

**Texas Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Join us for a Webinar Series**

Putting Texas Back to Work

**Increasing Access and Opportunity for
Texas Job Seekers with Disabilities**

**Presented by
the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities
and the Texas Workforce System**



Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (since 2016)

- Texas Workforce Solutions comprises;
 - Texas Workforce Commission
 - 28 local workforce development boards
 - Service-providing partners, including TWS-VRS
- Together, Texas Workforce Solutions provides workforce education, training and support services, and partners with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services, to assist the people and businesses of Texas.

What Is Vocational Rehabilitation?

- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services for individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment.
- Services are considered on an individual basis based on each person's employment goal
- VR services are eligibility based
- Each applicant is assigned a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Vocational goal is determined and services layout how that goal will be obtained

Services

VR can provide a variety of services necessary to help an individual with a disability prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment.

Services are considered on an individual basis and must be reasonable and necessary for that person. There also must be a vocational need for the service.

Services Cont.

- Medical and Psychological Assessment
- Vocational Evaluation and Planning
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Work Experience While in High School
- Job-Site Assessment and Accommodations
- Job Placement
- Job Coaching
- On-the-Job Training
- Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology and Devices

Scott

- ✓ Tyler Police Department, Community Response Officer
- ✓ Marine Corp Veteran
- ✓ Married with 3 boys
- ✓ Sons are serving in the Navy & Marine Corp
- ✓ Musician
- ✓ Outdoor Enthusiast

Denise

- ✓ Director at Connect Ministries
- ✓ Mother and grandmother
- ✓ Member of Blind Professionals
- ✓ Advocate

Nicholas (Nick)

- ✓ Warehouse Order Selector @ Kendra Scott
- ✓ Bike commuter
- ✓ Martial Arts & Yoga
- ✓ Voracious reader
- ✓ Handwriting /fountain pen enthusiast
- ✓ Animal lover
- ✓ Enjoys Science Fiction and Fantasy movies, books, & TV
- ✓ Oh, and cooking too!

Melissa

- ✓ Executive Director at Legacy Counseling Center
- ✓ Licensed Therapist
- ✓ Married to work and her husband
- ✓ Four legged child
- ✓ Public speaker
- ✓ Consultant for drug companies
- ✓ Research group with NIH



- Focus: business-to-business networking and education about Workforce Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Disability:IN Central TX is an affiliate of Disability:IN (formally Business Leadership Network, USBLN)

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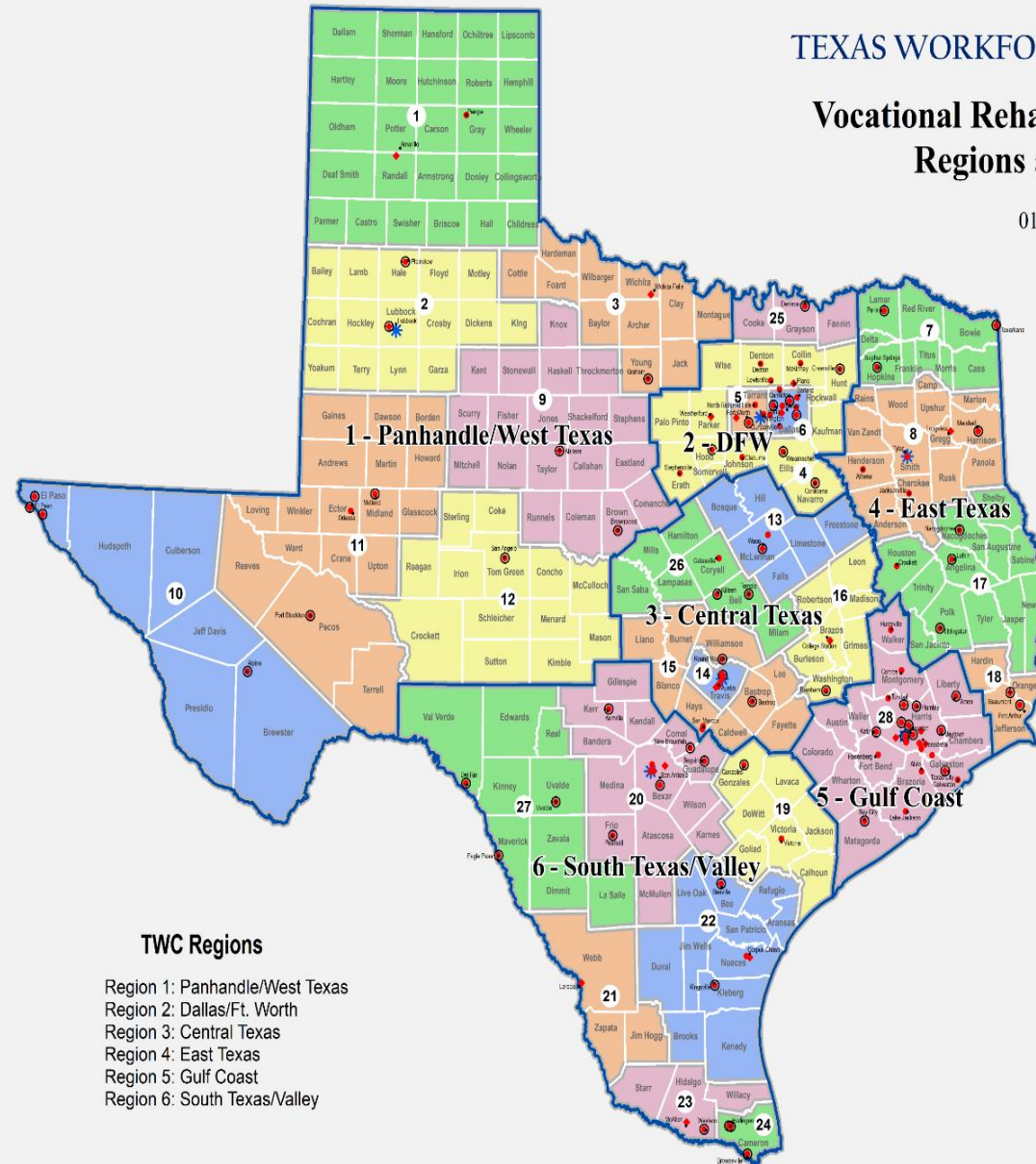
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TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Vocational Rehabilitation Division Regions and Offices

01/02/2020



TWC Regions

- Region 1: Panhandle/West Texas
- Region 2: Dallas/Ft. Worth
- Region 3: Central Texas
- Region 4: East Texas
- Region 5: Gulf Coast
- Region 6: South Texas/Valley

Local Workforce Development Areas

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Panhandle | 15 Rural Capital |
| 2 South Plains | 16 Brazos Valley |
| 3 North Texas | 17 Deep East Texas |
| 4 North Central Texas | 18 Southeast Texas |
| 5 Tarrant County | 19 Golden Crescent |
| 6 Greater Dallas | 20 Alamo |
| 7 Northeast Texas | 21 South Texas |
| 8 East Texas | 22 Coastal Bend |
| 9 West Central Texas | 23 Lower Rio Grande Valley |
| 10 Borderplex | 24 Cameron County |
| 11 Permian Basin | 25 Texoma |
| 12 Concho Valley | 26 Central Texas |
| 13 Heart of Texas | 27 Middle Rio Grande |
| 14 Capital Area | 28 Gulf Coast |

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