



Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Community Living • Work • Disability Benefit Eligibility

Creating Opportunities For
Independent Living And Work



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The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission is here to help.

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) helps people with disabilities live and work more independently. There are many people with disabilities in Massachusetts. At the MRC, we provide services, resources, and training to help them. We assist many different kinds of people.

How can we help?

When you visit the MRC, our staff will talk with you about your life and what you want to do. We have lots of experience and know lots of ways to help you achieve your goals. People are often surprised by all the things we can do for them. They had no idea that the MRC can help so much.

Getting started is easy.

If you or someone you know wants to lead a more independent life, contact the MRC. We have offices across the state filled with caring people who are ready to help you. You can learn more by visiting our website or by calling our toll-free number. Either way, this will begin the process of connecting you with the help you need.

Working together for your success.

Soon you will be on the road to a more independent life. Together, we will discuss your goals and challenges and make plans for your success.

In the months ahead, we will check your progress many times to be sure you're moving forward as quickly as possible. If changes in your plan are called for, we will make them. We are here to help you and we leave nothing to chance. Working with us is a true partnership. You will play an important role in achieving progress toward a more independent life.



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1-800-245-6543

(Toll-free in MA only)

Working With MRC

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Consumer Need is Identified



People often contact us after a family member, friend or professional has suggested that we can help them live more independently.

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Consultation and Information Session



In our first meeting, we will work hard to understand your situation and find all the ways in which we can help.

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An MRC Staff Member is Assigned



After we talk with you, we will decide who in the MRC will be your main contact. He or she will be in charge of getting you the services you need.

Vision and Mission

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) promotes equality, empowerment and independence of individuals with disabilities. These goals are achieved through enhancing and encouraging personal choice and the right to succeed or fail in the pursuit of independence and employment in the community.

The MRC provides comprehensive services to people with disabilities that maximize their quality of life and economic self-sufficiency in the community.

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**Community
Living**

Work

Disability Benefit Eligibility

**MRC Staff Examine All
Available Resources**



There are many capable people within MRC and we have many helpful partners too. We have become experts at working together as “one MRC” to see how we can best get you the support you need.

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**Goals and
Tasks are
Created**



You will be part of the team from the very first day. The plan we create with you will lay out clear and realistic steps. It will be your plan—and we will all pitch in to make it work.

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**MRC Brings All
Appropriate
Internal
Resources**



While we are putting together the team that can best help you, we can also review medical and vocational eligibility factors to see if you are eligible to get benefits from the Social Security Administration. These benefits help many people with disabilities support themselves while they are working towards their goals.

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**MRC Partners
Deliver
Additional
Services**

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**Consumer
Advances
Toward Goals**



As you learn new skills and develop new capabilities, you may find that you need less help from the MRC. Your independence is our main goal. Let's achieve it together.

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