

# Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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## Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Vocation Rehabilitation (VR) is a state program that helps people with physical, sensory, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities find, get, or keep a job. Find out more information about VR services by visiting the state's [website](#). There is an application to determine eligibility for VR services and they are not managed by the school IEP team but can work with the team on setting and accomplishing goals. To find out more information about applying call 1-800-215-7227 or visiting this [website](#) to find a local office.

## Pre-Employment Transition Services

One of the services DHHS offers is called Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). This program is offered at no cost to the students who are eligible for special education-related services, are between ages 14-24, and enrolled in traditional/alternative secondary or post-secondary program. The purpose of the program is to provide assistance with identifying disability-related barriers to employment through a Needs Assessment and creating a plan to achieve employment-related goals. The school IEP team will discuss and obtain permission from a parent before making a referral for Pre-ETS, or any VR service. The school IEP team is not responsible for VR services or implementation of the VR plan but can work collaboratively, with permission, with the agency for the benefit of the student. Talk to your IEP team to learn if Pre-ETS is appropriate for your child. Start the discussion early, age 14, to allow the most benefit for the child.



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## Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
  - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
  - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

## Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)
- June 1 – 5: [8<sup>th</sup> Annual ED Games Expo](#) (virtual)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.

<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-listserv-communications>

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