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Transitioning To Adulthood: What's Next?



WHAT ARE DORS TRANSITION SERVICES?

DORS offers two programs to help youth with documented disabilities prepare for employment:

- Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for students at least 14 years old and no more than 21.
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services for adults and students beginning in their next-to-last year of high school.

WHO MAY RECEIVE DORS TRANSITION SERVICES?

- High school students, college students, and students in other approved educational programs.
- High school students in the next-to-last year of high school and out-of-school youth may be eligible for additional VR services.

DORS PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

- Job exploration counseling.
- Work-based learning experiences.
- Counseling on transition or postsecondary educational programs.
- Workplace readiness training.
- Instruction in self-advocacy.

DORS SERVICES

- Pre-Employment Transition Services.
- Job counseling and guidance.
- Career decision making.
- Assistance with higher education.
- Technical/vocational training.
- Assistive technology.
- Job preparation.
- Job search assistance.
- On-the-job training and support.
- Supported employment.

HOW WILL DORS PROVIDE SERVICES?

A DORS counselor is assigned to every public high school in Maryland. Your DORS counselor will:

- Attend IEP meetings whenever possible.
- Help develop the Pre-ETS Agreement or the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).
- Provide and arrange DORS services.
- Collaborate with school, community, and workforce partners.



WHO PAYS FOR SERVICES?

DORS is a State and Federally funded program.

- There is no cost to the students or their families for Pre-ETS.
- There is a sliding scale based on family income for some VR services.
- Students who receive SSI/SSDI are not required to pay toward the cost of services, unless they choose a more expensive service than would meet their needs.

HOW DO I BEGIN DORS SERVICES?

You or anyone listed below may call your local DORS office or complete an online referral form at our website: www.dors.maryland.gov.

- School personnel with parental/guardian consent.
- Parents or other family members.
- Service providers.

IS THERE A WAITING LIST?

- There is no waiting list for Pre-Employment Transition Services.
- For VR services, federal law requires that students with the most significant disabilities must be served first; therefore some students will be placed on a waiting list for additional DORS services.