The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) is the state agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment, independence and Social Security disability determination outcomes through its Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) and Bureau of Disability Determination (BDD).

RSC’s vocational rehabilitation (VR) team serves Ohioans beginning at age 14, guiding young people with disabilities regarding career preparation, working with people who acquire disabilities mid-career and advising companies about disability management and workplace solutions.

RSC’s Bureau of Disability Determination adjudicates claims for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**Applying for Services**

**Vocational Rehabilitation (through BVR/BSVI)**

Anyone can make a referral for VR services through RSC. A referral should be someone who has a disability and needs assistance finding or keeping a job. It is possible to make a self-referral. Simply complete a referral form, available at [www.rsc.ohio.gov](http://www.rsc.ohio.gov), contact the nearest RSC office (see RSC Near You) or call 800-282-4536.

**Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance**

Whether filing for SSDI or SSI, the process begins by contacting the Social Security Administration:
- Applying online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
- Calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)
- Visiting a local Social Security Office

**Eligibility**

**Eligibility for VR services** is based on three factors:

- Individual has a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial barrier to employment;
- Individual can benefit from RSC service in terms of employment outcome;
- Individual requires VR services to gain or retain employment.

*Federal law mandates that RSC serve Ohioans with the most significant disabilities first.*

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Eligibility for SSI/SSDI
Once the application for disability benefits is taken at the local SSA office, BDD assesses whether medical requirements are met for disability. The Social Security Administration mandates that a person must be found unable to perform any type of work for at least 12 months due to a physical, mental or combination of impairments.

VR Services that RSC Provides to People with Disabilities
RSC's professional VR counselors work with people with disabilities to prepare Individual Plans of Employment (IPEs). The tailored programs are designed to lead to employment in careers consistent with the individuals' interests and abilities. Personalized services include:
- Evaluation
- Counseling and guidance
- On-the-job supports
- Work experiences
- Training
- Job placement assistance
- Rehabilitation technology services

Customers participate in planning services and make choices about service delivery. They contribute to the cost of their programs to the extent possible, but nobody is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Services for Young People with Disabilities
RSC's transition program guides students with disabilities to encourage a smooth shift from the classroom to the workforce. The agency collaborates with local school districts and other state and local agencies to plan and prepare coordinated sets of activities, including community work experiences, continuing education and independent living services, based on students’ needs, preferences and abilities.

RSC’s Bureau of Disability Determination serves young people with disabilities who apply for SSI. A child who is blind or disabled may be eligible for SSI benefits. There is no minimum age requirement. For more information about eligibility, visit www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-child-ussi.htm.

RSC Near You

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