

## Transition School to Work (TSW) Program

The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Transition School to Work program focuses on the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible high school students with disAbilities who are interested in employment after leaving high school. The goal is a smooth, seamless transition from high school to post-high school employment.

All VR eligible students receive counseling and guidance from a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Examples of other transition services that lead to employment might include vocational assessment, assistive technology evaluation, post-secondary training, and/or job placement. Post-secondary training might include on-the-job training, training at the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (Smyrna, TN), or training at the vocational/technical or college/university levels.

High school teachers, guidance counselors, family members or students may request that a DRS counselor become involved early in the transition planning process but no later than 12 to 18 months prior to exiting school.

To find the DRS office in your area, follow this link:

[http://state.tn.us/humanserv/st\\_map\\_trc\\_ttap.html](http://state.tn.us/humanserv/st_map_trc_ttap.html)

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