



NMDVR AT A GLANCE 2023

Our Mission:

The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is committed to ensuring that every New Mexican with a disability achieves their employment goals and thrives in their communities.

NMDVR Direct Vocational Rehab Services:

- Career guidance and counseling
- Resume development
- Job search and placement assistance
- Transition-to-work services for high school students
- Post-secondary education assistance
- Supported employment services
- Assistive technology
- Vocational training
- Occupational licensure, tools, and other equipment
- Assistance with developing small business plans
- Interpreter services

Working with Employers:

New Mexicans with disabilities are an untapped resource, offering employers the potential for increased productivity, revenue growth, and improved community relations. NMDVR is committed to helping employer partners find candidates who are skilled, loyal, and committed to their success.

Through the On-the-Job Training program, employers can determine, without obligation, whether the job and business are a good fit with a potential employee.

NMDVR assists employers in other ways, including reasonable accommodations and ADA guidance, liaison services between employer and employee, federal tax incentives, no cost business services, and post-hiring support.

The Vocational Rehabilitation program receives 78.7% of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For federal fiscal year 2023, the total funds awarded was \$22,066,600. The remaining 21.3% is funded by state appropriations and transfers from the Commission for the Blind and Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

By the Numbers (FY23):

- Order of Selection waitlist eliminated
- **\$15.69** average hourly employee wage of participants successfully rehabilitated
- **24** offices throughout the state providing services to New Mexicans
- **375** more applications than FY22
- **439** New Mexicans with a disability who were successfully rehabilitated
- **809** more participants in a service plan than FY22
- **1,339** Students received Pre-Employment Transition Services
- **7,708** New Mexicans received direct vocational rehabilitation services
- **26,968** SSA disability claims processed by the Disability Determination Services team
- **\$10,807,031.56** total wages for successfully rehabilitated individuals with disabilities



Success Stories:

For each participant, the definition of success is different. The constant is that every day—at our two dozen offices around the state—we see so many inspirational stories. A sampling of them can be found at

www.dvr.state.nm.us/success-stories/.

Scan the QR code below for more information about the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

