

Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services



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Mission

Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services promotes opportunities for Montanans with disabilities to have rewarding careers and achieve maximum personal potential.

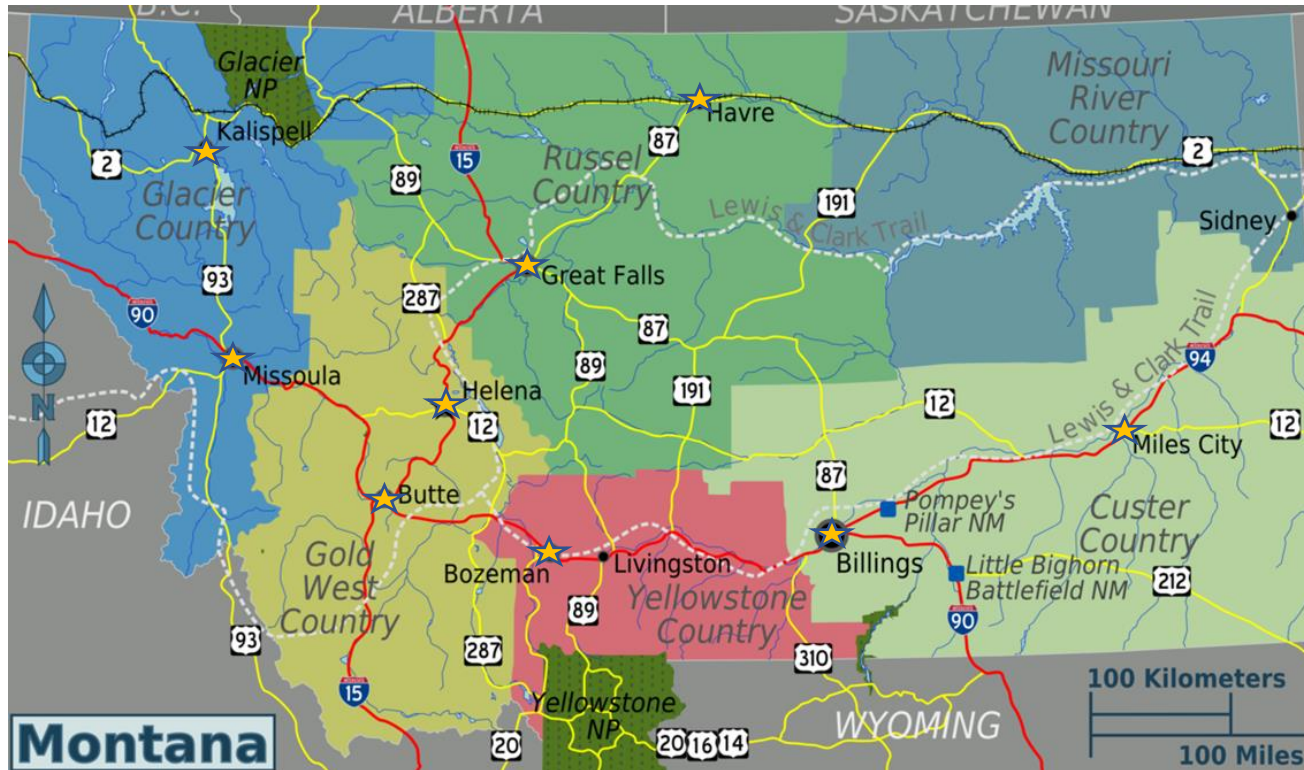
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General Vocational
Rehabilitation

Blind and Low Vision
Services (BLVS)

Pre-Employment Transition
Services (Pre-ETS)

Vocational Rehabilitation



- Provides services for individuals with disabilities seeking employment and employers
- Services available to individuals 14 years old and up
- Bureau Chief: Brook Hodge

