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DEAF

Individuals who use sign language are served by Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf (RCD's). These Counselors are proficient in sign language/home gesture communication and communication options awareness. There are RCDs statewide available to provide these specialized services:

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HARD OF HEARING LATE-DEAFNESS

Individuals who do not use sign language are served by Communication Specialists (CS's). These counselors have received specialized training about hearing loss and available technology.

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- Technology and training on assistive listening devices (ALDs) and assistive and alerting devices.
- Rehabilitation Technology evaluations from OVR and OFB for hearing and vision on devices they may benefit from.
- Communication Training including American Sign Language, Tactile, other type of communication.
- Information & referral for other services outside of OVR/OFB they might be qualify for.

For more information
about the services:
Contact Amanda
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DEAF-BLIND

Individuals who have combined hearing and vision loss may be served by a RCD, CS and/or a Rehabilitation Counselor for the Blind, depending on their communication preference.

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EXAMPLES OF SERVICES WE PROVIDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Guidance and Counseling
- Information and referrals for other services that may impact with long term employment. Resources including advocacy, laws, budgeting, support system, SSA benefits and much more
- Training programs to seek appropriate employment with support services/disability resource centers. Vocational training if college is not in their plan.
- Rehabilitation technology assessments at workplace for accommodations.
- Job placement assistance/Community Rehabilitation Provider/Supported Employment.
- Interpreting services, oral and signing.
- Communication needs/technology assessment for home and workplace.

****PRE-EST SERVICES (AGE 14-21):**
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