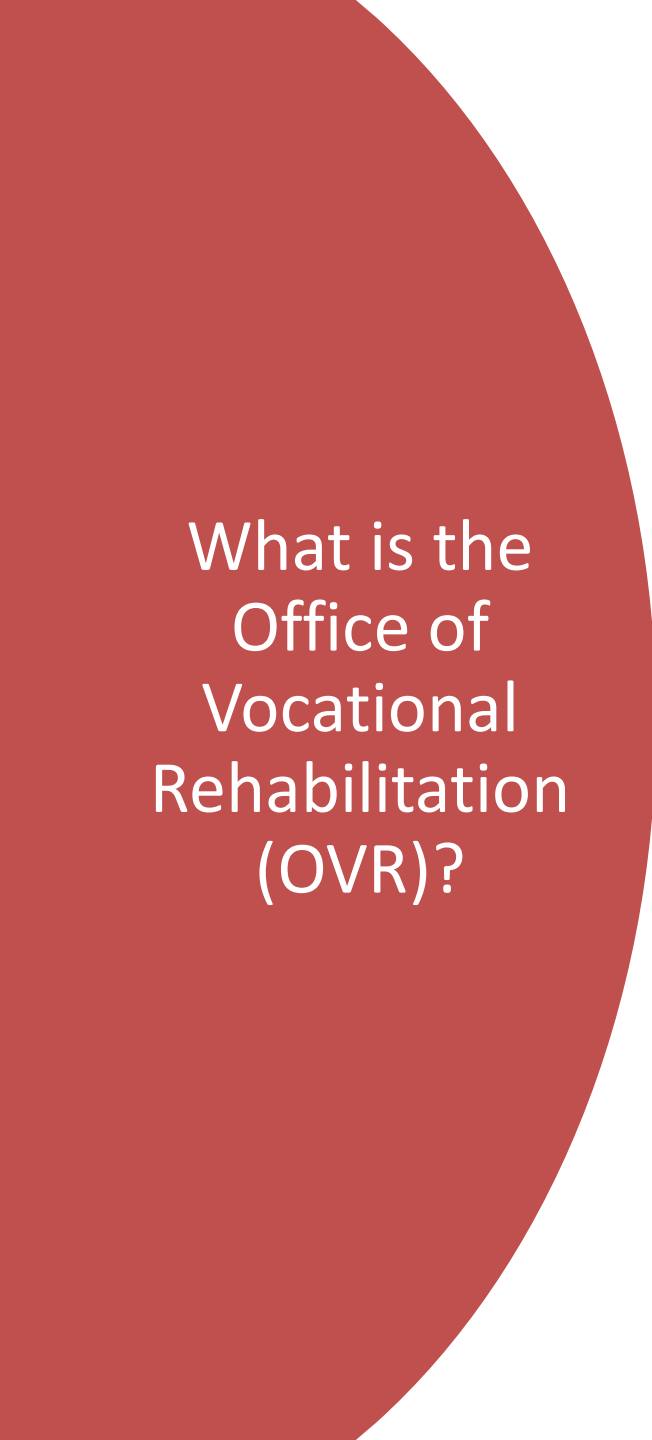



Parent Training: Understanding the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Empowering Students for Future Employment
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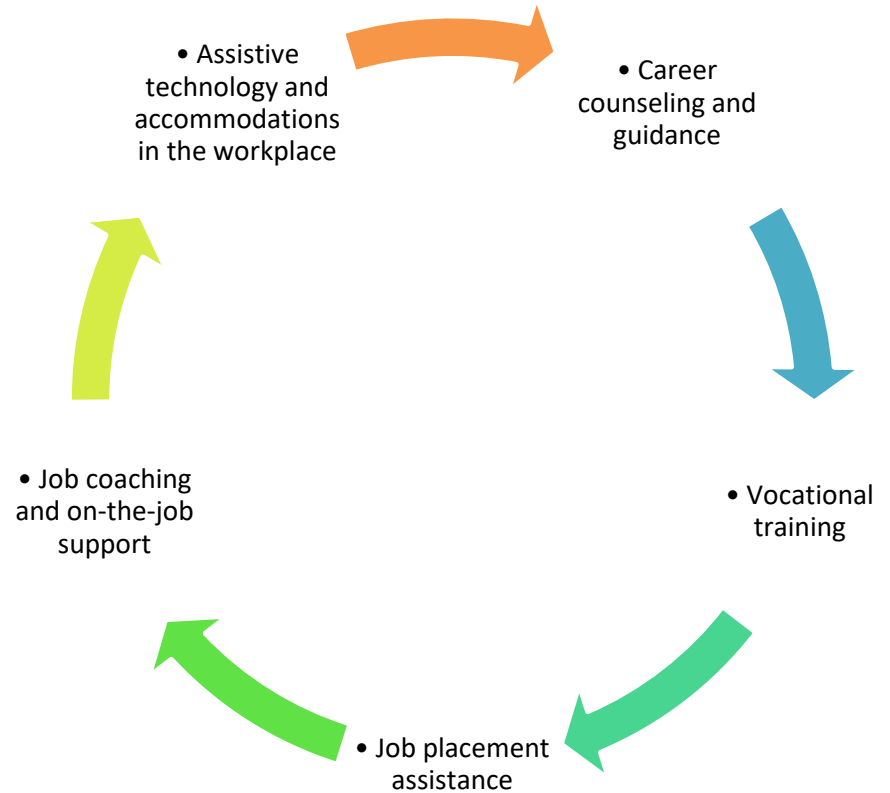
What is the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)?

