

# Vocational Rehabilitation: Summer 2020 Youth Programs

The safety of students who participate in our summer youth programs is our number one priority. Vocational Rehabilitation is doing its part to slow the spread of the coronavirus through physical distancing measures.

To support the health of our community, Vocational Rehabilitation will not hold any in-person youth services in summer 2020. This was a hard decision, in part because in-person programs are a valuable experience for youth.

## **SWIFT**

SWIFT in-person program has been canceled for summer 2020. Virtual classes will be conducted with the students that elected to participate.

## **Camp LEAD**

Camp LEAD in-person program supported by VR has been canceled for summer 2020. Heart of Oregon, Inc., which facilitates and coordinates Camp LEAD, is looking into an opportunity for possible online Pre-Employment Transition Services; however, as of April 28, 2020, this decision has not been finalized.

## **Summer RFA (Request for Applications) programs**

Summer work experiences 2020, in-person, are canceled. Some current RFA recipients may be providing virtual Pre-Employment Transition Services. The RFA 4708 Summer Work application is still open for future summers. If you would like to apply, please contact C.J. Webb at [Carolyn.Webb@dhs.ohs.state.or.us](mailto:Carolyn.Webb@dhs.ohs.state.or.us).

Vocational Rehabilitation and its youth-program partners appreciate your understanding in this very difficult decision regarding in-person services.

For more information on Youth Programs, please contact Sheri Boyd at [Sheri.Boyd@dhs.ohs.state.or.us](mailto:Sheri.Boyd@dhs.ohs.state.or.us).

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