

Chapter 1

Organization of the State Agency

1.1 Authority

34 CFR 361.13 53A-24-101, Utah Code Annotated

The Unified State Plan, in accordance with federal regulations, designates the Department of Workforce Services as the Designated State Agency (DSA) to supervise the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Designated State Unit (DSU), the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR).

1.2 Sole State Agency Designation

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR), the DSU, operates as a division of the Department of Workforce Services, the DSA, and under the direction and general supervision of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation Division Director. The Department of Workforce Services is the sole state agency responsible for the administration of the vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the State of Utah. USOR is primarily concerned with vocational rehabilitation, or vocational and other rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. USOR has non-delegable responsibility for the following required activities:

- a. All decisions affecting eligibility for vocational rehabilitation services,
- b. The nature and scope of available services, and the provision of vocational rehabilitation services.
- c. Determination to close the record of services of an individual who has achieved an employment outcome in accordance with 34 CFR 361.56.
- d. Policy formulation and implementation.
- e. The allocation and expenditure of vocational rehabilitation funds.
- f. Participation as a partner in the one-stop delivery system.

1.3 Statewide Administrative Responsibility

Vocational Rehabilitation Services are available in all political sub-divisions of the State of Utah.

1.4 Mission Statement

The mission of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation is to assist eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain employment and increase their independence.

1.5 Agency Organization

There are four programs within USOR including:

- a. Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- b. Disability Determination Services (DDS)
- c. Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI)
- d. Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH)

1.6 Service Provision

The Vocational Rehabilitation Services described in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 34, Part 361 and 363, are administered through the Vocational Rehabilitation program within USOR.

1.7 State Organizational Chart

See Appendix