Supported Employment

Combining strengths, abilities and training for success.

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation services

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What is Supported Employment?

Supported Employment provides the opportunity to assist individuals with the most significant disabilities in finding employment. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS) provides a team of professionals that identify the services and ongoing supports needed to maintain employment.

Who is eligible for Supported Employment?

Supported Employment services may be provided to individuals who have the most significant disabilities and require ongoing support services to succeed in competitive employment.

After evaluation and assessment, the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor determines eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation and for Supported Employment Services.

Why Supported Employment?

Supported Employment offers those with significant disabilities an opportunity to work in a competitive setting alongside non-disabled coworkers. They receive all the benefits of employment, including competitive wages, while learning social and work skills necessary for success.

The Supported Employment program provides a trainer on-site with the employee until job stabilization is secure.

Through networking with community support, the individual receives additional assistance in order to maintain the job successfully. The assistance provided is individualized and long-term. An entire team of committed professionals – the Counselor, Vocational Training Instructor, Job Trainer, Employer, and Community Organizations – work together to reduce and eliminate those barriers to employment caused by disabilities. Trained vocational counselors and job placement specialists provide support needed for the individual to prepare for, retain, or regain employment.

Choice of employment is based on factors such as the individual’s:

Abilities

Priorities

Concerns

Informed Choice

Unique Strengths

Interests

Resources

Experiences

Working Together

Working together, trained vocational counselors and job placement specialists provide support needed for the individual to prepare for, retain, or regain employment.

District I

51 County Road 166

Oxford, MS 38655

OVR: (662) 234-3171

OVRB: (662) 234-6092

District II

2620 Traceland Drive

Tupelo, MS 38803

OVR: (662) 842-1010

615-A Pegram Drive

Tupelo, MS 38801

OVRB: (662) 844-5830

District III

201 Highway 7 South

Greenwood, MS 38930

OVR: (662) 453-6172

OVRB: (662) 455-1432

District IV

317 Industrial Park Road

Starkville, MS 39760

OVR: (662) 323-9594

48 Datco Industrial Drive

Columbus, MS 39702

OVRB: (662) 328-8807

District V

3895 Beasley Road

Jackson, MS 39213

OVR: (601) 898-7004

2550 Peachtree Street

Jackson, MS 39296

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District VI

1032 Center Pointe Blvd., Suite A

Pearl, MS 39208

OVR: (601) 709-5600

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District VII

1003 College Drive

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OVR: (601) 483-3881

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District VIII

1400-A Harrison Avenue

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OVR: (601) 249-2498

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District IX

17 JM Tatum Industrial Drive

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