



TRANSITION SERVICES

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Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)

The purpose of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is to help individuals with disabilities get and maintain employment.

Families and Students Need to Know...

- GVRA services are free to eligible individuals and are designed to support varying needs, from job placement services to job readiness assistance or post-secondary training.
- Eligibility for services is based on factor's such as the individual's disability and its impact on their potential employment.
- GVRA provides benefits counseling to help individuals understand how income may impact benefits like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.
- GVRA may be able to assist with funding for post-secondary education or vocational training.
- Referral to GVRA services typically takes place during a student's last year of high school.
- Application for GVRA services is completed online at: <https://referral.gvs.ga.gov/>. Application assistance and more information can be provided by contacting the Transition Resource Specialist that support's your high school. **Check spam folders after applying online.*



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Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

Pre-ETS are group services designed to equip students with disabilities with the skills and knowledge to transition to post-secondary life successfully. These may be provided in the school setting or during school breaks.

The five main areas covered by Pre-ETS are:

- Job Exploration Counseling
- Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities
- Workplace Readiness Training
- Self-Advocacy Instruction
- Work-Based Learning

The Bud McCall Grant

The Bud McCall Post-Secondary Vocational Rehabilitation Grant is a financial aid program specifically for GVRA clients seeking a college or university education to gain employment. The grant can cover expenses for up to five years and is paid after other financial aid sources like the Pell Grant or scholarships.

It can provide:

Tuition: up to \$7,395 per year.

Maintenance (room, board, and meals): up to \$9,430 per year.

Books: up to \$900 per year.

If you would like to connect with the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your school, please consult the Locations list on the Transition Services website:

<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/38587/special-education-transition-services>