

Partners & Services in Employment for Transition Aged Youth

	Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS)	Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB)	Iowa Workforce Development & Title 1 Youth Programs (IWD)	Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs)
Who do they serve?	IVRS serves eligible individuals with a wide variety of disabilities including physical, developmental, intellectual disabilities, mental illness, autism, and brain injury. IVRS also serves students who may be on an Individualized Education Program (IEP), covered under the provisions of a 504 Plan, or have a disability. IVRS can serve potentially eligible students, or students with a disability who have not yet applied or been made eligible for VR services.	IDB is the state vocational rehabilitation agency for transition-aged youth & individuals who are blind or have low-vision to be gainfully employed and live independently. Individuals, including youth, who are Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries or are Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI) recipients because of blindness, are presumed to be eligible for VR services.	IWD serves any and/or all job seekers, as well as offers specific services for transition aged youth under Title 1 Programs. WIOA Title 1 Youth Programs serve: In School Youth or individuals who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between Ages 14-21 • Attending School (Sec or Post Sec) • Low-Income • Have Additional barriers Out of School Youth or individuals who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between Ages 16-24 • Not attending any school • Have additional barriers 75% of Title 1 Youth funds must be spent on out-of-school youth.	CRPs serve individuals, at least 14 years of age, with a diagnosed disability, and who have a documented need for employment support, along with a funding source. *Supported Employment services are funding reliant and are typically funded through Medicaid waivers via Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, Vocational Rehabilitation, or Mental Health & Disability Regions.
Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistance with Job Search ▪ Job Exploration Counseling ▪ Work Based Learning (WBL) ▪ Counseling on Opportunities in Post-Secondary Education & Training Programs ▪ Workplace Readiness Training ▪ Instruction in Self-Advocacy ▪ Job Seeking Skills ▪ Possible Tuition Assistance for Job Training ▪ Self-Employment ▪ Job Coaching ▪ Benefits Planning ▪ Assistive Technology ▪ Referrals to Partner Agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistance with Job Search ▪ Job Exploration Counseling ▪ Work Based Learning (WBL) ▪ Counseling on Opportunities in Post-Secondary Education & Training Programs ▪ Workplace Readiness Training ▪ Instruction in Self-Advocacy ▪ Job Seeking Skills ▪ Possible Tuition Assistance for Job Training ▪ Self-Employment ▪ Job Coaching ▪ Benefits Planning ▪ Referrals to Partner Agencies <p>Additional services include orientation & adjustment center, library services, & technology services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job Search & Resume Assistance ▪ Basic Computer Class ▪ Customer Service Training ▪ Mock Interviews & Hiring Events ▪ Rosetta Stone ▪ Unemployment Assistance ▪ Career Assessments ▪ Tutoring, study skills training, etc. ▪ Alt. School or Dropout Recovery Services ▪ Experiential Learning ▪ Occupational Skill Training ▪ Workforce Preparation Activities ▪ Supportive & Follow-Up Services ▪ Guidance & Counseling ▪ Financial Literacy Education ▪ Entrepreneurial Skills Training ▪ Labor Market & Employment Information ▪ Postsecondary Prep Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job Seeking Skills Training & Support ▪ Community Based Assessment ▪ Student Work Experience ▪ Discovery ▪ Job Shadowing ▪ Work Adjustment Training ▪ Career Exploration ▪ Trail Work Experience ▪ Job Development ▪ Customized Employment ▪ Job Coaching ▪ Benefits education <p>Additional services may include residential, Supported Community Living (hourly and 24-hour), Respite</p>
How to Refer	Contact your local counselor, regional office, or visit the IVRS website & complete the referral form at https://www.ivrs.iowa.gov/agency-services/apply-services	Contact the Iowa Department for the Blind at 1-800-362-2587 or https://iowadepblind.wufoo.com/forms/zvrywj80kfnxfj/	Contact & refer to your local American Job Center (IWD office), ask for information specific for Title 1 Programs, or visit https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/contact	Visit Iowa Compass to find supported employment providers serving your community. www.iowacompass.org Search 'Services and Resources'

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	Local Education Agency (LEA) & Area Education Agency (AEA)	Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA)	IVRS Intermediary Program
Who do they serve?	<p>LEAs serve all students, including students with disabilities, to achieve the highest level of learning and performance, finishing school, and become successful members of their community and the workforce.</p> <p>AEAs provide support services to every public and accredited non-public school in Iowa, and work closely with families to meet the needs of their children, including children with disabilities.</p>	<p>WIPA serves Social Security beneficiaries ages 14 to 65 who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), who want to pursue gainful employment.</p>	<p>The IVRS intermediary program serves high school students with disabilities in designated districts.</p>
Services Provided	<p>LEAs are able to provide special education services, which involves specially designed instruction tailored to the unique needs of each child, and is provided at no cost. For students qualifying for special education, the goal of the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) process is to direct the student toward high expectations and becoming a successful member of his or her community and the workforce. Students with disabilities who do not require specially designed instruction to meet their educational needs may be served with a 504 Plan. A 504 plan defines the accommodations that a student needs to access educational services in the general education setting. Special education is a broad term that describes the education of students who have intellectual, physical, behavioral or emotional disabilities.</p> <p>AEAs make sure all students have lifelong access to high-quality educational opportunities and resources. They also provide a wide variety of tools for educators to grow professionally and reach students.</p>	<p>Provide accurate information to beneficiaries receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the work incentives available under these programs. This information will help individuals to make informed choices about employment/self-employment including: how available work incentives can facilitate their transition into the workforce; and Information on the impact of earnings on other support programs.</p>	<p>The statewide network of fifteen regional work-based learning intermediary networks will prepare students for the workforce by connecting business and the education system by offering relevant, work-based learning activities to students and teachers, particularly related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics occupations. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career & Academic Exploration & Planning ▪ Job Shadows ▪ Plan Tours ▪ Career Day Experiences ▪ Job Seeking Skills Training ▪ Understanding Local Labor Market Information and Training Opportunities that will Lead to Placement in Those Careers ▪ Work Based Learning Experiences ▪ Workplace Readiness Training ▪ Self-Advocacy Instruction
How to Refer	<p>Locate & contact your local AEA at http://www.iowaaea.org/find-my-aea/</p>	<p>Call the Ticket Helpline to refer all possible WIPA eligible beneficiaries at 1-866-968-7842.</p>	<p>Locate and contact your local Intermediary program at https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/IVRS%20Contacts.pdf</p>