

ILLINOIS DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS)

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- Hours:** 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
- Purpose:** Job skills for employment to promote and provide equal opportunities for independence and participation in society by persons with disabilities. This is done through a variety of programs from employment opportunities to sponsorship in educational training programs.
- Services Available:** Vocational rehabilitation services to adults including testing, education and training, guidance counseling, placement and support services. Services to children through Illinois School for the Deaf, Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and Illinois Children’s School Rehabilitation Center. Special programs including Home Services, JOBS NOW, service for the deaf, Step/Next Steps and Supportive Employment.
- Population Served:** Adults and youth with physical, mental and emotional disabilities
- Eligibility Criteria:** The individual must be at or near working age, have a diagnosed disability, have limitations, which interfere with their ability to work, and show potential to become employed once services are provided.
- Funded by:** State and Federal funding.
- Fees/Costs:** Direct DRS staff services or diagnostic services to establish eligibility are at no cost. Services purchased from DRS’s approved providers are based on financial eligibility.
- Average time from referral to delivery of services:** Time varies according to individual needs and circumstances. The average time to determine eligibility and develop a plan for services is 4 to 6 weeks.