DOR – Supported Employment Referral

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• DOR partners with community rehabilitation programs - Supported Employment Program (SEP).
• Job Coach may be provided to help learn job tasks and maintain employment.
• DOR also partners with educational institutions, such as high schools/colleges (WorkAbility and Transition programs).

Referral

• When client expresses desire for employment and job coaching is needed: Client should be referred to DOR to open DOR case.
• Referrals may be completed by Client, Service Coordinators, and/or Supported Employment providers.

How to apply

• Contact local DOR office and complete/sign DR 222 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services Application.
• Apply for services online at DOR website: www.dor.ca.gov or print application and mail completed DR 222 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services Application to local DOR office.
• Visit a One-Stop Center and complete intake application.
• SEP employment agency may also be able to assist with submitting and completing DOR application.

Eligibility

• If DOR receives complete information about disability, VR Counselor will notify of eligibility within 60 days of meeting the three requirements of application.
• Have physical or mental impairment that substantially impedes his or her ability to secure employment and VR services are required to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment consistent with applicant’s unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interest and informed choice.
• Be able to benefit from DOR services in terms of an employment outcome in an integrated setting.

Changing Providers

• If client currently has an open case with DOR and a different community rehabilitation program/employment provider is desired and Service Coordinator will make another referral - it is important to notify assigned DOR Counselor of the referral.

Duration of DOR Funding

• DOR Supported Employment Services are typically limited to 24 months. After there is a good job match and it is determined by DOR that ongoing Job Coaching support is needed to maintain employment, then DOR will notify Regional Center Service Coordinator to transition Job Coach funding to Regional Center.
• Case may be closed if client has been successfully employed for 90 days.

Regional Center Funding

• Transition from DOR job coach funding to Regional Center funding is initiated by Service Coordinator after receiving notification from DOR.

Note: The process for opening DOR case is individualized to individual’s job placement, goals and needs.