



Nevada

Vocational Rehabilitation

An Introduction and Program Highlights

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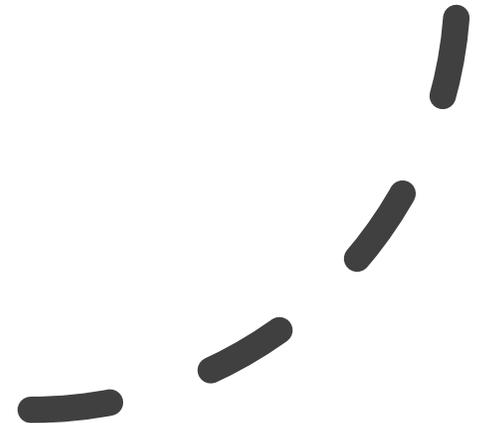
National Disability Employment
Awareness Month

Celebrating 50 years of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>

In October,
we
remember...

- **Our Why**
- **MISSION:** Actively engaging with Nevada businesses to understand their employment needs; and creating innovative programs that develop the strengths, priorities and talents of individuals with disabilities; ensuring that Nevada works for everyone.
- **VISION:** A skilled and inclusive Nevada workforce.
- **CORE VALUES:**
 - Integrity
 - Respect
 - Commitment
 - Accountability
 - Transparency
 - Optimism





What is the purpose of Vocational Rehabilitation?



To help people with disabilities find jobs.



