

Montana Vocational Rehabilitation
Presents

Bridging The Gap From School To Work



MVR TRANSITIONS

SCHOOL

WORK

Agenda

- HOW Can MVR Help?
- WHO Is Eligible?
- WHAT Is The MVR Process?
- WHEN Does MVR Get Involved?
- Key Points Regarding MVR
- Transition Case Studies
- Improvements In Transitions: A Better Bridge
- WHO Do I contact?
- Questions

Picture It!

The Day After Graduation

- Will I be working or preparing to go onto college?
 - Where will I live?
- How will I get to school and work?

WHO WILL HELP ME?

- How will I pay for what I need?
- What will I do for recreation?

HOW Can MVR Help?

- Evaluation Services
- Career Guidance & Counseling
- Medical & Psychological Services
- Job Development and Placement Services
- Training
- Rehabilitation Technology
- Post Employment Services
- Referral to Other Resources

WHO Is Eligible?

- You have a physical or mental disability and
- Your disability prevents you from preparing for, getting or keeping a job and
- You want to work, but you require VR services to help you get or keep a job or
- You receive Social Security benefits

WHAT Is The Process?

- Make Appointment
- Complete Application
- Determine Eligibility
- Undergo Evaluation, Guidance & Counseling
- Develop Individual Plan for Employment (IPE)
- Review progress
- Close case

WHEN Does MVR Get Involved?

- Consultation can begin anytime
 - middle school
 - IEP
 - one to one meetings with VR counselor
- Applications taken in preparation for exit year
 - spring of junior year
 - summer prior to senior year
 - senior year

Key Points

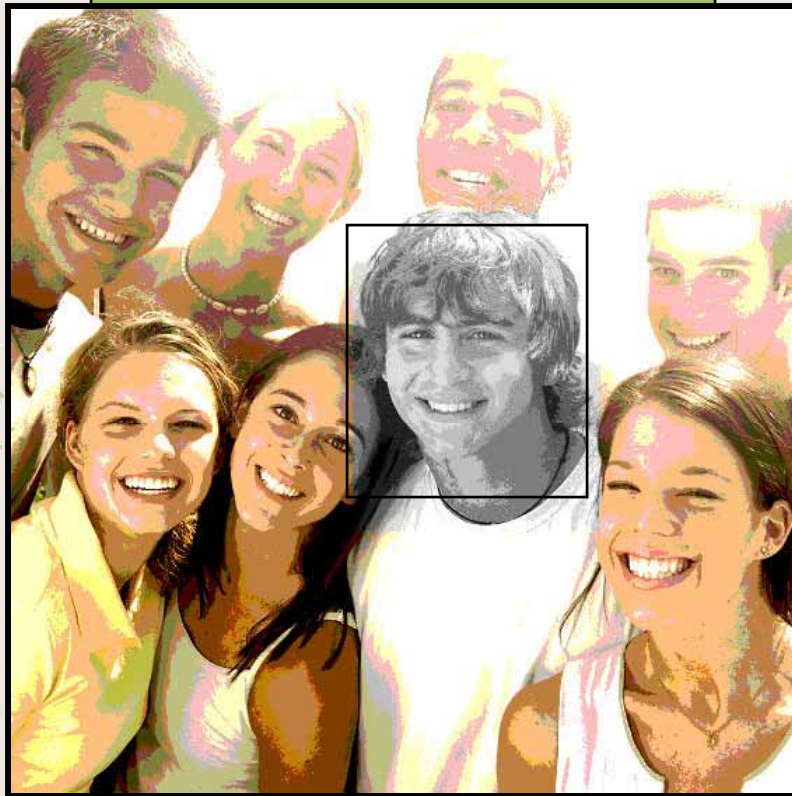
- Services are provided according to financial need
- Rehab plans are individualized
- Services must be required
- Clients learn how to make informed choices
- Clients learn to balance rights and responsibilities
- The Vocational Rehabilitation Program and The Developmental Disabilities Program—what's the difference?

Case Study: KELSEY



- Evaluation
- Guidance & Counseling
- Supported & Extended Employment Services
- Post Employment Services
- Coordinated Services

Case Study: JAKE



- Evaluation
- Guidance & Counseling
- Vocational Training
- Medical Services
- Rehab Technology
- Job Placement Assistance

Case Study: ELLIE



- Evaluation
- Guidance & Counseling
- College Training
- Psychological Services
- Job Placement Assistance

Building A Better Bridge

- Governor's Transitions Taskforce
 - program alignment
 - Improved communication
 - System change
 - Disability History and Culture Curriculum For All
- Montana Youth Transitions Program
 - Web Site
 - Conference

WHO Do I Contact?

- **PHONE**

- To locate the office nearest you, phone:
1-877-296-1197 (toll free consumer line)
(406) 444-2590 (voice/TTY)

- **WEB**

- To obtain information at any time, go to:
www.dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/vrs/index.shtml

Questions?



Supported → Extended

- Supported Employment
- Help to **GET** job
- Continues until person is stable on job
- Federal Funding (VI-B)



- Extended Employment
- Help to **KEEP** job
- Continues as long as needed
- State Funding

