

**Tippecanoe County**

823 Park East Blvd., Suite A
Lafayette, IN 47905

Vanderburgh County

711 John St., Suite C
Evansville, IN 47713

Vigo County

1800 Ft. Harrison Road, Suite 12
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Wayne County

50 S. Second St.
Richmond, IN 47374-4212

Wells County

915 N. Main St., Suite 102
Bluffton, IN 46714

■ Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program

The Indiana Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program provides entrepreneurial opportunities for individuals receiving Vocational Rehabilitation Services who are legally blind. Blind entrepreneurs manage a wide variety of food service operations including cafeterias, coffee shops, vending machine locations and highway area vending sites. Through this program, individuals who are blind receive training and opportunities to become productive, tax-paying citizens and independent business owners. The Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program is for individuals who are eligible participants of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and meet a specific set of eligibility criteria.

For more information regarding resources for the Business Enterprise Program, including the eligibility criteria and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the webpage at www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs or contact the Blind and Visually Impaired Services program manager at **800-545-7763**.


■ Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Service is a program within the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services that helps people with disabilities prepare for, obtain and retain employment. Individuals in the program work closely with a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Through active participation in their rehabilitation, people with disabilities achieve a greater level of independence in their workplace and living environments.

How does someone qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

An applicant is eligible if all of the following criteria are met:

- He or she has a physical or mental impairment;
- The physical or mental impairment constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment;

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- The individual requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, advance in or regain employment consistent with his or her strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests and informed choice; and
 - The individual can benefit from VR services in terms of an employment outcome.

How are Vocational Rehabilitation Services financed?

There is no charge for Vocational Rehabilitation Services; however, some services require VR to explore other funding options. For some post-secondary expenses, for example, students and their parents/guardians are first required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students will use any federal student aid they may be eligible for to help pay for certain costs (e.g., tuition and books).

What are the income/asset/resource limits?

Vocational Rehabilitation Services does not have any income/asset/resource limits.

What services are available?

Vocational Rehabilitation Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Vocational counseling and guidance
- Transition services for students with disabilities to help make the transition from school to work
- Job placement assistance, including supported employment
- Training for a job, including vocational school, college/university and on-the-job training
- Assistive technology, including devices like speech-to-text software
- Physical and mental restoration services
- Rehabilitation technology (e.g., adaptive devices, vehicle modifications)
- Personal assistance services
- Establishing self-employment as an employment outcome

How does someone apply for Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

Applicants should contact or visit a local Vocational Rehabilitation Services office to discuss the application and eligibility process or call Vocational Rehabilitation Services at **800-545-7763**. Office locations are provided at **www.vrs.in.gov**.

Applicants may view a short video titled “Working with Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services” at **www.vrs.in.gov** that outlines VR and how to apply.



What are Pre-employment Transition Services?

Vocational Rehabilitation also serves students with disabilities through Pre-Employment Transition Services. A student with a disability is defined as a student in secondary school between the ages of 14 through the school year in which the student becomes 22, who is eligible for, and receiving, special education or related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or is an individual with a disability for purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. These services supplement what the school provides and increase access to career planning, work experience and job readiness training to support seamless movement from high school to employment or post-secondary education and training. Students with disabilities between the ages of 14–22 who are enrolled in post-secondary training may also be eligible to access Pre-ETS.

Pre-ETS includes the following activities:

- Job exploration counseling
- Work-based learning experiences
- Counseling on post-secondary opportunities
- Workplace readiness training
- Instruction in self-advocacy

More information can be found at **Pre-Employment Transition Services** or by sending an email to fssa.pre-ets@fssa.in.gov.