- OVR helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.
 - Services are designed to support students in their transition from school to work.
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Eligibility for OVR Services

- Students with a documented disability that affects their ability to work may qualify for OVR services.
- The student must be of transition age, typically 14 years and older.
- An evaluation will determine the specific supports and services needed.

Services Provided by OVR



The Role of the Transition Counselor

- Transition counselors work with students, families, and schools to develop individualized plans.

- They help assess the student's strengths, interests, and career goals.

- Counselors connect students with the resources they need to succeed in the workforce.

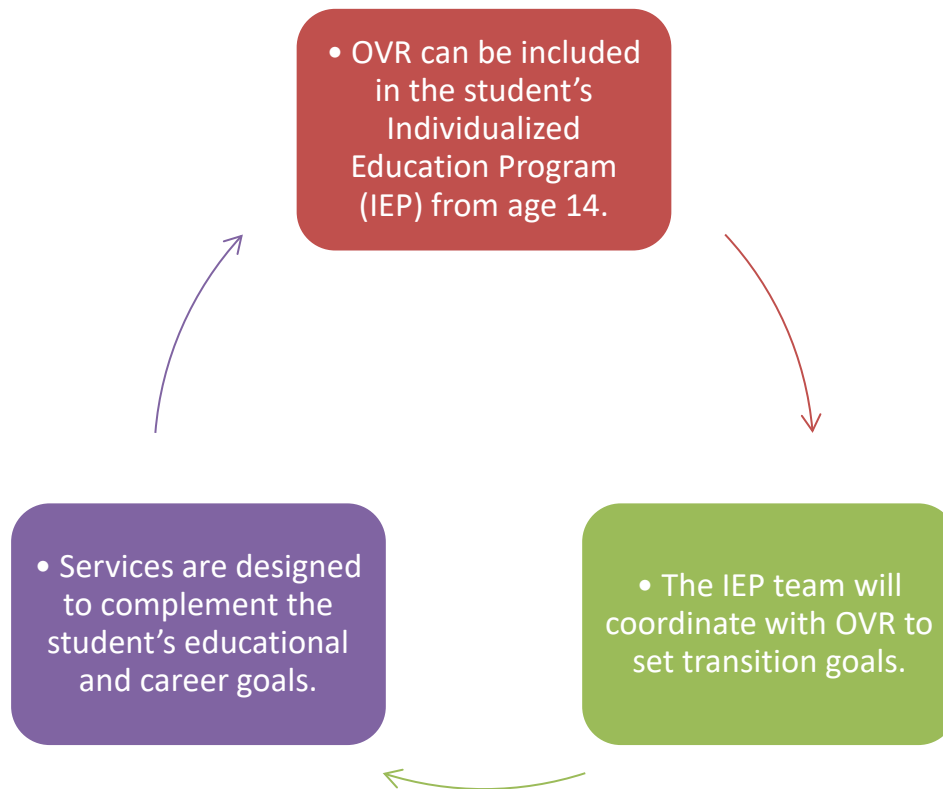
How to Apply for OVR Services

- Referrals can be made by parents, teachers, or the student themselves.

- Contact your local OVR office to schedule an intake appointment.

- The intake process will include evaluations and assessments to determine eligibility.

OVR and the IEP Process



Benefits of OVR for Students

- Access to employment opportunities and job training

- Individualized support to navigate the transition to adulthood

- Assistance with workplace accommodations and assistive technology

- Increased independence and confidence in the workforce

Resources for OVR

- PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation:**
www.dli.pa.gov

- National Rehabilitation Information Center:**
www.naric.com

- Local OVR Offices and Transition Coordinators**

Q&A

Any questions please contact
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Thank You

- Contact for follow-up questions or additional support