



Vocational Rehabilitation Community Message

Date: Feb. 2, 2026

To: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) partners, contracted providers, Tribes and people receiving services

From: Vocational Rehabilitation

Subject: **VR accepting public comment on state plan updates through March 3**

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program invites public comment through March 3 on an update to its 2024-2028 state plan. The plan explains how we help people with disabilities prepare for, find and keep jobs. It took effect July 1, 2024 and continues through June 30, 2028.

We are currently working on a mid-point update, as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA.) Reviewing the plan at the halfway point helps us make sure the plan still meets the needs of Oregonians and follows the law. This comment period is an opportunity for public review of our proposed updates. The updated plan will inform our work for the remaining two years the plan will be in effect.

Review the [state plan with proposed updates](#).

There are two ways to submit comment: at a public meeting or by completing a feedback form. Both are optional.

Attend a public meeting

Staff, community partners, contracted service providers and consumers are invited to a virtual community meeting to learn about the state plan process and give feedback about VR's proposed changes to its state plan.

Please join us Feb. 18 from noon – 1:30 p.m. Pacific, online via Zoom.

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Join the meeting by phone: 669-254-5252

Meeting ID: 160 909 3418

We will provide American Sign Language interpretation and live captioning.

Complete the state plan feedback form

Go to [this online feedback form](#) to submit comments, suggestions or concerns about these rules. We will collect surveys through March 3.

Accommodation requests

Everyone has a right to participate in these opportunities for comment. Some examples of free help we can provide include spoken language interpreters at the public meeting and written materials in other languages, Braille, large print, audio and other formats. Although every effort will be made to arrange accommodations with 48 hours' notice, VR requests two weeks' notice to ensure accommodations. Email vr.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov or call 503-945-5880.

About the State Plan

The WIOA requires VR to submit a state plan every four years, and a mid-point update after two years.

The 2024-2028 state plan was developed by VR and the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). It serves as a roadmap for how VR will assist people with disabilities in Oregon to achieve, maintain and advance in employment and independence.

The current state plan went into effect July 1, 2024. It was developed in partnership with staff, community partners, contracted services providers and consumers.

The plan sets four goals for the VR program:

- Do a great job serving customers
- Make and improve partnerships
- Hire and keep diverse, well-trained staff
- Make sure VR processes work well and the program can effectively help customers

It identifies priorities within each goal, and projects VR plans to complete in order to meet these priorities.

What does the update include?

We are required to review and update, if needed, several components of the state plan:

- Progress and changes to our goals and strategies;
- Projections for how many people we expect to serve;
- Program for supported employment;
- Staffing needs and projections; and

- Confirm that everything is accurate and up to date.

What happens next?

After the public comment period, we will take the comments into consideration in the final document. We will then submit the final document to the Rehabilitation Services Administration for final approval.

The updated plan will go into effect July 1, 2026. It will guide our work through June 30, 2028.

Resources and learn more

Find VR's state plan and a summary of the goals, priorities and strategies on [VR's Publications and State Plan page](#).

If you have additional questions, email vr.directoroffice@odhs.oregon.gov.

You can get this document for free in other languages, large print, braille or a format you need. Email vr.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov or call 503-945-5880 or 877-277-0513. We accept all relay calls.

Resources

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