Myth: “Only a small percentage of eligible VR participants meet the criteria for priority category 1”

FALSE – about 80% of eligible individuals are determined to meet the criteria for priority category 1.
Myth:
“If an individual thinks they might be deferred for VR services because they do not meet criteria for priority category 1, they should not apply to VR”

FALSE – Individuals with disabilities who believe they need assistance from VR to prepare for, obtain, maintain, or advance in employment are encouraged to apply for VR.

Only VR can determine eligibility and level of severity for a VR applicant. Remember, 80% of individuals are determined to meet the criteria for priority category 1.
Order of Selection Myths

• Individuals who are deferred can still benefit from applying to VR and meeting with a VR Counselor - How?
  o During an intake meeting with a VR Counselor, applicants learn about other organizations and resources that may be able to assist with their needs: https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/5435.htm
  o When VR is able to begin serving individuals who have been deferred, those individuals are served in order of their application date