Vocational Rehabilitation

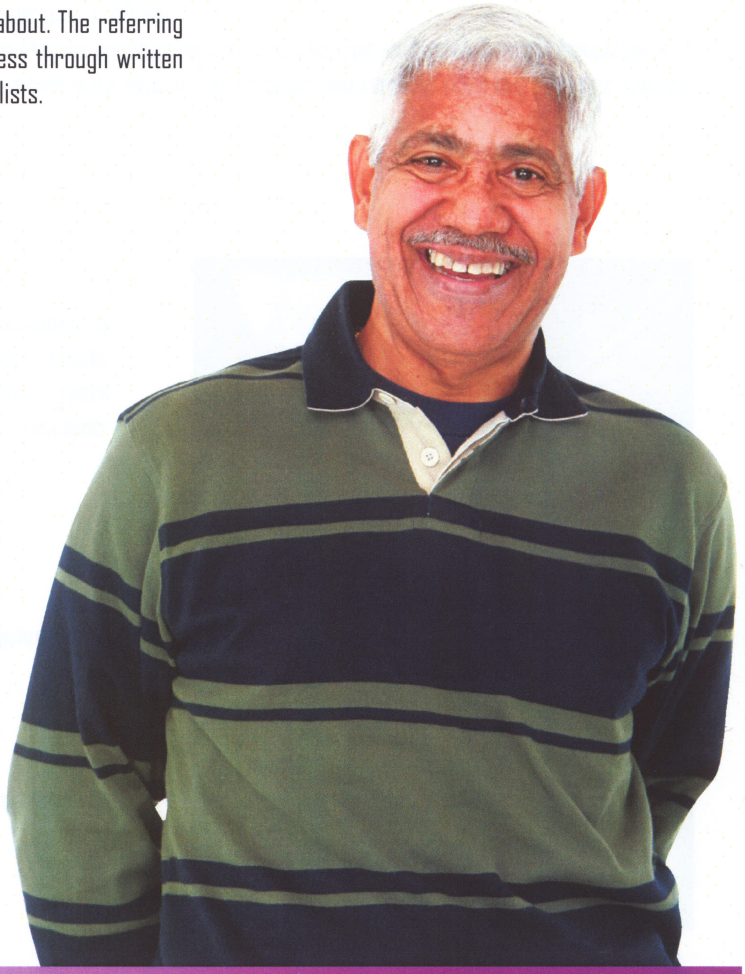
What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Goodwill Vocational Rehabilitation is a series of programs used to assist an individual's transition into the workforce. Real life people needing real life services are what Goodwill is about. The referring agency is billed for services provided and is kept informed of a client's progress through written reports and evaluations completed by Goodwill's Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists.

Benefits to Employers

Goodwill continually seeks partnerships with local businesses to provide a variety of work opportunities for our Goodwill clients. Employers receive "free labor" in exchange for providing a client the opportunity to transition back into the workforce. The employer is given the opportunity to evaluate the client's work performance to determine if the client may be considered for hire. Also, employers may be eligible for federal tax credits by hiring a Goodwill client.

Goodwill offers specialized programs to benefit both employers and clients. A knowledgeable Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist is assigned to each client and assists throughout the process. Job Coaching is available, as needed, to ensure a smooth transition. Job Retention services are available at no charge for the first 90 days if a client is hired.



STATS
Clients Served: 338
At-Risk Youth Served: 137

STATS Training Hours: 16,170.5
Job Placements: 40

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

New Programs

GoodGuides™ Youth Mentoring Program

The GoodGuides™ Youth Mentoring Program provides structured, supportive relationships with trusted adult mentors that help youth:

- Build Career Plans and Skills
- Complete School
- Access Post-Secondary Training
- Prepare for Productive Work

GoodGuides will provide youth with at least two hours a month of services to facilitate:

- Career Awareness
- Career Planning
- Career Navigation Skills

Veterans Employment Workshop

We offer two-day employment workshops for Veterans. During the course of a workshop, a veteran receives the resources necessary to obtain and maintain employment. Those resources include interest assessment, resume and cover letter preparation, master application, interviewing skills, how to obtain job leads, and how to meet the expectations of their employer.

Additional Programs

W.I.A. Youth Works

W.I.A. Youth Works is a 16 week program serving out-of-school youth ages 16-21 in a paid work setting. Participants gain valuable work and life skills. Participants will also receive support services such as case management and access to various educational opportunities. The long-term goal for participants is the opportunity to obtain permanent employment and/or enrollment in a formal education program.

Summer Youth Program

Summer Youth Programs are intended to promote a student's transition from high school to post-secondary education, vocational training, or integrated employment. Services may include an evaluation of the consumer's vocational needs, instruction on vocational topics such as interviewing skills, work behaviors, basic job readiness skills, and independent living skills, as well as integrated, community based work experiences. Staff work with students to learn job tasks and skills needed in the workplace. Students are paid Ohio minimum wage for work time.

Specialized Training Programs

- Career Interest Assessment
- Community Based Assessment
- Life Skills Training
- Job Coaching
- Job Development
- Job Retention
- Job Try Out
- Occupational Skills Training
- Supportive Vocational Services
- Work Adjustment