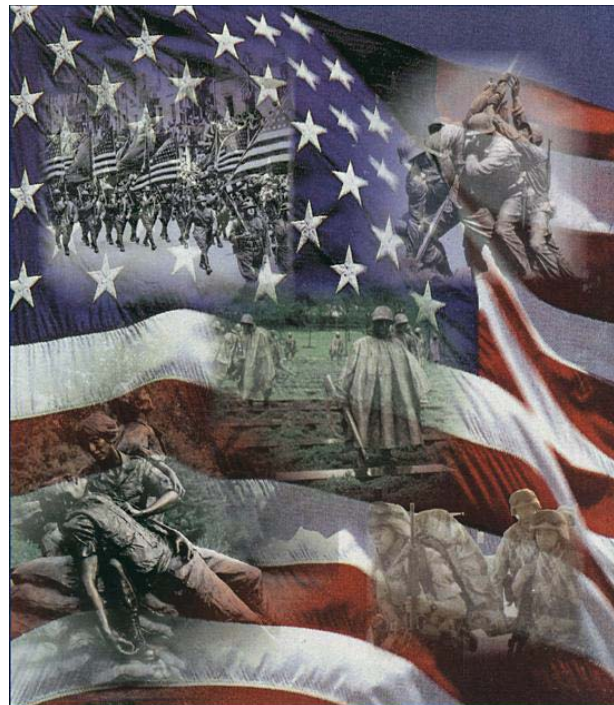




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Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment



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VetSuccess Program Purpose



- To provide services and assistance to Veterans with service connected disabilities to assist them to obtain and maintain suitable employment, or achieve independence in daily living.

Programs of Services



- **Chapter 31:** Services to obtain and maintain suitable employment and/or to achieve maximum level of independence in daily living
- **Chapter 35:** Educational counseling for children and widows/spouses of Veterans who have a permanent and total service connected disability
- **Chapter 36:** Educational and vocational counseling
- **Chapter 18:** Vocational training and rehabilitation benefits for children born with Spinal Bifida of certain Veterans who served in Vietnam or Korea

VetSuccess Eligibility Criteria



Active Duty Servicemembers:

- Expect to receive an honorable discharge upon separation from active duty
- Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services
- Obtain a memorandum rating of 20% or more from VA

Veterans:

- Honorable or other than dishonorable discharge
- VA service-connected disability rating of 10% or more
- Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services
- Entitlement based on establishment of employment handicap resulting from SCD. Serious employment handicap must be established for Veterans rated 10%
- 12 year basic period of eligibility in which services may be used

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Basic Benefit Information



- 48 months of entitlement
- May be utilized within 12 years from the date of initial VA disability rating notification
- Exception for those with a Serious Employment Handicap



VetSuccess Process

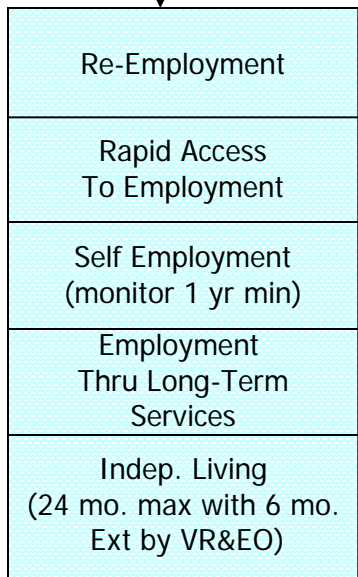
□ Application ■ Entitlement Decision □ Evaluation and Planning □ Tracks ■ Employment Services □ Rehabilitated

- Application received (VONAP or 28-1900)
- Veteran's eligibility established (GED processing used to establish pending 719)
- Schedule veteran for initial counseling appointment if eligible

- Work with veteran to identify track
- Establish vocational or independent living goal
- Define services needed
- Develop written plan of services

