

SRC Encourages Your Involvement

- Contact the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
- Attend an SRC sponsored public forum
- Attend an SRC meeting
- Request a copy of the Unified State VR Plan
- Request a copy of the DRS Annual Report
- Request information on how to serve as a member on the SRC

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STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

**providing leadership
on behalf of individuals
with disabilities
and guidance to
vocational rehabilitation
programs**



Rehabilitation Act

Federal Overview

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and incorporated within the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended to provide comprehensive vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to assist individuals with physical and mental disabilities to become fully employed, achieve independence, and full integration into society.

State of Illinois Overview

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services (IDHS/DRS) is the state's lead agency for serving individuals with disabilities. VR programs and services are implemented through the Bureau of Blind Services and Bureau of Field Services across the State.

Eligibility

An individual with a significant disability who requires VR services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment is eligible for assistance.

Customer Choice

Customers participate in their assessment, goal development, and in the selection of services needed to achieve their goals.

State Rehabilitation Council

Establishment

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) was established by the Rehabilitation Act to provide recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Director of the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), and to the legislature on the needs and effectiveness of statewide VR programs serving individuals with disabilities and their families.

Function

The function of SRC is to provide true customer input into the current and future VR process. The Council's federal mandates include:

Review, analyze, and advise DRS regarding its performance

Advise and assist in the development of the Unified State Plan for VR services

Review and evaluate customer satisfaction

Coordinate activities with other councils

Identify, jointly develop, and review VR goals and priorities

Jointly select Impartial Hearing Officers with DRS

Membership

SRC members are appointed by the Governor with the majority having a disability. Membership includes representatives from:

- Disability and Advocacy Organizations
- Business, Industry, and Labor
- Community Rehabilitation Service Providers
- Client Assistance Program
- Secondary or Higher Education
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Current or Former Customer of VR Services
- Parent Training Information Centers
- State Board of Education
- State Workforce Innovation Board
- Blind Services Planning Council
- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Director of DRS