How Do I Apply to VR?
1. Visit RehabWorks.org or call your local VR office
2. Tell school staff you’re interested
3. Get a VR referral from your school
4. Meet with VR counselor to learn more about VR services and provider options
A VR counselor determines whether you are eligible for services. If eligible, a plan is developed.

How do I Sign up for the STAR Program?
1. Complete a STAR Referral with VR
2. Request a STAR Referral be made by your school
3. Meet with VR staff to discuss services and provider options

Traditional VR Services may also include:
- Postsecondary Education or Training
- Supported Employment
- Time-limited Treatment
- Assistive Technology and Devices
- Workplace Accommodations
- Transportation
- Job Placement

For More Information
Contact the Transition Youth Team
VRTransitionYouth@vr.fldoe.org
(850) 245-3399
(800) 451-4327
TTY users dial 711 to connect with the telecommunications relay service (TRS). Video phone users can call through the video relay service (VRS).

www.RehabWorks.org

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The application process used by VR to determine eligibility for services, any subsequent services, and the entire VR process are subject to these non-discrimination requirements. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Who Qualifies for Transition Youth Programs?

Students age 14-21 who:
- Are in high school OR enrolled in training or education after high school
- Have an IEP or 504 Plan
- Have a condition that interferes with preparing for, getting, or keeping a job

The Transition Youth Program is:
- Free to students
- Offered when school is not in session (after school, evenings, weekends, holidays, spring break, summer, early release days)
- Offered during the school day when coordinated with educators

What are My Transition Program Choices?

1. STAR Program
   - Your school or VR staff completes a STAR referral
   - School identifies you as a student with a disability

2. Traditional VR
   - You apply to VR
   - VR counselor determines your eligibility
   - You and your counselor complete a plan for services

Work Readiness Training

Teaches students to:
- Write a resume
- Perform in interviews
- Search and apply for jobs online
- Find and complete job applications
- Manage employer contacts
- Handle conflict
- Navigate public transportation
- Review employee benefits, if needed

Community-Based Work Experiences

Allows students to:
- Apply and practice soft social skills
- Gain an idea of what work is about
- Develop work skills and gain experience
- Build relationships leading to job references
- Identify any needed work accommodations

VR & STAR Offer Pre-Employment Transition Services

- Career Exploration Counseling – Reviews options that are best suited to your skills, abilities, aptitudes, and interests.
- Work Readiness Training – Focuses on employability and related skills that prepare you to work.
- Community-Based Work Experiences – Provides practical hands-on training for employability skills.
- Self-Advocacy Training and Peer Mentoring – Teaches you how to speak up for yourself and make decisions about your own life to become more independent.
- Postsecondary Counseling – Provides an awareness of career pathway options with job and career information.

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