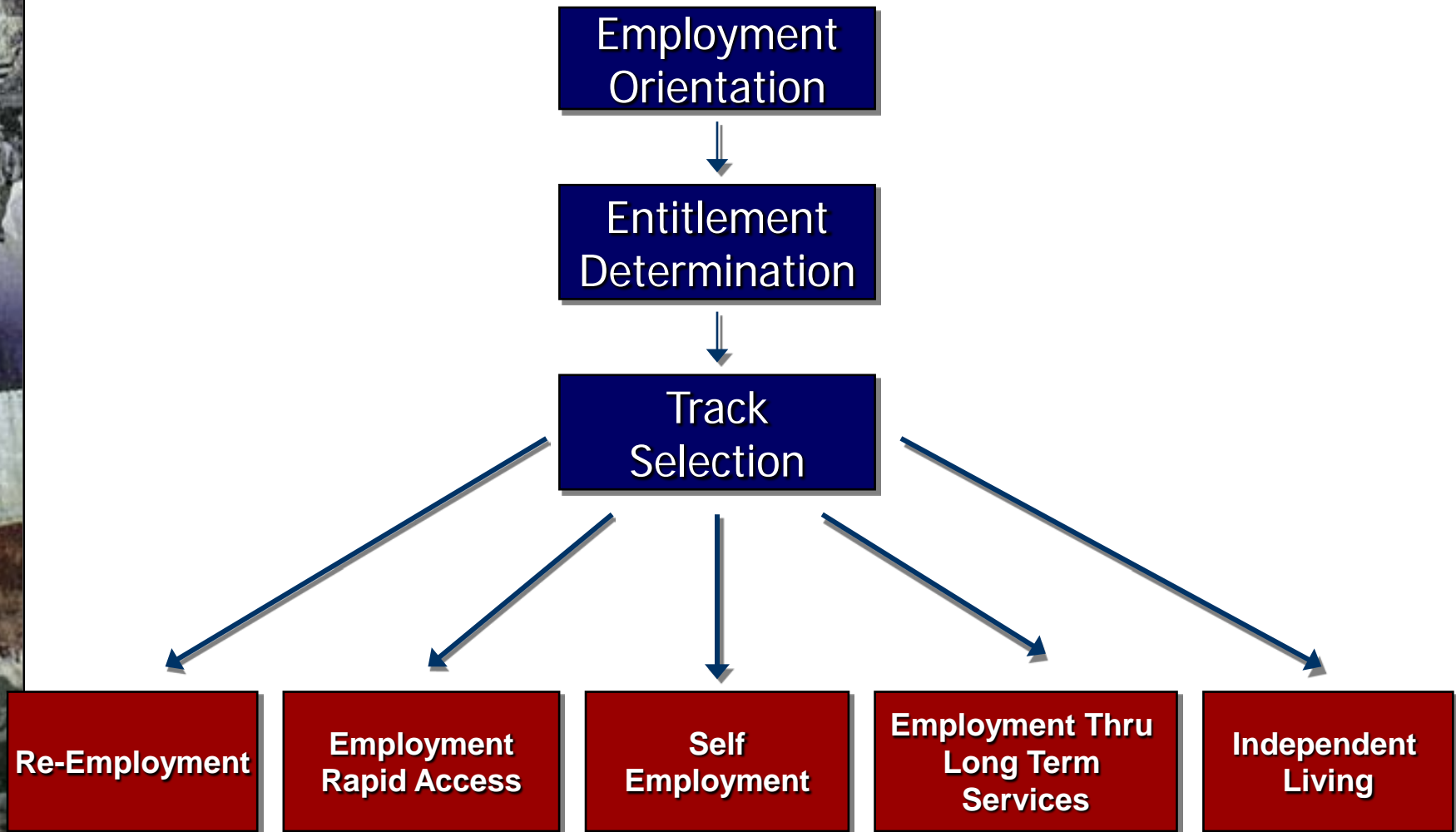
- On-going case management (max of 18 months)
- Provide employment services
 - Vetsuccess.gov
 - Interview skills
 - Job placement assistance
 - Referral to DOL

- VRC meets with veteran
- Conduct VR&E orientation to include Five Tracks Video
- Conduct vocational evaluation to assess skills, abilities & interests
- Determine employment handicap (VR&E entitlement criteria) and serious EH
- Determine feasibility for employment



- Held suitable employment or improved ability to live independently

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Re-employment



- For individuals separating from active duty, National Guard, or Reserves
- Return to previous employers
- Services include:
 - Job accommodations
 - Job modifications
 - Work adjustment assistance
 - Consultation with employer

Rapid Access to Employment



- For individuals seeking employment soon after separation or who already have necessary skills to be competitive in the job market
- Services include:
 - Resume writing and job search assistance
 - Interviewing skills training
 - Job accommodations
 - Refresher courses
 - Licensure and certification
 - Post-employment adjustment services

Self-Employment



- For individuals with limited access to traditional employment, or who need flexible work schedules or a more accommodating work environment due to their disabilities
- Services include:
 - Analysis of viability of business concept
 - Development of a business plan
 - Training in small business operations
 - Marketing assistance
 - Guidance on obtaining resources

Employment Through Long-Term Services



- For individuals needing specialized training and/or education to obtain and maintain suitable employment
- Services may include:
 - On-the-Job Training (OJT)
 - Apprenticeships and internships
 - Higher education or vocational training
 - Tuition/fees/books/tools
 - Tutoring
 - Subsistence allowance

Summary of Employment Services



- Services include:
 - Up to 18 months of services
 - 2 months of employment assistance payments
 - Job search assistance
 - Resume development
 - Interviewing skills development
 - Medical referrals
 - Re-adjustment counseling
 - Monthly contact
 - Job coaching
 - Purchase of assistive technology if needed to perform the job



