DORS
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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website: www.dors.maryland.gov or find us on YouTube and Facebook by searching Maryland DORS.

Sign language interpreting available.

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Graphic: A group of students eating at a Chick-fil-A after a tour.
Graphic: A group of young people showing off their Starbucks aprons.
Graphic: A young woman stocks bags of snacks in a store.
Graphic: A study group meets around a table.
Graphic: A young man polishes a car.

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