Business Relations Specialists at Vocational Rehabilitation Offices

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies are federally funded and are located in each state within the United States. These VR agencies provide employment assistance to individuals with disabilities. IPS specialists work with vocational rehabilitation counselors at local offices to help people with mental illnesses to return to the competitive workforce. Together, vocational rehabilitation counselors and IPS specialists support people with establishing a plan to find employment in a field that is of interest and that matches their skills and backgrounds.

**What is a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Business Relations Specialist?**

Business Relations Specialists work within most Vocational Rehabilitation offices and are focused on building relationships with businesses to facilitate the hiring of people with disabilities.

**What are some of the activities that Business Relations Specialists do?**

The role of the Business Relations Specialist is to meet face-to-face with employers to learn about employment needs. They provide the employer with information about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and connect them with this talent pool.

Additionally, Business Relations Specialists may provide career planning assistance to customers who are seeking employment. For example, they may assist with preparing for interviews and with understanding qualifications for various positions that may be of interest to customers of Vocational Rehabilitation that are seeking certain types of employment.

**How can you get in contact with a Business Relations Specialists in your area?**

Contact your local Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) office to inquire about the contact for the Business Relations team. You may also go to your state’s Vocational Rehabilitation Services main webpage to access an office locator tool to learn about points of contact in your area who may be able to connect you with a Business Relations Specialist in your area.