Nebraska VR

Our Mission

We help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment while helping businesses recruit, train, and retain employees with disabilities.



Statewide Program

- Columbus
- Fremont
- Grand Island
- Hastings
- Kearney
- Lincoln

- Norfolk
- North Platte
- Omaha
- Omaha West
- Scottsbluff
- South Sioux City



Eligibility Criteria

- Clients must have the goal to become employed or maintain employment and:
- Have a physical, mental, emotional, or learning impairment that interferes with employment
- Need Nebraska VR's help to find or keep a job



For Job Seekers

- Staff members work together with clients to identify strengths, interests, abilities to identify a job goal.
- An individualized plan is written to achieve the employment goal.
- Staff either provide or coordinate the services specified in the plan.
- Resume, job seeking skills, and placement services are provided.
- Follow-up after successfully employed.



For Businesses

- Develop partnerships with a variety of businesses
- Start by learning the qualifications and skills required for to meet the hiring needs.
- Provide access to Nebraska VR's candidate pool to find individuals with skills for your specific job openings.
- Listen for the needs of the local job market.
- Communicate back to team and job seekers.



For Students

Collaborate with Nebraska schools to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services:

- Job exploration counseling
- Work-based learning experiences
- Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs
- Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living
- Instruction in self-advocacy



Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership



- Provide workplace evaluation, design, adaptation, or technical training
- Recommends possible worksite modifications
- Demonstration and trial use of equipment
- Assistive Technology for All https://www.at4all.com/

Supported Employment



- Provides individuals with significant disabilities the opportunity to achieve and maintain competitive, integrated employment
- Is based on an individual's needs and preferences

Partnerships



- Nebraska VR partners with community rehabilitation programs to provide supported employment services
- Funded through partnership between Nebraska VR and DHHS

Benefits

- Increased Independence
- Improved Quality of Life
- Skill Development
- Inclusion
- Self-Esteem and Confidence
- Long-Term Support



Services



- Job Development and Placement
- Job Coaching and Skills Training
- Long-Term Follow-along Support



Questions?





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