

Division of Program Policy and Support

This division provides administrative and operational support for OVR programs statewide.

Key functions include:

- Grants and contract management
- Policy development and compliance oversight
- Quality assurance reviews
- Information technology support
- Financial counseling support
- Community Rehabilitation Program partnerships
- Staff training and mentor coordination

The division helps ensure effective, compliant and high-quality services across the agency.

OVR Supports Employment and Independence

OVR works with individuals, families, schools, employers and community partners to support successful employment outcomes and independent living for individuals with disabilities.

Services are individualized based on each person's goals, strengths and needs.

Together, OVR is building a more inclusive workforce and stronger communities across Kentucky.

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Building Pathways to Employment & Independence

Employment Services & Support for Kentuckians With Disabilities

OVR does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion or mental status in employment, or provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all program activities.

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Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Helping Kentuckians with disabilities achieve independence, employment and community inclusion.

Our Mission

To empower Kentuckians with disabilities to maximize independence and economic security through competitive, integrated employment.

Our Vision

All Kentuckians with disabilities have an opportunity to be an essential part of Kentucky's workforce and their communities.

The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) serves individuals in all 120 Kentucky counties and is funded primarily through federal funding (78.7%) with additional state funding (21.3%).

Because available funds are fully committed, OVR currently operates under an Order of Selection. Eligible applicants may be placed on a waitlist until funding becomes available. Individuals are still encouraged to apply.

OVR Divisions

- Division of Field Services
- Division of Blind Services
- Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center
- Kentucky Business Enterprise
- Division of Program Policy and Support

Division of Field Services

Field Services is often the first point of contact for individuals seeking vocational rehabilitation services.

Services include:

- Eligibility determination
- Career counseling and guidance
- Job placement assistance
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Community-Based Transition Services
- Specialized counseling for individuals who are deaf, blind or DeafBlind
- Employer services and workforce partnerships

The goal is to help eligible individuals with physical or mental disabilities prepare for, secure, retain, or advance in competitive integrated employment.

Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services supports Kentuckians who are blind, visually impaired or DeafBlind in achieving independence and employment.

Services include:

- Vocational rehabilitation
- Independent living services
- Assistive technology
- Orientation and mobility training
- Braille and computer instruction
- Career exploration and job placement
- DeafBlind services
- Bioptic Driving Program
- Residential and day training programs

Services are available statewide in all 120 counties.

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center

Since 1973, the Perkins Center has provided vocational training and support services for Kentuckians with disabilities.

Programs and services include:

- Vocational and career training
- Therapy and rehabilitation services
- Dormitory housing
- Assisted Living Unit with nursing support
- Recreation and cafeteria services
- Transportation assistance

The center supports individuals with a wide range of disabilities in reaching their employment goals.

Kentucky Business Enterprise

Kentucky Business Enterprise creates opportunities for individuals who are legally blind to operate successful businesses across Kentucky.

Through the Randolph-Sheppard Act, licensed vendors provide vending and food services in federal and state facilities statewide.

Participants receive:

- Business training
- Licensing support
- Business planning assistance
- Opportunities for business ownership