

How are these services funded?

Participation in this program is at no cost to you. We are funded through ACCES-VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation, formerly named VESID) which is a state agency that assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment. ACCES-VR supports independent living through education, training, rehabilitation, and career development.

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Need help getting a job?

LGBTQ inclusive employment and career development services

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What are employment and career development services?

Zucker Hillside Hospital's employment and career development services are designed to empower individuals who have a diagnosis by providing guidance, training and support in finding and keeping a job.

If you meet with any of the following professionals for treatment, you may be eligible for services:

- Orthopedist
- Cardiologist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Therapist
- Or other specialty doctor

While there is much diversity within the LGBTQ community, there are shared challenges that may be relevant when planning a job search. We strive to provide culturally competent services to individuals within the LGBTQ community so they can achieve their self-defined success.

We are proud to offer a welcoming place for individuals to explore and reach their career goals, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, gender expression or disability.

What is the Diagnostic Vocational Evaluation (DVE)?

The DVE is a 5-10 day assessment to assist participants in analyzing their interests, abilities and aptitudes. The DVE assesses readiness for work, assists in identifying vocational goals, and helps with developing a detailed plan with resources to assist each participant in achieving their vocational goal. This is accomplished through paper and pencil tests, computer assessments, work samples, and vocational exploration.

Recommendations may include, but are not limited to:

- Job development with one of our employment specialists
- Continued education to support your vocational goals
- Work readiness assessment/experience
- Prevocational support
- Further assessment

What are work readiness services?

Work readiness supports may include a 40-day internship to assist participants in obtaining experience and refining skills necessary for employment. It may also include a 5-day training spread over a month to assist participants in enhancing soft skills including but not limited to conflict resolution, preparing resumes, interview skills, utilizing social media and exploring disclosure in the workplace.

What are employment services?

Employment services include matching each participant to an employment specialist to provide weekly support in obtaining, and maintaining gainful employment. These supports include:

- Interview Skills
- Resume preparation
- Job application support
- Networking skills
- Cover letter assistance
- Job retention services

