

The Bureau of  
Vocational  
Rehabilitation  
&  
The Bureau of  
Services to the  
Blind and Visually  
Impaired

Helping  
People  
Work



## BVR/BSBVI

- *Our goal is to bridge the gap between disability and self-sufficiency*
- Started when Congress passed legislation and monies were set aside to address the re-employment and counseling needs of **World War I** Veterans
- Funding comes from 4:1 Federal match for every State General Fund dollar allocated to the program
- Every state has a VR program. We are governed by Federal regulations and each state also has it's own Policies and Procedures based on those federal regulations.

# LOCATIONS/ STAFFING

- We have 13 offices statewide
- North, South and Rural
- Zip code determines service office

# STAFF/COST

- Vocational Rehabilitation has 126 employees statewide
- 46 VR Counselors, all with masters degrees, and majority are Certified Rehabilitation Counselors
- Caseloads average about 80 clients
- Most clients pay nothing for VR services
- However, we do apply a needs test which mandates financial participation for income exceeding 330% of the poverty level

# ELIGIBILITY

- The individual has a physical, mental or cognitive impairment diagnosed by qualified medical professional
- The impairment results in a substantial impediment to employment
- The individual requires VR services to secure employment

# ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

- The individual can benefit from services and...
- They are able to legally work in the US
- Social Security for disability = presumptive eligibility

# SOME CUSTOMARY SERVICES

- Assessments of job skills & abilities
- Career Counseling & Guidance
- Community-Based Assessments & OJT's
- Counseling and Guidance
- Physical & and mental "restoration" if they are needed to get or maintain employment (ex. physical therapy, cataract surgery, dental, hearing aids)

# SOME CUSTOMARY SERVICES

- Licenses, tools, equipment, uniforms & supplies for work
- Orientation & Mobility Training
- Assistive Technology for the workplace
- Daily living skills
- Low-vision exams & aids



# SOME CUSTOMARY SERVICES

- Vocational training
- Interpreters
- Job coaches
- Job Development & Job Retention services
- Transportation assistance, including vehicle modifications

