

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

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The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

- **Mission**
 - To enable Alabama’s children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

- A continuum of services for a lifetime
- Early Intervention System
- Children’s Rehabilitation Service
- Vocational Rehabilitation Service
- Independent Living/Homebound Program

Early Intervention System

- **Eligibility**
 - Children younger than 3 years old with a 25% or greater delay in one or more of the five developmental areas:
 - Cognitive • Social/emotional
 - Physical • Communication
 - Adaptive

Early Intervention System

- A vital component in assuring lifetime success for children with disabilities or developmental delays

Early Intervention System

- Referral of infants and toddlers:
 - Call Early Intervention Child Find Hotline
 - 1 - 800 - 543 - 3098
 - En Español 1 - 866 - 450 - 2838

Children’s Rehabilitation Service

- Eligibility
 - Anyone younger than 21 with special health care needs
 - Individuals with hemophilia are eligible at any age

Children’s Rehabilitation Service

- Treatment options:
 - Clinical interventions
 - Medication
 - Specialized equipment
 - Therapy services
 - Care coordination
 - Referral to community resources

Children’s Rehabilitation Service

- Referrals of children, teens, young adults, and individuals with hemophilia:
 - Call any one of fifteen offices throughout the state

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Teens and adults with disabilities
- Goal is employment

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Eligibility
 - Physical or mental impairment
 - Substantial impediment to employment
 - Benefit in terms of an employment outcome from Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Service
– Requires VR services to prepare for, retain, or maintain employment

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- **Process:**
 - Application
 - Individual requests services
 - Eligibility determination
 - Review of existing information assessment

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Development of plans for services
- IPE (Individualized Plan for Employment)
- Informed choice
- Services provided
- Employment
- Follow-up

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- **Possible services:**
 - Assessment for determining eligibility
 - Assessment to determine vocational rehabilitation needs
 - Vocational counseling and guidance

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Referral for other services to other agencies
- Job-related services
- Vocational and training services
- Technical assistance
- Rehabilitation technology
- Transition services

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Supported employment services
- Assistance with accommodations
- Post-employment services

Vocational Rehabilitation Service

- Individually tailored services to match people to jobs
- Referrals of teens and adults:
 - Call any one of twenty offices located throughout the state

Independent Living/Homebound

- SAIL
 - Teens and adults with significant disabilities unable to live independently

Independent Living/Homebound

- Three specialized programs:
 1. Independent living support services
 2. Homebound services
 3. Medicaid waiver

Independent Living/Homebound

- SAIL
 - Assists in regaining and maintaining independence
 - Provides services in homes and communities

Independent Living/Homebound

- SAIL
 - Referrals of teens and adults:
 - Call 1 - 800 - 441 - 7607
 - Or call one of seven offices located throughout the state

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