

INFORMED CHOICE IN THE VR PROCESS

THE KEY TO YOUR
VOCATIONAL SUCCESS



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WHAT IS AN INFORMED CHOICE?

Being an active partner means in order to reach your goal, you have to be a part of making it happen.

An Informed Choice is a decision-making process that occurs throughout the VR process. Together, you and your VR counselor will gather information to help you explore your options and provide information you need to make choices. These choices will affect your career and life such as:

- What kind of jobs match your abilities, capabilities, interests, strengths, resources, priorities, and concerns.
- The services and service providers you need to help you reach the kind of job goal you have selected.
- The services you need to get a job and stay employed.

OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE:

You have the right to participate fully from the beginning to the end of your vocational rehabilitation process. This includes choices related to:

- Decisions and plan for the type of assessments and evaluations
- Selection of an employment goal
- VR Services and Service Providers

- The settings in which services are provided
- How services will be procured, including your financial contribution, if any
- Development of Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)

Your counselor will provide information and resources to facilitate the decision-making process and to support decision implementation.

It is important to remember, however, that informed choice does not mean unlimited or unreasonable choice. Your counselor may not always be able to support your choice. If this occurs, the counselor will explain the reason(s) and help you consider other choices.

If you need further explanation about anything, please do not hesitate to ask. VR can help you gain a full understanding of the process as it pertains to your situation. Always let your counselor know the best way to contact you: phone, mail, email, etc. Let us know if you need information in another format.



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