



Title IV: Vocational Rehabilitation / Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (VR/RSB)

The Board for the Ozark Region includes representation from Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (MVR) whose mission is to empower people with disabilities through employment. The goal of VR services is to assist people in obtaining, maintaining, or advancing in employment. Such services may include: vocational exploration, guidance and counseling, job development and job placement, supported and or/customized employment, vocational training, physical or mental restoration, and assistive devices.

The Board for the Ozark Region also includes a representative from the Family Support Division of the Department of Social Services which includes Rehabilitative Services for the Blind (RSB) whose services include helping eligible blind and visually impaired persons enter, remain in, or return to suitable employment through diagnosis and evaluation; counseling and guidance; physical or mental restoration; training, including college or university, technical or trade; job development and job placement; rehabilitation engineering; and follow-up services to ensure that the rehabilitated person is performing satisfactorily on the job.

These two organizations are the primary referral sources from the MJC for people with disabilities. Additionally, MVR and RSB staff members visit the Job Center locations to provide on-site services to customers, and in Branson, staff is co-located at the MJC facility. As the Board moves forward with WIOA implementation, it will explore having MVR and RSB personnel co-located at the Springfield MJC.

At this time, the Board has not set up a separate subcommittee on disability services. Instead, the Board's Planning and Oversight Committee includes responsibility for these activities.