Vocational Rehabilitation offices

Areas 1 & 2

Counties: Lake & Newton

110 W. Ridge Road
Gary, IN 46409
Phone: 219-981-5326
Toll-Free: 877-847-9891
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3567

Area 3

**Counties: Jasper, LaPorte,
Porter, Pulaski & Starke**

2602 Chicago St., Suite 200
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Phone: 219-462-0521
Toll-Free: 877-847-9888
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3568

Area 4

Counties: Marshall & St. Joseph

Commerce Center
401 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 270
South Bend, IN 46617
Phone: 574-232-4861
Toll-Free: 877-282-0964
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3569

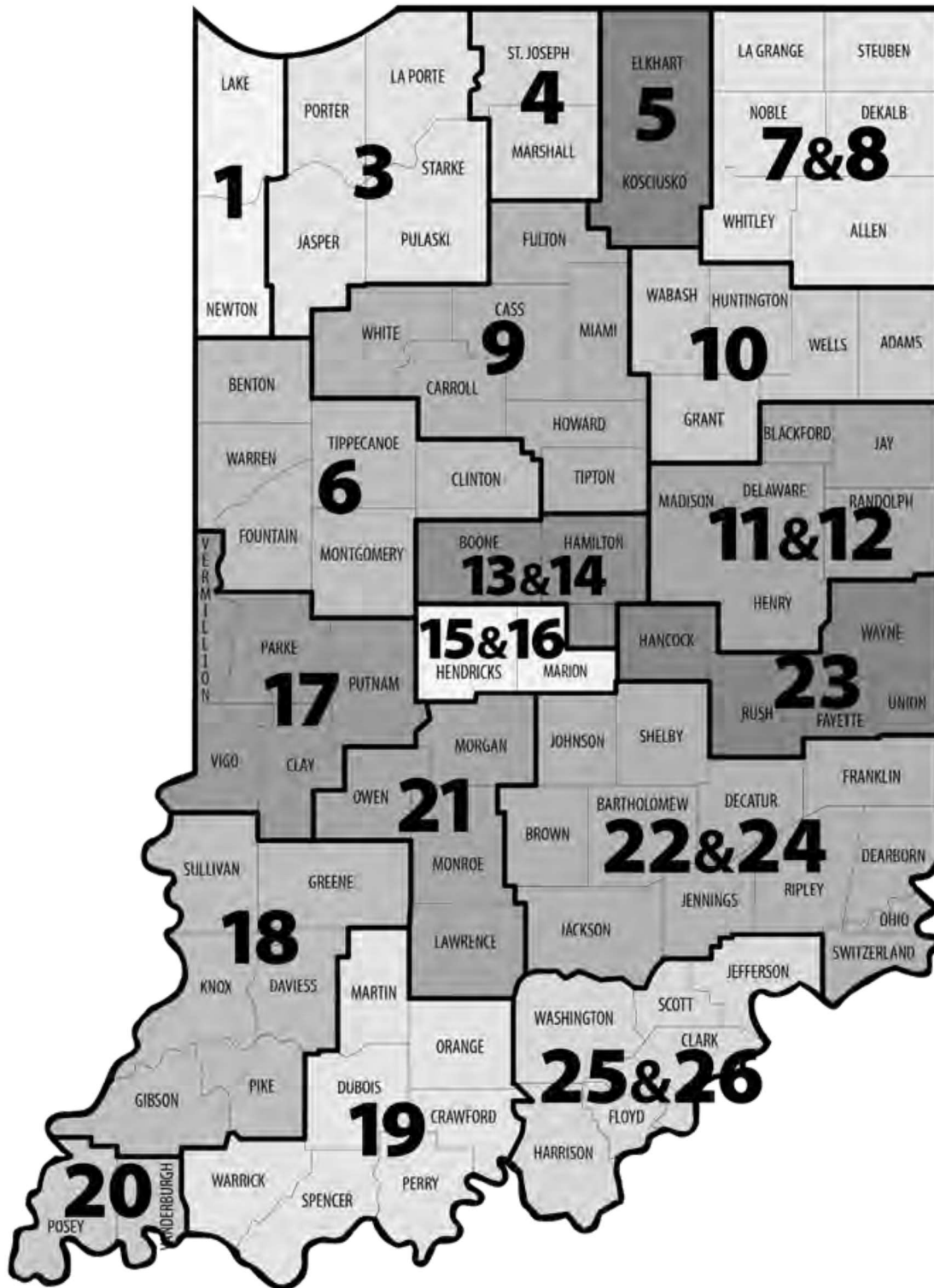
Area 5

Counties: Elkhart & Kosciusko

1659 Mishawaka St., Suite A
Elkhart, IN 46514-1812
Phone: 574-262-2086
Toll-Free: 877-847-9897
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3570



