueprint for Livable Communities

La Oficina de Servicios para la Protección de Adultos se encarga de supervisar los programas locales de investigación de informes de maltrato, negligencia y abuso de ancianos así como de adultos incapacitados. Además, pueden ayudar a prevenir o hasta poner fin a estos abusos implementando servicios sanitarios, sociales, legales y domiciliarios incluyendo cuidados al domicilio, transporte, servicios diurnos para adultos, acogida de adultos (en inglés conocido como foster care), asistencia con la alimentación e intervenciones legales.

La Oficina de Servicios para Casos de Discriminación por Discapacidad (DDS, por sus siglas en inglés) se encarga de procesar los reclamos por beneficios para los programas federales de seguro por incapacidad del Seguro Social y de Seguridad de Ingresos Suplementarios (SSI, por sus siglas en inglés). Cada año el DDS de Virginia procesa unos 85.000 reclamos por beneficios dentro del estado y unos 15.000 para residentes de otros estados.

La Oficina de Ancianos provee servicios a la población en la tercera edad. Para el año 2030, se calcula que un 25 por ciento de la población de Virginia se compondrá de personas mayores de 60 años. DARS está dedicado a ayudar a estas personas a mejorar la calidad de sus vidas, ya sea en su propio hogar o, de ser necesario, al hacer la transición de la vida en una facilidad a viviendas comunitarias con servicios y apoyos a largo alcance.

Nuestros programas consisten en:

- Información y referencias (Virginia Easy Access / No Wrong Door)
- Asistencia para los cuidadores del envejecido
- Comidas congelativas o entregas a domicilio
- Autocontrol de enfermedades crónicas
- Programa de Asistencia y Asesoría de Seguros de Virginia (VICAP, siglas in inglés)
- Virginia GrandDriver
- Concilios relacionadas con el cuidado de los ancianos, el Alzheimer y la Custodia Pública

La Oficina para la Integración en la Comunidad se encarga de desarrollar e implementar los diversos programas y estrategias del estado de Virginia a fin de asegurar que las personas discapacitadas integración continua en comunidad. También, aboga por los residentes discapacitados de Virginia para así disfrutar de la oportunidad de vivir con la mayor integración posible.

La agencia, Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, aboga por las personas envejecidas que reciben servicios de cuidados de largo plazo. De ser necesario, representantes locales pueden suministrar información, asistencia, asesoría y defensa para atender quejas relacionados a estos cuidados.



Propósito:

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Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Referral

Important Information for People with a Disability Who Want to Work

DRS' Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program helps people with all types of disabilities get ready for, find, and keep a job.

Eligibility and services provided are decided case-by-case.

You may refer yourself or anyone with a disability who wants to work. Give the information on this form to your local DRS office by: Mail, Phone, Fax, or E-mail message

For the local office directory,
Call us toll-free in the U.S. at 1-800-552-5019 (TTY 1-800-464-9950), OR
Visit our Web site at www.vadrs.org and click on "Find an Office"

Caseload #: _____

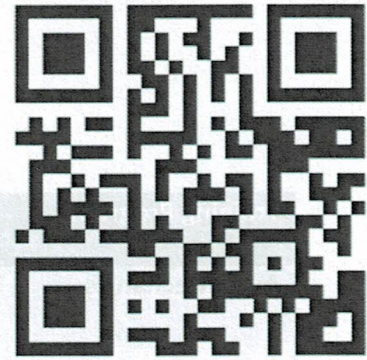
Referral Date: _____

A. Please Tell us About the Person Being Referred To DRS			
I am referring: Myself <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(please make sure they know and agree)</i>			
Referral resulted from One-Stop involvement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Last Name:		First:	Middle:
DOB:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security #:	Primary Language:
Home Address: (include town & zip code)			
Mailing Address: (if different from home)			
Daytime Phone w/Area Code:		Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> TTY <input type="checkbox"/>	
Second Phone w/Area Code:		Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> TTY <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hearing loss or any hearing issues? Y N		Needs Interpreter? Y N	
Describe the disability:			
Email Address:		Does client receive CSB services? Y N	

B. Please Tell Us About The Person Making The Referral <i>(Leave blank if referring yourself)</i>	
Organization Name, if any	
Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Name	
Job Title:	Relationship to person being referred:
Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone with Area Code:	Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> TTY <input type="checkbox"/>
Second Phone with Area Code:	Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> TTY <input type="checkbox"/>



Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center



What can WWRC do for you?

Legacy

- Opened in November 1947, **Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center** (formerly Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center) was the first state-operated comprehensive rehabilitation center in the country. Now called Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Training Centers, similar facilities are in seven states.
- Housed on a 223-acre residential campus, the center is in the rural community of Fishersville, Virginia.
- For 75 years, the center has helped thousands of Virginians with disabilities go to work or retain their job.
- WWRC is unique in its dual purpose as an educational and vocational rehabilitation facility.
- It is a State-Operated Program under the Virginia Department of Education, as well as the vocational training arm of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

Career Readiness

- As a leader in career readiness, the center provides students with a holistic approach to education and training, along with supporting mental, emotional and physical health needs.
- Students gain the broad knowledge and life skills needed to succeed along with specific career training and job experience.
- These skills help individuals with disabilities achieve self-sufficiency and independence through employment.
- An average of 3,000 students are served at the center annually (pre-COVID).
- More than 60 percent of graduates become employed.

