



Who We Are

The mission of the Department of Career Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division

is to assist persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Earning a living is a basic right and is valuable for both the individual and the community. A person with a disability faces barriers in various life activities that include the opportunities to train for, locate, and/or keep a job.

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division helps individuals overcome those obstacles by focusing on ABILITY rather than DISABILITY. It is good business for everyone. For every dollar spent in Arkansas on Vocational Rehabilitation, roughly seven dollars is returned to the state's economy.

With 19 offices statewide, along with the Arkansas Career Training Institute in Hot Springs, ARS has counselors who serve each of the state's 75 counties. Counselors work out of regional offices and travel to specific locations in the counties they serve on a regular schedule to assure better accessibility of our services.

What We Do

- Transition services for students finishing high school.
- Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hearing impaired.
- Specialized assessment and treatment.
- Vocational training at Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI).

ARS also works with private providers for specialized services.

Eligibility

Anyone who is a legal Arkansas resident and determined eligible for services can qualify. Just follow these steps:

- Call the office nearest you and set up an appointment for an initial interview with a counselor.
- Complete the application.
- Undergo an assessment that explores your background, abilities, interests and disability-related barriers to employment. This helps determine eligibility and forms a personalized plan for education, rehabilitation and training needs.
- The determination of eligibility normally occurs within 60 days. That includes determining the extent of disability and the need for vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain or regain employment. *When funds are limited, services may be prioritized by need.*
- Develop an Individual Employment Plan, working in conjunction with your counselor. This is a mutually agreed upon plan as to the kind of job the client has chosen to work towards, the specific services needed, a realistic time frame in which to accomplish these goals and who is responsible for what.
- The training and rehabilitation services are provided and, when they are completed, the client will receive assistance in finding a job.

The end result: A qualified individual who has attained the skills needed to become a valued employee and contributing taxpayer.

For more information, or an appointment:

- Call your local field office (listed on the back of this brochure), or
- call our toll-free number if unsure of which office to contact, or
- return the attached request card to your nearest field office, or
- visit our website at www.arsinfo.org.

I would like to be contacted by a counselor from the Department of Career Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division.

My name is _____

My address is _____

My phone number is _____

My email address is _____

The best time to contact me is _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Return this portion in an envelope to the ARS office listed on the back of this brochure.