

IVRS 101

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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r/vocrehab-pre](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vocrehab-pre)



Iowa Workforce
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Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Learning Objectives

- Understand what services are available through Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
- Learn how to access VR services
- Overview of IVRS Eligibility & Documentation Requirements
- How to braid VR services



What is IVRS?

Iowa Workforce Development (IWD)

- Barriers due to disability
- Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)
- Can benefit from VR services
- Short term services (up to 24 months)

Eligibility Intake

- 60 days
- Documentation
- Categorization = Level of Care

Ongoing Support Services

- As soon as it's known
- Refer to Disability Access Points (DAP)

What Support Can IVRS Provide?

Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)

- 90 days-CIE goal
- Services & Support
- Supported Employee Services (SES)
- Extended services/Ongoing support services
- Funding
- (up to 24 months)

Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) or Independent Provider (IP)

- Approved providers
- Provide FFS employment services

Accessing VR Services

- **Referral Sources**

- Private/self referral
- HHS/DAP/MCO
- CRPs
- Employers

- **Application**

- In person: 13 offices covering 99 counties
- Online at <https://workforce.iowa.gov/vr/apply-services>
- Paper application can be downloaded

- Within 10 business days of receipt, VR will contact applicant to set up an intake to determine eligibility

Eligibility Documentation

Documentation for Eligibility must include:

- A signature from an individual licensed to diagnose that particular disability
- The diagnosis
- Date of diagnosis (most recent is fine)
- Obtaining this documentation is not the only criteria for eligibility determination, just the portion that will be reviewed today



Psych Evaluations

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- Only scheduled and authorized when necessary to obtain a diagnosis
- Paid at the Medicaid Rate
- Take time to obtain



All Other Documentation Used for Reporting Limitations



Verbal Reports



School Records



Case Manager Notes
(Psych/Social History)

Eligibility Categories

Category 2: Most Significantly Disabled (MSD)

- Serious limitations in 3 or more functional impediment areas
- Multiple service needs

Category 4: Significantly Disabled (SD)

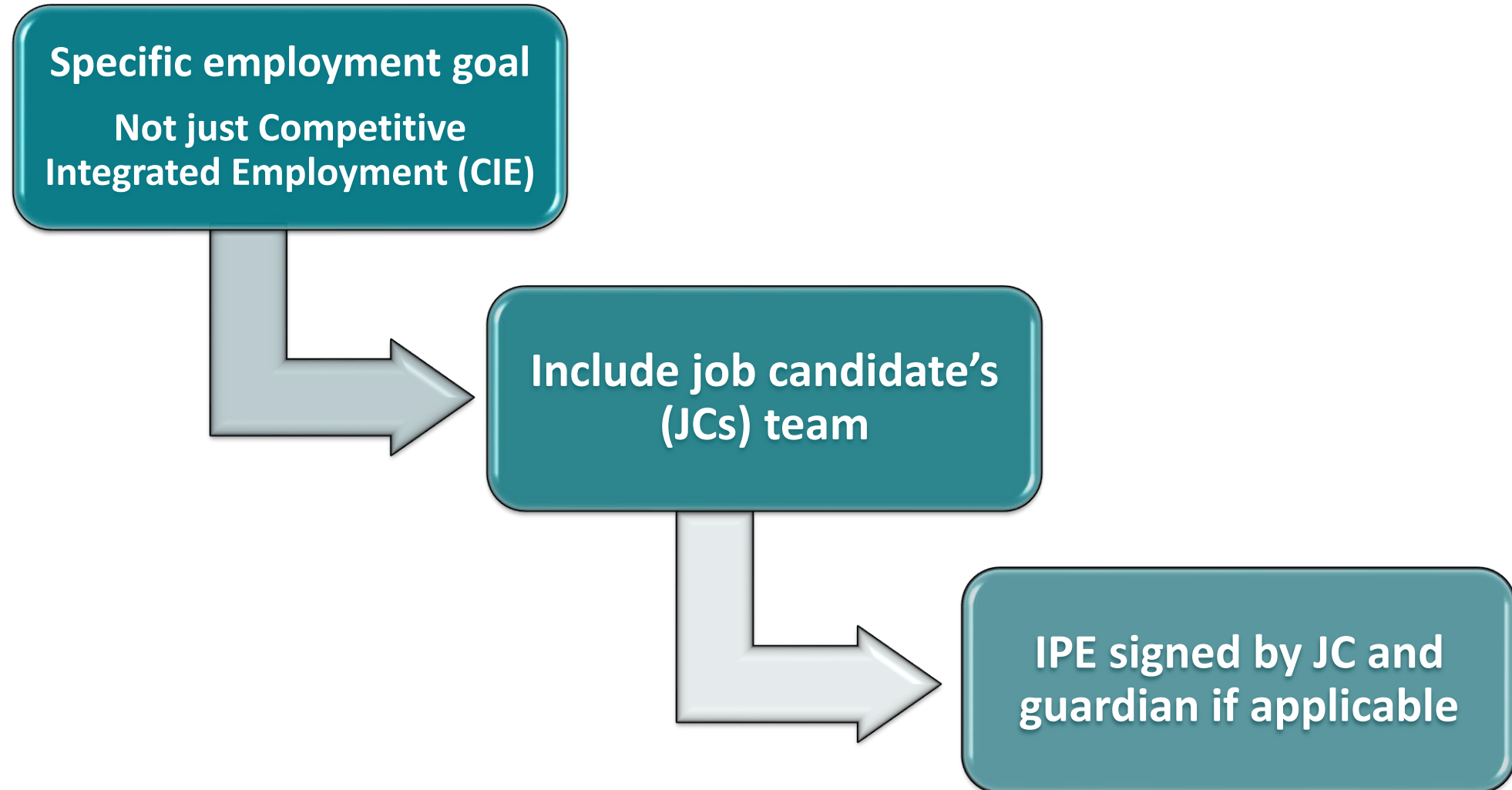
- Serious limitations in 1-2 or more functional impediment areas
- Multiple service needs

Category 6: Others Eligible (OE)

- No serious limitations
- Only one service need



Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)



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What Services and Support are Needed?

Assessment

- Work Readiness, Career Exploration, and Job Shadow

Training

- Work Adjustment, Job Seeking Skills, Transportation

Job Development

Supported Employment Service (SES)

Services provided after job attainment:

- Job coaching, customized employment, natural support, and job coaching

Extended Services/Ongoing Support Services

- [34 CFR 361.5(c)(19)]

Agency Collaboration

Supported Employment Planning Agreement (SEPA)



Key Takeaways

- Anyone can refer
- IPE required before authorizations for services can be made
- Involve partners from the get-go
- Diagnoses must be verified by a licensed professional, but supporting documentation may be utilized
- Testing can be utilized for VR eligibility purposes only
- Share appropriate documentation
- Document with positive intentions and a CIE end goal (fading as much as possible)



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