Workforce Driven

- The center's focus is workforce-driven training curriculum designed around labor market demands and business' needs.
- Housed in the newly renovated RN Anderson training facility, eight training programs offer multiple certifications and credentials.
- Each training program has at least one federally recognized credential through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA).
- All programs include a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).
- Other standalone programs include Driving Services, where students earn learner's permits and/or driver's licenses, CPR and first aid, OSHA 10, VDOT flagger and forklift training.

For more information, contact (800) 345-9972, info@wwrc.virginia.gov or visit www.wwrc.virginia.gov.

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Training Program	Career Pathways	WIOA-recognized Credentials/Certifications
Auto Mechanics	Tire & Lube Technician	- OSHA 10
	Automotive Service Technician	- OSHA 10 - National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) (maintenance and light repair)
Business	Customer Service Representative	- National Retail Federation (NRF) Customer Service & Sales Certification Assessment
	General Office Assistant	- NRF Customer Service & Sales Certification Assessment - Microsoft Office Suite (MOS) Word/PowerPoint/Excel
Culinary Skills/Food Service	Dishwasher	- ServSafe Food Handler Certification
	Dining Room Attendant	- ServSafe Food Handler Certification
	Food Service Worker	- ServSafe Manager Credential
Manufacturing Technology	Manufacturing Technology Technician	- OSHA 10 - Manufacturing Specialist (MS) - Manufacturing Business Certificate - Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) - FAA Drone Pilot Certificate - Forklift Certificate
Materials Handling	Stock/Warehouse Sales Associate	- Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) - NRF Warehouse, Inventory, and Logistics Specialist - Forklift Certificate - Clorox Pro Healthy Clean
External Training Options (on-the-job training)	6-week internships	- Various
Building Trades	Construction Laborer	- OSHA 10 - OSHA 30 - Fundamentals of Construction
External Training Options (on-the-job training)	Construction & Related Worker	- OSHA 10 - OSHA 30



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Assistive Technology

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DARS Occupational Therapist,
Assistive Technology Specialist

WHAT WE DO

Ergonomic Consultation

We evaluate workstations, identify risk factors for injury, and provide training in body mechanics. Employees using good ergonomics are more productive and have fewer injuries.

Computer Access

We identify the barriers a person has to using a computer at work related to their disability, and evaluate adaptive keyboards, mice, and software to allow them to use all of the functions of a computer at work.

Accommodations at Work

We help individuals identify the strategies and/or devices that can compensate for the challenges they experience.

HOW WE HELP

Individual Assessment



A person's needs, environment, and the task are explored.

Trial of options



Trying out devices ensures the right one is selected.

Set up and Training with Device



We install devices as needed and make sure the user knows how operate the equipment.

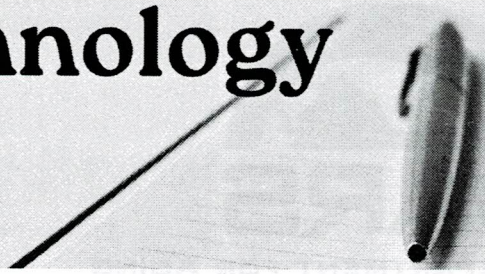
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JAN – Job Accommodation Network
www.askjan.org



Assistive Technology for Work

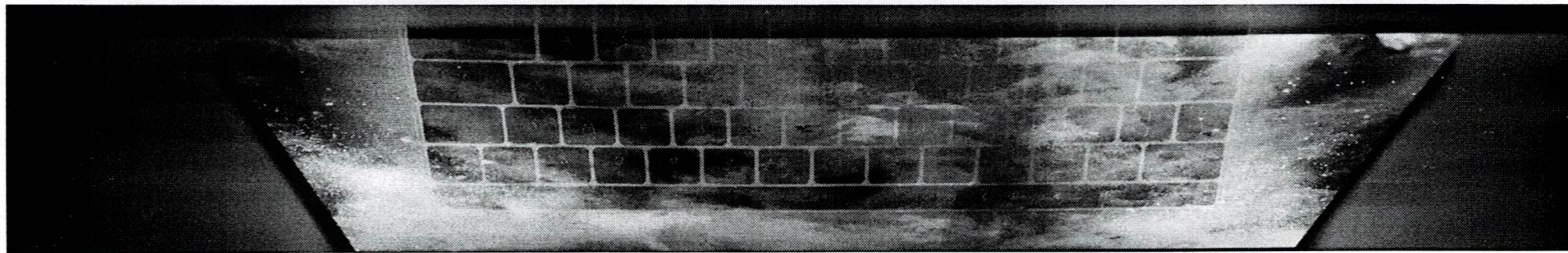


What is AT?

Assistive technology (AT) is any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities

Who can help?

Assistive Technology Specialists provide services to individuals as part of their DARS program.



RESOURCES - Accommodations at Work - We help individuals identify the

AT for Mobility	AT for Vision	AT for Hearing	AT for Cognition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ergonomic seating <input type="checkbox"/> walkers, canes <input type="checkbox"/> wheelchairs <input type="checkbox"/> high stool instead of standing for long periods <input type="checkbox"/> long handled tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Magnification in computer settings <input type="checkbox"/> Task lights <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld magnifiers <input type="checkbox"/> software to read text out loud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> personal listening device <input type="checkbox"/> amplified phones <input type="checkbox"/> flashing alarm systems <input type="checkbox"/> texting instead of overhead paging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alarms/Reminder devices/Timers <input type="checkbox"/> Check list apps <input type="checkbox"/> computer settings to aid reading, writing <input type="checkbox"/> video to reinforce steps of a task