

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program Manual Revisions 2023

COMMUNITY VR SERVICES

Revision Summary - The VR Community-based Tennessee Rehabilitation Centers name has been changed to VR Community Services Unit and there have been changes in service provision from facility based to community based and including pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities.

VR Policy

- 1. The VR Community Services Unit (CSU) provides VR services for applicants and eligible individuals to prepare for and achieve competitive integrated employment and preemployment transition services for students with disabilities. CSU staff are located throughout the State. VR services provided by the CSU includes individualized pre- plan assessments, career readiness services, and individualized services based on rehabilitation need. Pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities provided by the CSU includes information or activities regarding potential employment, post-secondary training, and self-advocacy.
- 2. The individual or, as appropriate, the individual's representative must be actively engaged in making decisions about CSU services.
- 3. The provision of CSU services is not subject to financial need.
- 4. Comparable services and benefits determined by the VR Counselor must be utilized, as available.
- 5. An individual's IPE must be completed and contain at a minimum CSU Career Readiness Services before making a referral to the CSU.