

NAVIGATING ADULT SERVICES

	Access - VR	OPWDD	OMH	College Disability Services	Other Services
Contact Information	<p>Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation http://www.access.nyse.d.gov/vr/ includes vocational rehabilitation, transition services, independent living services (listed here under other services), and business services.</p>	<p>Office for People With Developmental Disabilities http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/</p>	<p>Office of Mental Health www.omh.state.ny.us</p>	<p>Individual college websites, and www.ccdanet.org www.disabilityfriendlycolleges.com</p> <p>For students with intellectual disabilities, specialized programming and access information: www.thinkcollege.net</p>	<p>Department of Labor www.labor.state.ny.us http://nycareerzone.org/</p> <p>Independent Living Centers http://www.access.nysed.gov/vr/lsn/ilc/home.html</p> <p>Department of Health www.health.state.ny.us/</p>
Target Population	<p>Adults (post-secondary) with a documented permanent disability that impacts their ability to seek, secure and maintain employment</p>	<p>Children and adults with a documented developmental disability</p>	<p>Children and adults with a documented mental health diagnosis</p>	<p>Adult college students who have a documented disability that requires they need accommodations in order to have equal access to education</p>	<p>DOL – Youth and adults looking for employment</p> <p>ILC – Individuals with disabilities and their family</p> <p>DOH – Anyone with a health-related concern</p>

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Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical or mental impairment Impairment impedes employment Ability to benefit from services Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers EXCEPTION: individuals who are legally blind are eligible for VR services through the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cbvh/ 	<p>Documented Developmental Disability (prior to age 22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Retardation Autism Cerebral Palsy Epilepsy Neurological Impairment Closely related conditions that limit intellectual functioning 	<p>Children (before 18):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Severity of Problem Presentation 2. Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma 3. Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Behaviors Caregiver strengths/needs <p>Adults (over 18):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Self-Declare Disability 2. Documentation of Disability, that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a diagnosis of your current disability the date of the diagnosis how the diagnosis was reached the credentials of the professional how your disability affects a major life activity and how the disability affects your academic performance 	<p>NYS Department of Labor Universal access</p> <p>Independent Living Center All disabilities – check with local provider regarding documentation requirements</p> <p>NYS Department of Health Services are available based on an individual's disability or medical concern</p>

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Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational counseling • Assessment • Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school) • Job placement services • Job skills training • Driver evaluation training • Supported employment • Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology • Referral to outside agencies for additional supports • Benefits advisement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent advocacy training • Service coordination • Family supports services and financial counseling • Residential Support • Supported Employment • Community support services (in-home support, respite) • Self-determination • Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment) • Healthcare (Medicaid) • Benefits advisement 	<p>Children and Adult Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic Treatment • Day Treatment • Family Support Services • Functional Family Therapy • Home and Community-Based Services Waiver • Intensive Case Management (Medicaid) • School-Based Mental Health Services • Single Point of Access • Supportive Case Management • Benefits advisement 	<p>Accommodations Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taker • Enlarged print material • Extra time/tests • Tape record classes • Textbooks on tape • Computer voice input/output • Alternate test locations • Test/ assignments in electronic format • Interpreter 	<p><u>NYS Department of Labor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Benefits • Career Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finding a job ○ Planning your career ○ One Stop services • Worker Protection <p><u>Independent Living Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Assistant Program • Peer counseling • Housing assistance • Advocacy • Information and referral • Living skills training • Benefits advisement <p><u>NYS Department of Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD Clinic • Obesity prevention • Eating disorders • Substance abuse prevention • Pregnancy planning • Traumatic Brain Injury

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Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete signed application • Documentation of disability • Availability to participate in assessment and training process • Comply with requests of VR counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call to intake office of an agency provider • Documentation of a developmental disability (medical record, psychological assessment, adaptive behavior scale) • Intake office prepares a Admission Packet and submits to local DDSO for eligibility determination 	Application to County Department of Mental Health	Self declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college	<p style="color: green;"><u>NYS Department of Labor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services available online • Register at local One Stop <p style="color: orange;"><u>Independent Living Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your local ILC • For a center near you: http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/lisn/ilc/locations.htm <p style="color: blue;"><u>NYS Department of Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.health.state.ny.us/contact
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost to determine eligibility • Sponsorship in some services may be based on income and/or family resources 	Services available through Medicaid	Services available through Medicaid	No cost (although College Tuition and Admission Fees still apply)	<p style="color: green;"><u>NYS Department of Labor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost <p style="color: orange;"><u>Independent Living Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost <p style="color: blue;"><u>NYS Department of Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost

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