

2009 Family Care and Family Care Partnership Definition: Vocational Futures Planning	2010 Family Care and Family Care Partnership Definition: Vocational Futures Planning and Support
<p>Prevocational services is the provision of services intended to prepare an individual for paid or unpaid employment but which are not job task oriented. Services include teaching an individual such concepts as following directions, attending to tasks, task completion problem solving, safety and mobility training.</p> <p>Prevocational services furnished under the waiver are not available under a program funded under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or section 602(16) and (17) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401(16 and 17).</p> <p>Prevocational services may be provided to supplement, but may not duplicate services provided under vocational futures planning provided under the waiver.</p> <p>Transportation may be provided between the individual's place of residence and the site of the habilitation services or between habilitation sites (in cases where the individual receives habilitation services in more than one place) as a component part of habilitation services. The cost of this transportation is included in the rate paid to providers of the appropriate type of habilitation services.</p>	<p>Vocational futures planning and support (VFPS) is a person-centered, team based comprehensive employment planning and support service that provides assistance for waiver program participants to obtain, maintain or advance in employment or self-employment.</p> <p>The agency providing VFPS services will ensure that the following service strategies are available as needed to the participant/member: 1) Development of an employment plan based on an individualized determination of strengths, needs and interests of the individual with a disability, the barriers to work, including an assistive technology pre-screen or in-depth assessment, and identification of the assets a member brings to employment; 2) benefits analysis and support; 3) resource team coordination; 4) career exploration and employment goal validation; 5) job seeking support; and, 6) job follow-up and long-term support.</p> <p>VFPS must be provided by qualified professionals that include, for example, an employment specialist, a benefits specialist and an assistive technology consultant. When this service is provided the member record must contain activity reports, completed by the appropriate VFPS Team member(s), within thirty (30) days of completing a particular service strategy. When ongoing support is provided, monthly ongoing support reports must be completed by the provider of the on-going support.</p> <p>VFPS furnished under the waiver excludes services available under a program funded under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or section 602(16) and (17) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401(16 and 17)). VFPS excludes services that could be provided as prevocational or as supported employment. Such services may be used to supplement, but may not duplicate any VFPS services provided under the waiver.</p> <p>All team members shall have skills and knowledge typically acquired through completion of a degree in human service or related field, or an equivalent combination of training and experience, with ongoing training and technical assistance appropriate to their specific specialty.</p>