



# OSERS

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

## Maximizing Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

The U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies and stakeholders across the country, administers programs that assist nearly 1 million individuals with disabilities each year through the State VR Services program, one of the core workforce development programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and the State Supported Employment Services program. Both programs are authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by title IV of WIOA.

Through this partnership, the Department supports States as they maximize opportunities for individuals with disabilities to prepare for, secure, retain, advance in, or regain employment that is consistent with their unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice.

The Department's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and Rehabilitation Services Administration are committed to improving outcomes and raising expectations for all people with disabilities, their families, their communities, and the nation.



### 355,500

Total employment outcomes under current administration January 2017 - March 2019

*For purposes of the VR program, an employment outcome includes competitive integrated employment and supported employment.*

*(Section 7(5) of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by title IV of WIOA; 34 CFR 361.5(c)(15))*

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