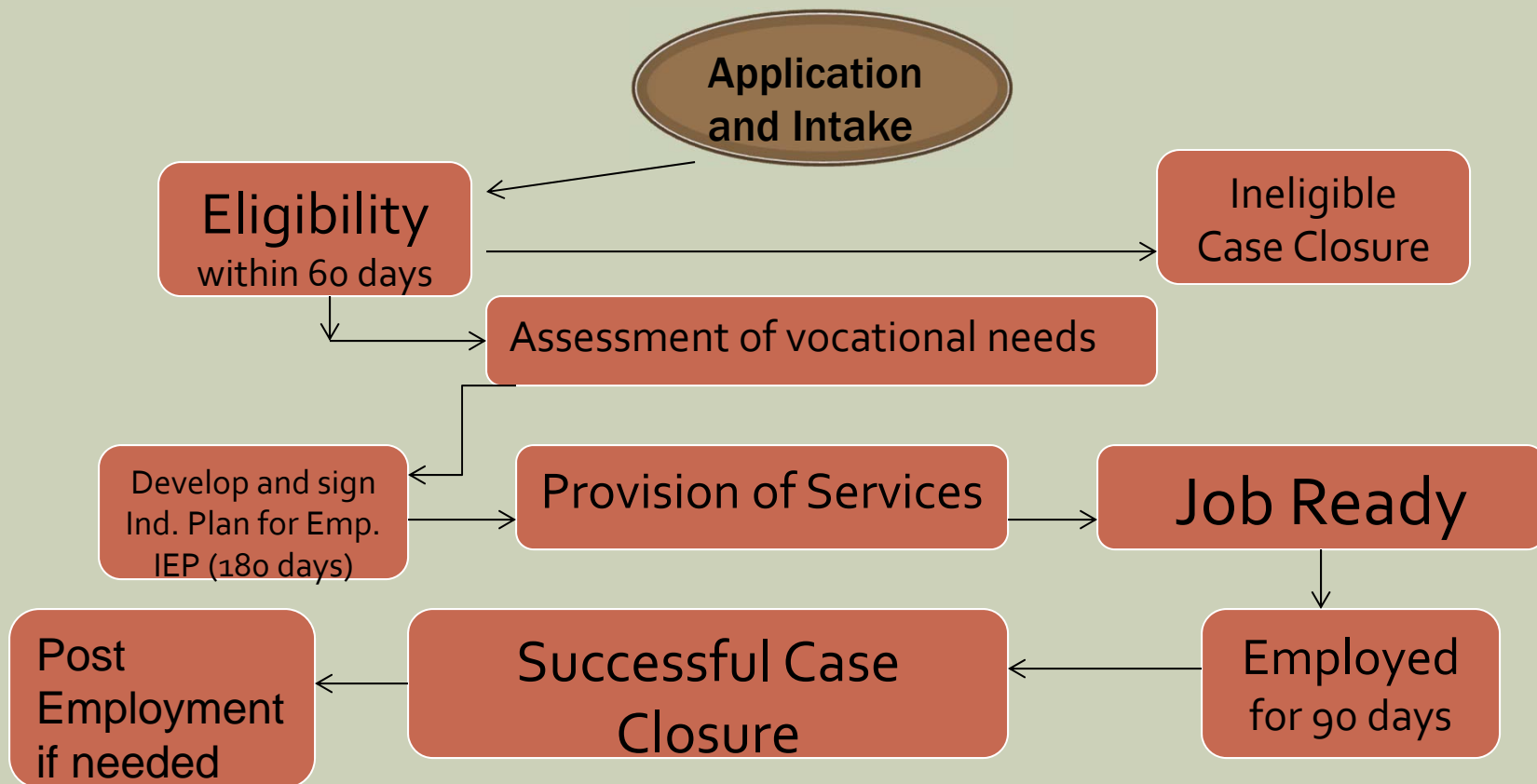
# PROCESS TO RECEIVE SERVICES

1. Call the office nearest you and schedule orientation appt.
2. Get application at orientation
3. Mail it in, bring it in, or if needed because of disability, staff can complete over the phone
4. Schedule an intake with a counselor

# PROCESS CONTINUED

1. Take part in an Intake
  - a. Bring medical documentation re: your disability if possible or Social Security proof/documentation
2. Eligibility Determination made within 60 days
3. Letter sent to applicant informing them of whether or not they are eligible
4. Client and Counselor meet to discuss client's goals and work toward a Plan for services (IPE)

# FLOW OF A CASE



# FIELD OFFICES

- 3405 S. Maryland Parkway , Las Vegas - (702)486-0100
- 6330 W. Charleston, Ste. 190 - 822-4214, Las Vegas (702)822-4216
- Henderson JobConnect - 119 Water Street - 486-0300
- Southern Main Office - 3016 W. Charleston, Suite 200 - 486-5230
- North Las Vegas JobConnect - 2827 Las Vegas Blvd. North - 486-0200
- 1933 North Carson Street, Carson City (775)684-0358
- Northern Main Office 1325 Corporate Blvd. Reno, (775)823-8100
- Fallon JobConnect- 121 Industrial Way, Fallon (775)423-6568
- Ely JobConnect- 1500 Ave. F, Ste. 1 (775)289-1675
- Elko JobConnect- 172 6<sup>th</sup> St. Elko (775)753-1931
- Winnemucca Job Connect- 475 W. Haskell St. (775)623-6544
- Reno JobConnect -4001 S. Virginia Ste. H-1 (775)284-9636
- Sparks JobConnect – 1675 East Prater Way, Ste. 103 (775)284-0358
  
- BVR website: <http://detr.state.nv.us/Rehab%20pages/voc%20rehab.htm>
- For applications: [http://detr.state.nv.us/Rehab%20pages/forms\\_docs.htm](http://detr.state.nv.us/Rehab%20pages/forms_docs.htm)
- BSB's: <http://detr.state.nv.us/Rehab%20pages/blind%20services.htm>

# Questions & Answers

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