



Community Tennessee Rehabilitation Centers (CTRCs) are local community organizations that provide rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities and employers in surrounding areas. CTRC services are mostly funded by state agencies like Vocational Rehabilitation or DIDD.

What services or resources does this agency provide?

The services provided by CTRCs for individuals with disabilities can be grouped into three main categories. The first category is Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation services which encompasses determining work interest and abilities while also doing career exploration and planning. The second category is Employee Development Services which includes performing work for area businesses, building work tolerance, and learning work skills to build work experience. Lastly, Job Development and Employment Assistance focuses on job readiness instruction. CTRCs work with local businesses to seek work opportunities for the clients they serve.

What areas of Tennessee do they serve?

There are around 17 accredited CTRC facilities in Tennessee.

Is there a cost and, if so, who pays?

Usually, consumers do not pay for CTRC services.



For which students might this agency be appropriate?

The services a CTRC provides would be useful to students who need assistance with finding and keeping employment.

Who is eligible to receive their services/ supports and when?

Eligibility varies by the individual CTRC but all individuals must be referred by a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to receive CTRC services.

What is the referral process?

What documents are needed?

All individuals who want services from a CTRC must be referred by a Vocational Rehabilitation counselor.



What is the student's responsibility?

The student's responsibility is to ask their VR counselor if seeking services from a CTRC would be helpful for their needs.

What is the responsibility of an educator?

The educator can share information about the local CTRC and the services that are provided that may be applicable and helpful for the individual student.

How (and when) do you involve them in the transition planning process?

- Ensure that the student will be receiving services from VR so that they can eventually receive services from a CTRC if necessary.
- Call a CTRC to get more information on eligibility requirements.
- Teachers can provide the family with information about area CTCRs.

What questions should I ask of my local CTRC?

- How often will I be reevaluated to receive services from my CTRC?
- For how long can I receive services from my CTRC?
- What can I do if I am denied services by a CTRC?

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- To find a local location and contact information, visit the website at:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/humanservices/ds/office-locator-trc-ttap.html>

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