552+

Clients Achieved Employment



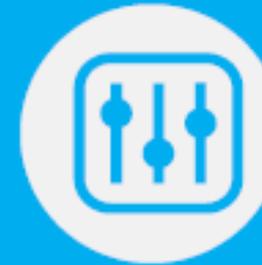
\$15.79+

Average Wage



5,557+

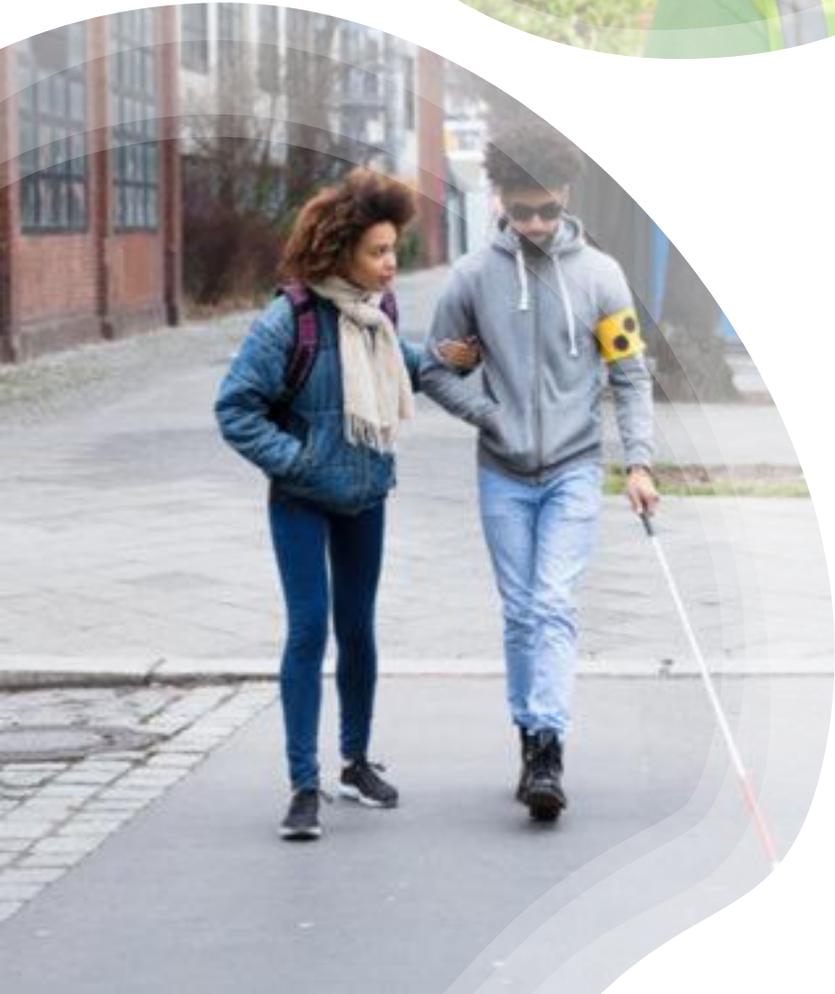
Clients Served



908 days

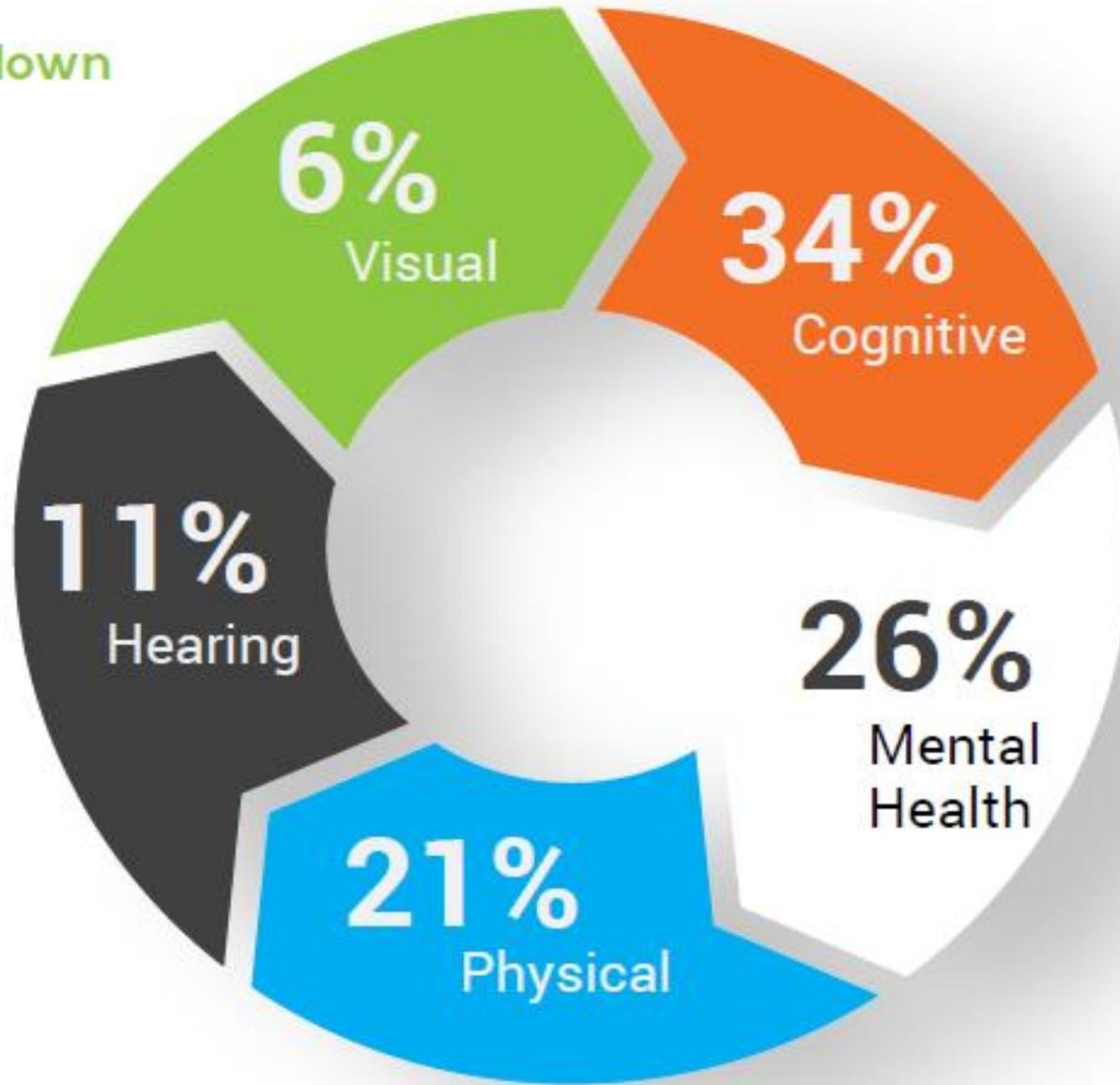
Average Length of Cases

Key Statistics



We serve all disabilities

Primary Disability Breakdown
of Served Clients



Why?

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Make up the nation's largest minority group, as well as the only group that any one of us can become a member of at any time.

