Texas Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Join us for a Webinar Series

Putting Texas Back to Work
Increasing Access and Opportunity for Texas Job Seekers with Disabilities

Presented by
the Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities
and the Texas Workforce System
Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (since 2016)

• Texas Workforce Solutions comprises;
  • Texas Workforce Commission
  • 28 local workforce development boards
  • Service-providing partners, including TWS-VRS

• Together, Texas Workforce Solutions provides workforce education, training and support services, and partners with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services, to assist the people and businesses of Texas.
What Is Vocational Rehabilitation?

• Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services for individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment.

• Services are considered on an individual basis based on each person’s employment goal

• VR services are eligibility based

• Each applicant is assigned a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

• Vocational goal is determined and services layout how that goal will be obtained
Services

VR can provide a variety of services necessary to help an individual with a disability prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment.

Services are considered on an individual basis and must be reasonable and necessary for that person. There also must be a vocational need for the service.
Services Cont.

• Medical and Psychological Assessment
• Vocational Evaluation and Planning
• Career Counseling and Guidance
• Work Experience While in High School
• Job-Site Assessment and Accommodations
• Job Placement
• Job Coaching
• On-the-Job Training
• Supported Employment
• Assistive Technology and Devices
Scott

- Tyler Police Department, Community Response Officer
- Marine Corp Veteran
- Married with 3 boys
- Sons are serving in the Navy & Marine Corp
- Musician
- Outdoor Enthusiast
Denise

- Director at Connect Ministries
- Mother and grandmother
- Member of Blind Professionals
- Advocate
Nicholas (Nick)

✓ Warehouse Order Selector @ Kendra Scott
✓ Bike commuter
✓ Martial Arts & Yoga
✓ Voracious reader
✓ Handwriting /fountain pen enthusiast
✓ Animal lover
✓ Enjoys Science Fiction and Fantasy movies, books, & TV
✓ Oh, and cooking too!
Melissa

- Executive Director at Legacy Counseling Center
- Licensed Therapist
- Married to work and her husband
- Four legged child
- Public speaker
- Consultant for drug companies
- Research group with NIH
Focus: business-to-business networking and education about Workforce Inclusion of people with disabilities

Disability:IN Central TX is an affiliate of Disability:IN (formally Business Leadership Network, USBLN)

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