

## **What are Adult Service Providers?**

Adult service providers are organizations that contract with Vocation Rehabilitation to offer a range of employment services for young adults with disabilities. When comparing providers, students and families may find that some specialize in job placement and support while others focus on independent living or socialization. Since service providers vary in a number of ways, it is important that families and job seekers are actively involved in deciding which provider and type of program is the best fit. People with disabilities and their families have more say in the services they receive than they may realize.

Here is a list of the types of services offered by employment service provider programs to assist young adults in finding jobs:

- Development of a career plan to identify a job search direction and a job-finding process, created with input from the young adult and his/her family
- Assessment of skills and interests
- Arranging job try-outs and job-shadowing experiences
- Time-limited job skills training, such as computer skills training
- Help with developing a resume
- Job development assistance, including locating and talking to employers about jobs and the hiring process
- Job coach assistance in the workplace, which focuses on learning job tasks, adjusting to job requirements and ensuring a stable, ongoing employment experience
- Follow-up support to the worker and employer
- Assistance in arranging accommodations that may be needed on the job

- Travel-training assistance and/or help with arranging transportation
- Information and guidance on the impact of earning an income on public benefits