Number of
Working Aged
Nevadans with a
Disability*

182,088

Number of
Nevadans with a
Disability that are
Employed*

75,611

Employment to
Population Ratio*

With any Disability:
41.4%

Without a Disability:
58.9%

Number of
Students with
disabilities *

17,000+

VR Customers



5,557

JOB SEEKERS



588

EMPLOYERS

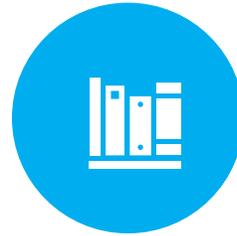


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STUDENTS & SCHOOLS

Every student with a disability must receive:

Instruction in Self Advocacy-Counseling and guidance or trainings on self advocacy skills



Workplace Readiness-GED prep/testing, transportation training, social skills training, vocational adjustment training, driver education, job skills training, etc.

Work Based Learning-Internships, work experience placements, on the job training,

Career Exploration-Assessments e.g., psychological, person-centered planning, labor market info, job shadowing, Virtual Job Shadow.

Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs.

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required
Pre-ETS



OUR PATH TO PAES

Our overarching vision is a skilled and inclusive Nevada workforce.

WIOA mandate to serve students with a disability.

Reality of limited funding within school districts and the need for innovative, hands-on tools that assess students' aptitude and provide SPED students with access to knowledge and skill development in in demand fields.

“The most data-driven assessment of student work potential, strengths and needs currently available for IEP development and transition planning.”

*Laura Ramirez, School Psychologist
William S Hart Unified School District, Santa Clarita, CA*

Dec 15, 2019



PAES Lab

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I believe that data like this will enable us to assist our students in getting where they need to go in the most efficient, straightforward pathway that is highly individualized and the most meaningful to them.

- Donna Olmstead, Principal at Benjamin Banneker Special Education School

Dec 15, 2019

Who provides the services?



Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors

- Counseling and guidance
- Career Exploration-Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)
- Coordination/payment of goods and services leading to employment
- Services to maintain employment



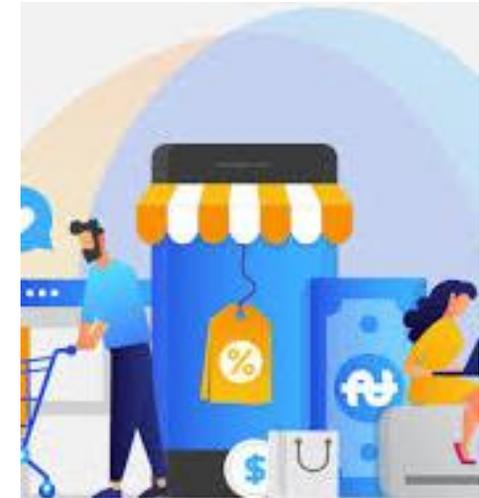
Vendors paid by the VR Counselor

- Education and Training
- Job Development/Job Coaching
- Transportation assistance
- Work clothing/uniforms



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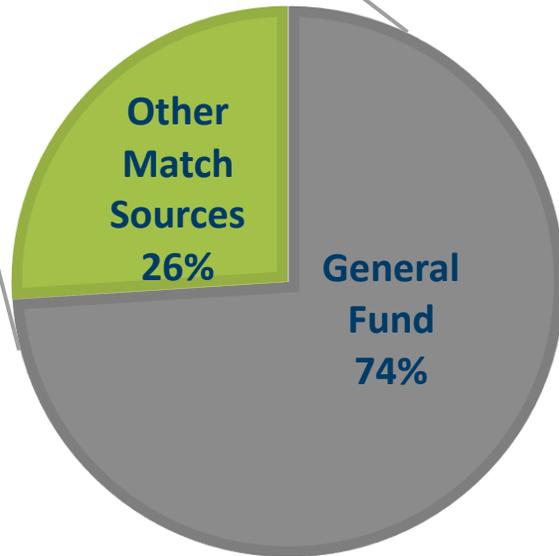


How Vocational Rehabilitation is Funded

(34 CFR Part 361)

21.3% Non-Federal Match

78.7% Federal Section 110 VR Grant Funds



Return on Investment (ROI)



For every \$1 General Fund dollar invested, the State saves \$16.73 over the life of a client.

Study was conducted by internal agency analysts using methodologies developed by sources below. The calculations are in line with the findings of the other national studies on the subject.

SOURCES: — University of Utah – Center for Public Policy & Administration
— Portland State University – Northwest Center for Economic Research
— The George Washington University - Institute on Rehabilitation Issues



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UPCOMING PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Disability Innovation Fund Grant

- Awarded by RSA
- 20 state VR programs were awarded
- Total of \$199 million in funding for model demonstration projects to support collaboration between state VR agencies, state and local education agencies, CIL's and partner
- Nevada was awarded \$9,964,894.81
- Funds will be used to develop an interactive website and mobile application called "Nevada TRIP-Nevada Transitions Roadmap through Innovative Partnerships Project".
- Create a roadmap tool to provide guidance for the transition process.



