The ‘Pick List’

Choosing an Employment Provider in Jay County
How to Use This List

As a client of Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), you are now a part of a team focused on your employment goals. VR has a list of employment service providers located throughout the state. These providers will help you achieve your goals by giving you the supports and services you need—things like help with writing a resume, filling out applications, or on-the-job coaching.

Now that your counselor has determined you are eligible for services, you have the opportunity to select an employment provider in your area. On the following pages, you’ll find the employment providers in your county along with their contact information and a list of services they offer.

Be sure to ask your VR counselor if you don’t know what some of the services are. The services you need will depend on your goals. You may not need all of the services you see listed on the chart.

We encourage you to contact each of the providers on this list. You can call them, set up a meeting, or send an email. Tell them you are a VR client and you would like to talk with them about the services they offer. Take notes so you can compare providers and choose the one that’s right for you. It’s important to select the provider you feel most comfortable working with and the one that you think can best help you meet your goals.

Once you’ve chosen an employment provider, tell your VR counselor. She/he will get things started for you.

Any questions? Ask your VR counselor!

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<th>My VR Counselor</th>
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## Providers Located in Jay County

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| **Meridian Health Services** | Sharyn Abbott (765) 288-1928      | - Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse  
- Autism Spectrum Disorders  
- Blind & Visually Impaired  
- Chronic Illness  
- Criminal Background  
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
- Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled  
- Emotional Disabilities  
- Homeless Population  
- Legal Barriers  
- Mental Illness  
- Non-Ambulatory  
- Neurological Disabilities  
- Post-Secondary  
- Physical Disabilities  
- Speech Impaired  
- Transition-Age Students  
- Traumatic Brain Injury  
- Unemployed/Underemployed  
- Veterans |
| Service Site Location:       | supportedemployment@meridianhs.org |                                                                                     |
| 931 West Water Street        | Portland, IN 47371                |                                                                                     |

## Providers Serving Jay County

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| **Benchmark Human Services** | Angie Glosser (765) 977-1816      | - Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse  
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- Chronic Illness  
- Criminal Background  
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
- Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled  
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- Traumatic Brain Injury  
- Unemployed/Underemployed  
- Veterans |
| Main Office & Service Site Location: | aglosser@benchmarkhs.com |                                                                                     |
| 119 South 4th Street         | Richmond, IN 47374                |                                                                                     |

| **Prairie Quest, Inc.**      | Erin Brady (260) 420-7374 ext. 110 | - Addictions/Alcohol/Drug Substance Abuse  
- Autism Spectrum Disorders  
- Blind & Visually Impaired  
- Chronic Illness  
- Criminal Background  
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
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- Speech Impaired  
- Transition-Age Students  
- Traumatic Brain Injury  
- Unemployed/Underemployed  
- Veterans  
- Other: Professionals seeking advanced placements |
<p>| Main Office &amp; Service Site Location: | <a href="mailto:ebrady@pqcworks.com">ebrady@pqcworks.com</a> |                                                                                     |
| 4211 Hobson Court, Suite A  | Fort Wayne, IN 46815              |                                                                                     |</p>
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<td>Deborah Mitchell&lt;br&gt;(317) 690-5495&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:damitchell@sycamoreservices.com">damitchell@sycamoreservices.com</a>&lt;br&gt;Marini Johnson&lt;br&gt;(317) 451-4887&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:majohnson@sycamoreservices.com">majohnson@sycamoreservices.com</a></td>
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Glossary

**Assistive Technology**
Any equipment, item, or technology used to improve function and capability.

**Benefits Information Network**
A group of Indiana professionals who have been trained in and have knowledge of federal, state, and local benefits and work incentives. BIN liaisons understand the impact of income on long-term supports and services and can advise workers and families on how best to maintain employment while building more financial independence.

**Discovery**
An opportunity to explore talents, interests, preferences, capabilities, and ideal work environment in order to identify an appropriate vocational goal. Specific Discovery activities vary based on individual need, but could include vocational testing, job shadowing, or career exploration.

**Home and Wheelchair Modification**
Any change to a home or workplace environment that can help an employee get to work or access a job site. Examples could include widening a doorway or creating a keyboard tray for a wheelchair.

**Job Development/Placement/Retention**
The process of working with an employer to either identify appropriate jobs and promote an individual with disabilities as a job candidate or help an individual keep a job.

**Job-Readiness Training**
The process of assisting clients in identifying goals as well as training strategies designed to help an individual meet them.

**Job Shadowing**
The opportunity to visit an employer in the community and observe different jobs.

**On-the-Job Supports**
Supports provided in the workplace to help an employee learn and maintain a job. These include the use of a job coach or consultation with an employment specialist.

**Situational Assessments**
Activities that give an employment provider the chance to observe an individual in a certain working environment or doing a specific job task.

**Supported Employment**
Paid, community-based employment with ongoing supports that can help individuals learn tasks, be included, and keep their jobs.

**Ticket to Work**
A free work incentive program from the Social Security Administration for some people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Eligible individuals can assign their “ticket” (not a real paper ticket) to an employment network or to Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services for coordinating job search, placement, and retention services.

**Work Experiences**
First-hand, work-based learning opportunities that can help determine individual interests and preferences.