

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Referral Form

Name: _____ Best time to contact you: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

What part of our service area do you live in?

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Other _____
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Are you **enrolled** in a federally recognized tribe?

Yes	No	Unsure
☐	☐	☐

Do you have a mental or physical condition (diabetes, back pain, depression, addiction, etc.)?

Yes	No
☐	☐

What condition(s) do you deal with? _____

Do you have proof of your condition (from a doctor or healthcare professional)?

Yes	No
☐	☐

Has your disability made it difficult to get hired or keep a job?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If so, how? _____

Do you have a desire to work?

Yes	No
☐	☐

What is Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation?

We work with Native Americans and Alaska Natives to help them overcome barriers to employment. Usually, this means working with people experiencing physical or mental conditions, including those who are recovering from substance use.

What services can we provide?

We primarily provide vocational guidance and disability counseling for the participants of our agency. We assist participants with services to address barriers to employment, which includes connecting participants with resources and organizations that may assist in their rehabilitation.

Who is eligible?

Any Native American or Alaska Native who is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, resides in our service area (SPECIFY), has a disability that is creating a barrier to employment, can work, and wants to work is eligible to receive services.

FAQ

Does VR provide housing?

No, VR is an employment program. We may be able to connect you with housing resources.

What kind of financial help can VR provide?

Financial assistance is very limited, must be connected to the qualifying condition or employment barrier, and is case-specific.

Can VR pay outstanding fines?

We are unable to pay fines, and we cannot reimburse program participants for money they spend out of pocket.

How soon after being found eligible can I receive services?

Services can begin once the participant and counselor work together to develop an individualized plan for employment. From application to developing the plan can take anywhere from a few weeks to several months.

Does Samish VR provide emergency assistance?

VR is not an emergency service. Our process for assistance can take time and is not intended to address urgent needs quickly.

Can I still participate if...

...I don't have transportation to be able to meet with you?

We can travel to meet with you in a convenient location.

...I'm uncertain about what work I want to do?

We can assist with career exploration, assess skills and abilities and assess other relevant factors in successful employment such as values, strengths and interests.

...I have a criminal record?

A criminal record does not affect your ability to be eligible for services with our agency.

...my condition isn't documented?

We can help connect you to resources or assessments to get your condition(s) documented.

...I'm going to school?

We are focused on helping people get back to work, which could include counseling and guidance, resources, or help with obtaining a GED or specialized training.