



January Grassroots Webinar
 Vocational Rehabilitation Update
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 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Overview
 VR is a division under FLDOE that is able to help people with disabilities enhance their independence through employment
 Prepare for Find Maintain Employment
  
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 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Agenda
 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2014 with update in 2016
 VR Updates:

- STAR Services- Student Transition Activities Record
- Section 511 of WIOA – Limitations on Subminimum Wage

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Pre-Employment Transition Services

- Career Exploration Counseling
- Work Readiness Training
- Community-Based Work Experiences
- Self-Advocacy Training

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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Updates:

- Pre-Employment Transition Services expanded to students with disabilities in postsecondary education or training
- Pre-Employment Transition Services for youth with disabilities which is determined by an IEP or 504 Plan
- Disability documentation IS required prior to the start of Pre-Employment Transition Services

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STAR Services

An alternate pathway for students with disabilities to access Pre-Employment Transition Services


- No VR Application
- No VR Eligibility
- (School provides documentation of disability)

For students who:

- Are self-directed
- Require little support to access or participate in services
- Require few services to be successful

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BIG CHANGE

Youth with Disabilities 24 and Younger cannot participate in Subminimum Wage Employment without applying to VR first

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Section 511 – Limitations on Subminimum Wage

Youth with disabilities 24 and younger are not eligible for Subminimum Wage Employment after 7/22/16 unless the youth has completed the following:

- Transition services under IDEA and/or Pre-ETS under WIOA
- Youth applied for VR and was found ineligible or
- Youth applied for VR services and was found eligible
- Received Career Counseling Information and Referral Services

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Career Counseling Information and Referral Services


WIOA requires that Career Counseling Information and Referral Services are provided to all individuals – youth and adults who are participating in **subminimum wage employment**. There are two ways for individuals to receive this mandatory service:


1. VR Counselors will provide this service for individuals who participate in the regular VR process.
2. VR is working with approved vendors to provide this service to any individual (they most likely are not VR customers) in subminimum wage. It is the responsibility of the 14 (C) entity to ensure that they are in compliance.

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