Vocational Rehabilitation offices





Area 6

Counties: Benton, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe & Warren

105 Executive Drive, Suite B,
Lafayette, IN 47905
Phone: 765-449-4278
Toll-Free: 877-847-9892
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3575

Areas 7 & 8 - Fort Wayne

Counties: Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben & Whitley

201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Suite 300
Fort Wayne, IN 46806-1756
Phone: 260-424-1595
Toll-Free: 877-715-5292
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3571

Area 9

Counties: Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Tipton & White

1914 S. Dixon Road
Kokomo, IN 46902-7302
Phone: 765-455-5020
Toll-Free: 877-715-5294
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3576

Area 10

Counties: Adams, Grant, Huntington, Wabash & Wells

840 N. Miller Ave., Suite C
Marion, IN 46952-2338
Phone: 765-662-9961
Toll-Free: 877-876-2866
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3572

Area 11 & 12

Counties: Blackford, Delaware, Henry, Jay, Madison & Randolph

201 E. Charles St., Suite 130
Muncie, IN 47305-2434
Toll-Free: 877-847-9890
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3573

Areas 13 & 14 - Indianapolis Northeast & Central

Counties: Boone, Hamilton & Marion [ZIP codes 46205, 46208, 46216, 46218, 46219, 46220, 46226, 46228, 46229, 46235, 46236, 46240, 46250, 46256, 46260, 46268, 46278, 46280 and 46290]

2620 Kessler Blvd. East Drive,
Suite 105
Indianapolis, IN 46220-2890
Phone: 317-205-0100
Toll-Free: 877-715-5296
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-442-0002

Areas 15 & 16 - Indianapolis West & South

Counties: Hendricks, & Marion [ZIP codes 46201, 46202, 46203, 46204, 46214, 46217, 46221, 46222, 46224, 46225, 46227, 46231, 46234, 46237, 46239, 46241, 46254, 46259 & 46107 (Beech Grove)]

6640 Parkdale Place, Suite L
Indianapolis, IN 46254
Phone: 317-270-1005
Toll-Free: 877-876-2864
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-344-0001



Area 17

**Counties: Clay, Parke, Putnam,
Vermillion & Vigo**

30 N. Eighth St., P.O. Box 10217
Terre Haute, IN 47801-0217
Phone: 812-232-7864
Toll-Free: 877-715-3170
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4256

Area 18

**Counties: Daviess, Gibson,
Greene, Knox, Pike & Sullivan**

1600 Willow St., Suite B
Vincennes, IN 47591-4264
Phone: 812-882-7208
Toll-Free: 877-847-9898
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-442-0001

Area 19

**Counties: Crawford, Dubois,
Martin, Orange, Perry, Spencer
& Warrick**

125 E. 37th St., Suite A
Jasper, IN 47546
Phone: 812-827-5179
Toll-Free: 877-847-9896
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4257

Area 20

Counties: Posey & Vanderburgh

700 E. Walnut St.
Evansville, IN 47713-2561
Phone: 812-425-1367
Toll-Free: 877-715-5299
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4258

Area 21

**Counties: Lawrence, Monroe,
Morgan & Owen**

1531 S. Curry Pike, Suite 300
Bloomington, IN 47403
Phone: 812-332-7331
Toll-Free: 877-847-9893
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4260

Area 22 & 24

**Counties: Bartholomew,
Brown, Dearborn, Decatur,
Franklin, Jackson, Jennings,
Johnson, Ohio, Ripley, Shelby &
Switzerland**

1248 Washington St.
Columbus, IN 47201-5722
Phone: 812-376-9935
Toll-Free: 877-396-3271
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4261

Area 23

**Counties: Fayette, Hancock,
Rush, Union & Wayne**

52 S. Second St.
Richmond, IN 47374-4212
Phone: 765-966-0932
Toll-Free: 877-715-3171
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-450-3574

Areas 25 & 26

**Counties: Clark, Floyd,
Harrison, Jefferson, Scott &
Washington**

1452 Vaxter St.
Clarksville, IN 47129-7721
Phone: 812-288-8261
Toll-Free: 877-228-1967
(V/VRS/711)
Toll-Free Fax: 855-455-4259