



## How much will it cost?

In some situations, BRS may contribute all or part of the cost of a given service. You will work with your counselor to find other ways to pay for employment-related services, including financial aid, medical insurance and your own job-related resources.

## What about Medicaid or other benefits I may already receive?

It is possible for you to work and continue to receive Social Security, Medicaid or other benefits.

BRS can direct you to a Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) to help you understand your benefits.

**It sounds like BRS provides help that I won't be able to get elsewhere.**

**When I'm ready to start planning for my future, I'm glad BRS will be able to help me:**

- Think about my career after high school
- Learn more about my disability and what jobs I may be able to pursue
- Get the right training and education after high school
- See if my job site needs accommodations
- Learn about assistive technology
- Provide vehicle and home modification
- Look for a job
- Find the best job to fit my needs



For more information, contact the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services  
Department of Social Services  
A Connect-Ability Partner

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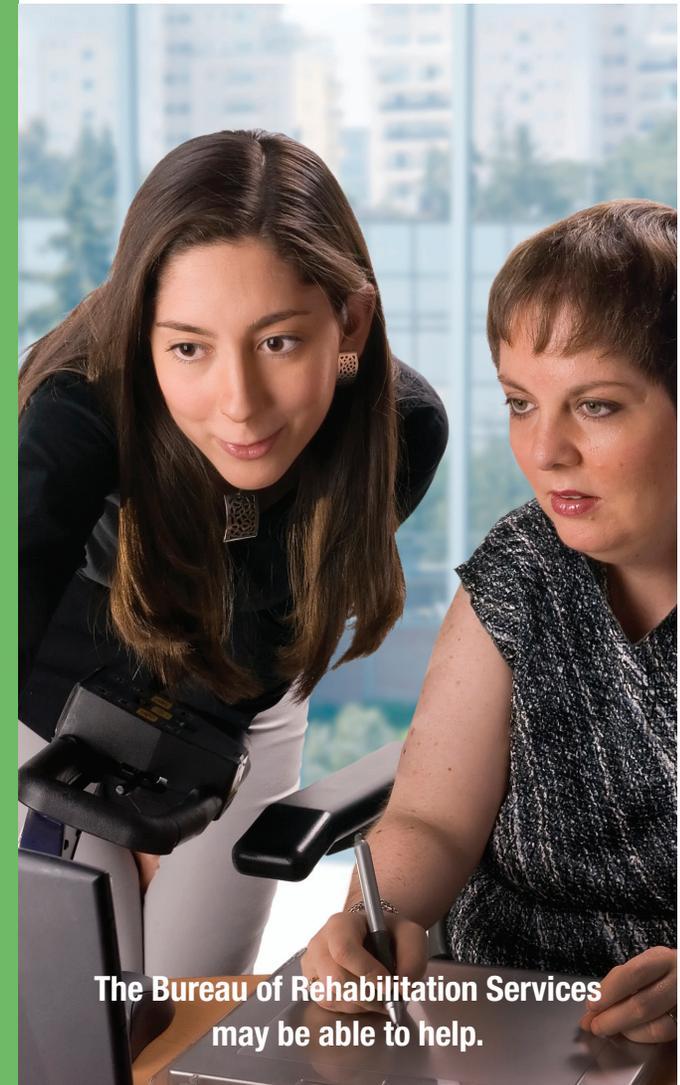
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# DO YOU WANT TO WORK?



**The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services may be able to help.**



## What can BRS do for ME?

**BRS (the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services) can assist your career planning by:**

- Helping you explore your interests
- Helping you identify your strengths
- Helping you know where you might need support
- Providing job training
- Providing someone to help you learn a job (job coach)
- Identifying jobs where you can apply
- Providing other services you might need to reach a career goal

## Who does BRS help?

If you have a physical or mental disability (other than blindness) that makes it hard for you to find or keep a job, you may be eligible for BRS to help you.

## How do we get started?

You may call and ask to speak to a BRS counselor. If you feel more comfortable, your teacher, guidance counselor, parent, or other adult can call for you.

Together, you and your counselor will determine your job goals and the services you need to reach them. If necessary, BRS can help assess your job interests and skills and provide other services to help develop a plan that works for you.

## When is a good time to talk to BRS?

As early as age 14, you can meet with and invite a BRS counselor to come to your school Individual Education Plan (IEP) team meeting. Your parents or other adult involved in your education may also call for you.

Meeting with a BRS counselor early will make sure that you **and** your family understand the differences between what your school provides and what assistance BRS can provide.

It is best if you meet with a BRS counselor before the end of your junior year to learn if you are eligible. This meeting will also help you plan for your career and give you a path to follow when you leave high school.

## Can my family help?

Absolutely! You are always welcome to bring any adult along with you. If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian will have to help you. Family support can continue to be an important part of your success after high school.