Independent Living

- For individuals not able to work who need rehabilitation services to live more independently
- Services include:
 - Comprehensive in-home assessment
 - Assistive technologies
 - Independent living skills training
 - Connection to community-based support services
 - Case management services
 - Coordination with VA's Specially Adapted Housing Program

Coming Home to Work (CHTW) Program



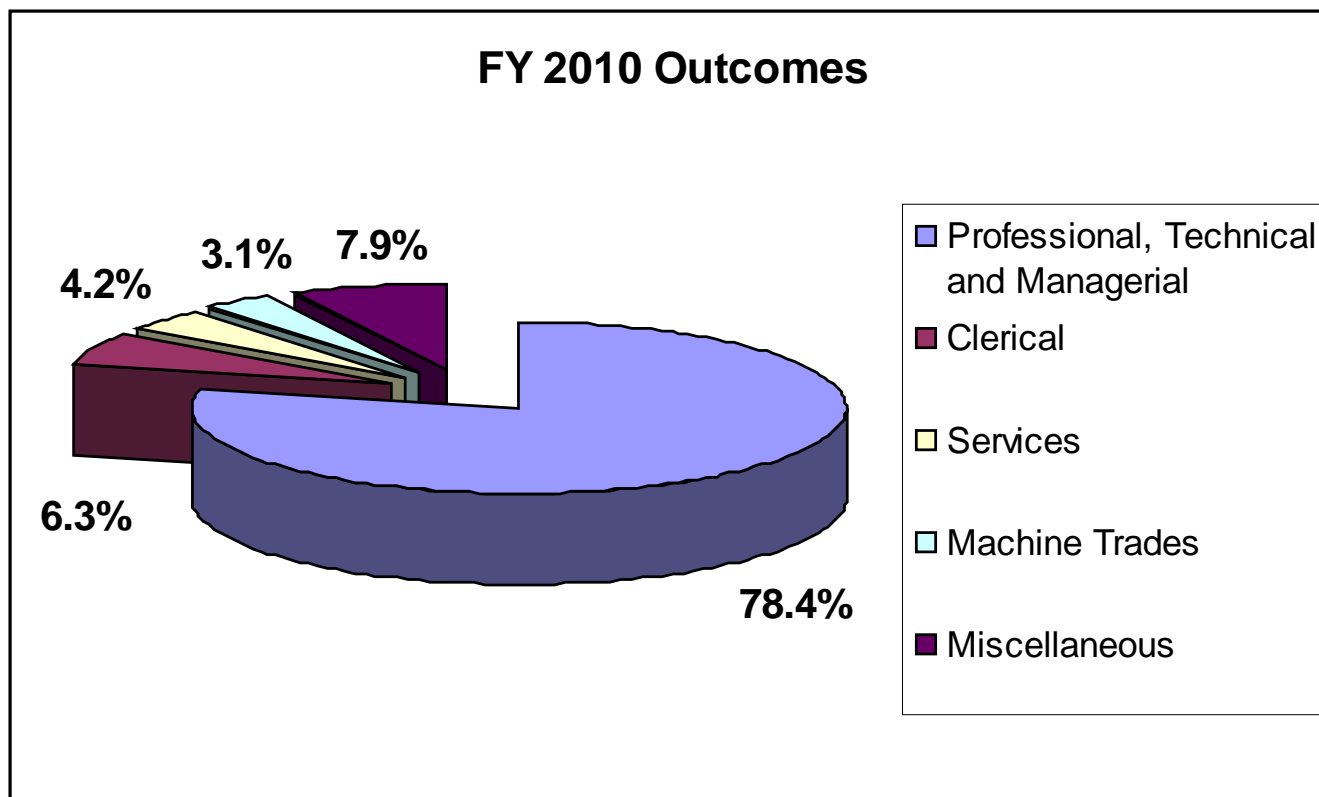
- Primary mission is to provide early intervention and outreach services to Service members and Veterans as they transition out of the military
- Provides comprehensive VR&E services nationwide
- Access to all Five Tracks to Employment



Statistics

- 1,133 Registered Employers
- 55,975 Registered Veterans
- 5,617 Veteran Resumes Posted
- 607 Active Jobs Postings
- Website Hits
 - 2008: 669,139
 - 2009: 916,677
 - 2010: 25,800,830

Occupations



Source: FY 2010 – Annual Benefits Report

Application Process



- VA Form 28-1900 Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Servicemembers
 - Veterans
- VA Form 28-0588 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment-Getting Ahead After You Get Out
 - Servicemembers requesting a VA C&P Memorandum Rating

Application Process Continued



Where can Servicemembers and Veterans apply for VR&E services?

-On-line at:

www.va.gov

www.vetsuccess.gov

- Mail applications to their local Regional Office
- In person at their local Regional Office

Questions?