Dear Colleagues:

Today, the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) [Rehabilitation Services Administration](#) (RSA) announced it will fund 20 model demonstration projects focused on improving economic self-sufficiency for children and youth with disabilities by creating systemic approaches to enhance post-school outcomes. The nearly \$199 million in funding for the [Pathways to Partnerships](#) innovative model demonstration project supports collaborative partnerships between state vocational rehabilitation agencies, state and local educational agencies, and federally funded centers for independent living to help individuals with disabilities seamlessly transition to life after high school, preparing them for independent living, competitive integrated employment and community integration. Pathways to Partnerships is the largest discretionary grant ever administered by RSA.

The Department awarded recipients of the Pathways to Partnership grants the full funding for a five-year project period, meaning successful applicants receive all project funds at the beginning of year one. Through the five-year project period, award recipients will pilot, refine, and implement their proposed projects while also collecting and analyzing project data.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey. More information about the Disability Innovation Fund and the new Pathways to Partnerships projects can be found by accessing any of the links below.

Link to Press Release: [Press Release U.S. Department of Education Career Pathways \(ALN 84.421E\)](#)

Link to RSA.ED.GOV, Grantee Information: [Pathways to Partnerships Grantees \(ALN 84.421E\)](#)

Link to the National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials (NCRTM), Disability Innovation Fund Page: [Disability Innovation Fund \(DIF\) Programs | NCRTM \(ed.gov\)](#)

Business Recognition Initiative



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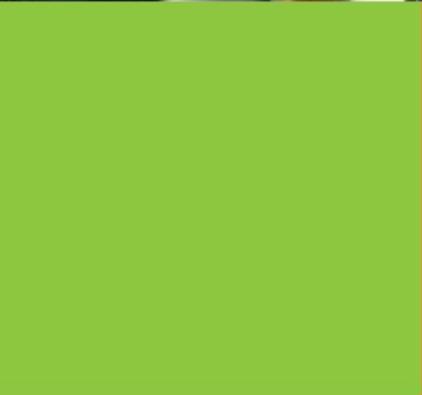
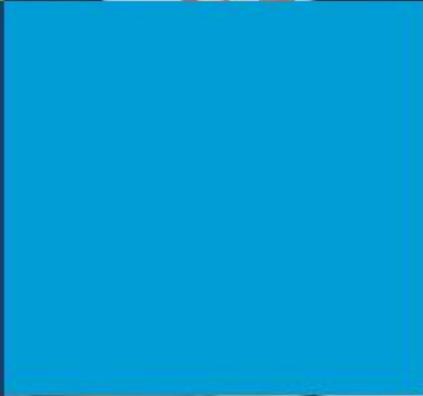
2023
Employer
Recognition
Awards
Ceremony



State of Nevada



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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The State of Nevada, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation will be conducting town hall meetings to get input from the disability and partner community to inform VR strategic planning for 2024.

Please come and share your ideas, comments or concerns.

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 at 10:30am
NOVEMBER 15, 2023 at 5:30pm

In Person:

1325 Corporate Blvd. in Reno
3016 West Charleston Ste 200 in Las Vegas

Zoom:

November 6th
Meeting ID: 828 3768 5697
Passcode: 023832

November 15th
Meeting ID: 845 3768 3590
Passcode: 532362





NEVADA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Transforming people and companies through meaningful employment for Nevadans with disabilities.

[APPLY HERE](#)

OUR SERVICES



JOB SEEKERS

Jobs for Nevadans with disabilities



EMPLOYERS

Find qualified, committed employees



STUDENTS & PARENTS

Helping students transition to the workforce



EDUCATORS

Improve outcomes for students with disabilities



BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

A variety of services for eligible individuals



NEWS & SUCCESS STORIES

Real people amazing achievements



ABOUT US

Fostering disability inclusion

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1325 Corporate Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502 (Washoe)	(775) 823-8100
2281 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431 (Washoe)	(775) 284-9520

Rural Nevada

Address	Phone
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475 West Haskell Street, Suite 2, Winnemucca, NV 89445 (Humboldt)	(775) 623-6544
1500 Avenue F, Suite 1, Ely, NV 89301 (White Pine)	(775) 289-1675
121 Industrial Way, Fallon, NV 89406 (Churchill)	(775) 423-6568

Southern Nevada

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2827 Las Vegas Boulevard North, North Las Vegas, NV 89030 (Clark)	(702) 486-0200
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Locations



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