

CONTACT THE LAW CENTER

- ▶ If you have questions about how to apply for VR Services.
- ▶ If you are trying to obtain VR services but are having difficulty.
- ▶ If you have been denied services.
- ▶ If you are unhappy with the services you are receiving.

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You may also contact your
nearest VR office at:

Central Office
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Kayenta Agency
(928) 697-5641/5685

Crownpoint Agency
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Note: Keep copies of all letters and the paperwork you receive from OSERS. Take notes on what is said and what is done at the meetings. Recordkeeping will help you if you have problems with your services.



NATIVE AMERICAN
DISABILITY LAW CENTER

**Vocational
Rehabilitation
Services on the
Navajo Nation**

**Protection and Advocacy
for Native Americans
with Disabilities**



- Do you have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that restricts your ability to work?
- Do you want to go back to work?
- Do you need training or special equipment to do so? Vocational Rehabilitation Services maybe able to help you.

What are Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

On the Navajo Nation, the Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) provides Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services to eligible Native Americans with disabilities. OSERS helps individuals with disabilities get the training, education, and equipment they need to go to work. VR Counselors help you get the services you need to gain and keep employment.

Eligibility for VR Services

To qualify for the Navajo Nation VR Services, you must:

- Be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe
- Reside on or within a 20-mile radius of the Navajo Nation
- Have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment
- Require vocational rehabilitation services in terms of an employment outcome

What to Expect During the Process Application

You must fill out an application to make sure you qualify for VR services at the OSERS office. First, you will have an intake interview. Be prepared to answer questions regarding your disability, your family history, your education or training, and your work experience. You should take documents about your income and disability to the interview. OSERS will let you know if you qualify for VR services.

Plan for Employment

If you qualify for VR services, a counselor will ask you what type of job you want and what problems you may have with working. The counselor will use this information to help you plan how to return to work. This plan is called an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Grievances

If you and your counselor cannot agree on your IPE or you have not received services in your IPE. You should contact the Law Center.

If you have been denied services, you have the right to appeal.

Examples of VR Services

- Counseling and Guidance
- Physical and Mental Restoration Services (including Native Healing Services)
- Vocational and other Training services (includes educational expenses)
- Interpreter and note-taking services for individuals who are deaf
- Reader, rehabilitation teaching, note-taking, and mobility services for individuals who are blind
- Assistive Aids and Devices
- Job Placement
- Occupational licenses, tools, equipment, and startup supplies
- Rehabilitation Technology Services
- Independent Living Services

State DVR Services

You can also apply for services from the State VR office in the state where you live. You are eligible for State VR services even if you live on the reservation.

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