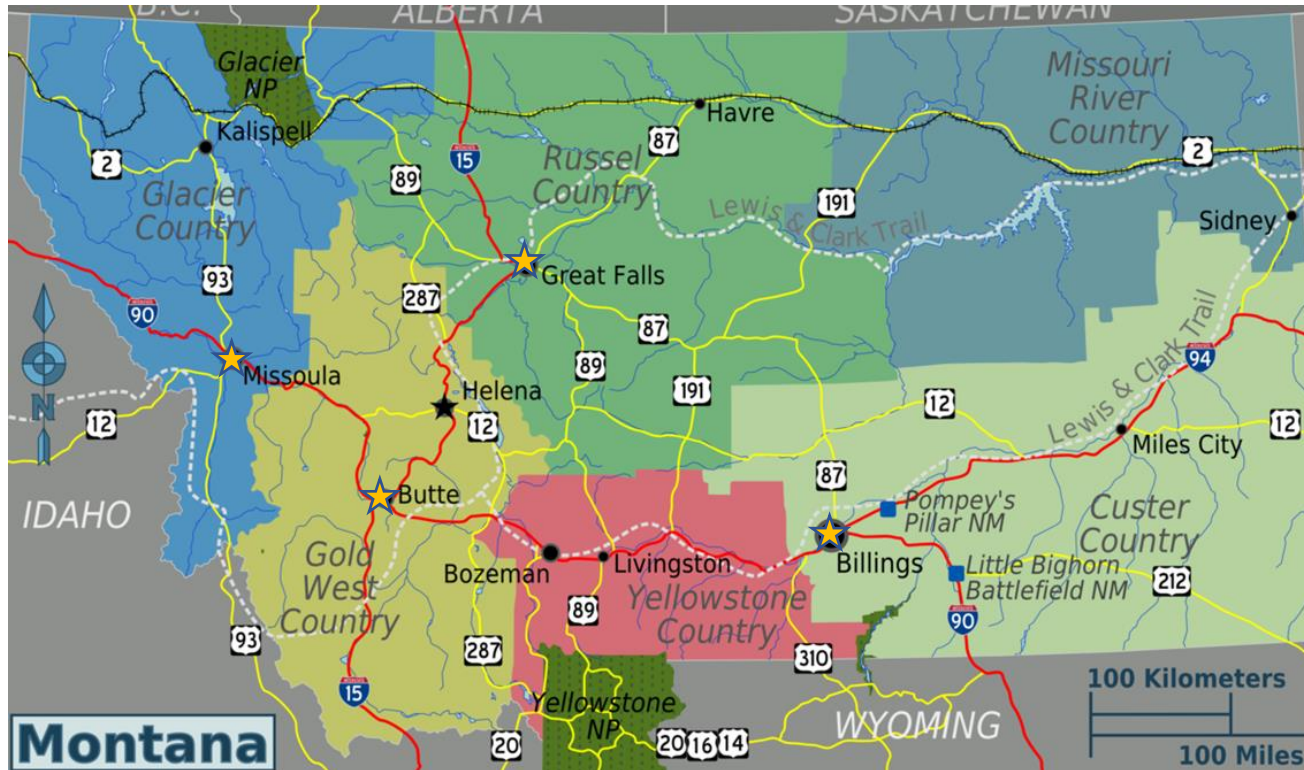
Steps in the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Process

1. **Apply-** an individual meets with qualified VR staff to apply for services.
2. **Eligibility-** VR staff gather documentation of disability to determine eligibility. Eligibility determination must be completed within 60 days of application.

Steps in the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Process (cont.)

- 4. Plan Development-** Client meets with VR Counselor to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment. This process must be completed within 90 days of eligibility determination or coming off the waitlist.
- 5. Case Monitoring-** Client meets with VR Counselor at least every 90 days to track progress to employment goal.
- 6. Exit-** After successfully obtaining employment, VR monitors client's employment for at least 90 days before exiting case.

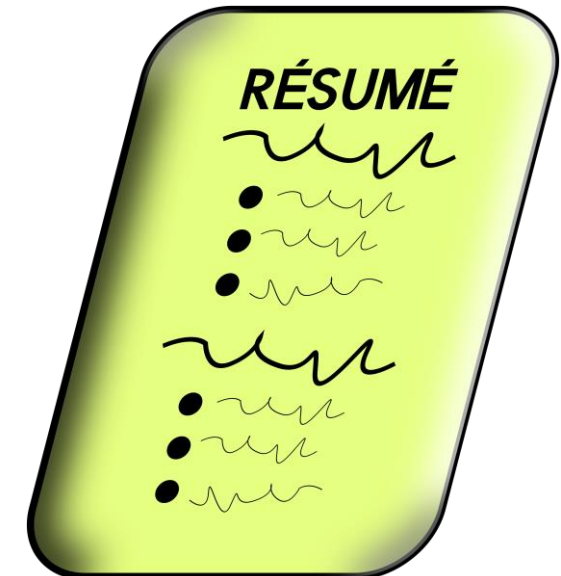
Blind and Low Vision Services (BLVS)



- Provides services through three programs:
Vocational Rehabilitation,
Business Enterprise
Program, Older Blind
- Services available to
individuals 14 years old
and up, Older Blind
program for individuals 55
years and older with a
serious visual impairment
- Bureau Chief: Darrel
Hannum

Types of Services

- Evaluation Services
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Training
- Job Development and Placement
- Rehabilitation Technology
- Business Services



Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

- Pre-ETS services focus on job exploration for students with disabilities ages 14-21.
- Services focus on: Job Exploration, Work-Based Learning Experiences, Counseling on Post-Secondary Programs, Workplace Readiness Training and Instruction in Self-Advocacy
- Bureau Chief: Tammy Hogan

Business Services

- Supporting HR Needs: Specialized training, tax credit assistance, employee retention, accessible communications and disability awareness/sensitivity
- Meet Staffing Needs: Pre-screening, customized training, on-the-job training, internships and job coaching
- Resources for Businesses: Tax credits, workplace accommodations, services animals and the ADA
- Business Services Specialist: Cheri Reed



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