

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) helps Michigan residents with disabilities achieve employment and self-sufficiency. MRS serves people in their communities through 36 field offices staffed by master degree-level rehabilitation counselors. In addition, one or more MRS counselors are on staff at each of the 100 Michigan Works! Service Centers.

Who Should Go to MRS?

People with a wide range of disabilities are served by MRS. Some disability examples are:

- diabetes
- learning disability
- mental illness
- substance abuse
- kidney disease
- cancer
- multiple sclerosis
- cerebral palsy
- epilepsy
- mental retardation
- heart disease
- muscular dystrophy
- brain injury
- back disability
- quadriplegia
- hearing loss
- paraplegia

A person with a disability may be eligible for MRS services if the disability causes problems in preparing for, finding, or keeping a job. The individual must also require vocational rehabilitation services in order to work.

Who Pays for Services?

MRS provides the following services free of charge:

- disability assessments,
- vocational evaluations,
- counseling,
- job placement services, and
- job follow-up services.

Other services are purchased from public and private agencies in the community. If financially able, clients are asked to help pay for part of these services.

How Is a Referral to MRS Made?

Any person with a disability who is interested in receiving job rehabilitation services may call the nearest MRS office. Referrals also may be made by family members, hospitals, school counselors, mental health professionals, social workers, churches, and other community agencies.

What Type of Services Are Available to Employers?

MRS also has on staff business service representatives across the state who help business owners and managers find solutions to disability-related issues in the workplace.

Services available to businesses are:

- helping employers retain valuable employees who are at-risk because of the onset of a disability;
- referral of qualified, pre-screened job applicants matched to the employer's requirements;
- reimbursement for part of the costs associated with training a new worker referred by MRS;
- helping businesses obtain disability- related tax credits and deductions;
- providing information on employer responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- returning injured workers to the job through the MRS Disability Management Program.

Specific strategies available from MRS include:

- reasonable accommodation recommendations,
- ergonomic assessments,
- employee counseling,
- job analyses,
- transferable skill analyses, and
- linking businesses with community and state resources.

For More Information Call:

Albion: (517) 629-3412

Battle Creek: (269) 660-1404

Coldwater: (517) 278-0238

Hastings: (269) 945-9545, ext. 144

For more information about MRS or a listing of MRS offices, call toll free 1-800-605-6722 (voice) or 1-888-605-6722 (TTY). Visit MRS on the Internet at www.michigan.gov/mrs.

Veterans – Job Seeking and Job Finding Services

Veteran’s employment specialists are located in Michigan Works! Service Centers throughout the state. Their extensive knowledge of the local labor market and access to state and federal resources help jobseekers find work quickly. Working in collaboration with Michigan Works! Service Center staff, they are veterans serving veterans.

Assistance to Gain Employment

- On-line job searches using the Michigan Talent Bank
- On-line resume posting in the Michigan Talent Bank
- Job-seeking skills training, including resume preparation, interviewing techniques, and application completion
- Vocational guidance and career counseling
- Apprenticeship information and referral
- Local Labor market information – growing/declining occupations
- Job development and referral
- Referral to training programs, including on-the-job training

Referral to Supportive Service Agencies

- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Veterans service organizations/local service officers
- Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Office
- Medical facilities
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services

For More Information Call:

Albion: (517) 629-5852
Battle Creek: (269) 660-1421 and (269) 660-1425
Coldwater: (517) 278-0217
Hastings: (269) 945-9545, ext. 144

For more information:

For the address and phone number of your nearest Michigan Works! Service Center call 1-800-285-WORKS (9675).

Michigan Talent Bank
www.michworks.org

Veterans Employment Services
www.michigan.gov/veteranjobs

Michigan Career Portal
www.michigan.gov/careers