

Monday September 27, 2010 (8:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Room # 148

**New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Representative  
(Tonia Trapp)**

Available Today for Walk-ins

The purpose of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is to help persons with disabilities to obtain, maintain and regain competitive employment that is consistent with the person's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice.

To be determined eligible for DVR services, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The applicant must have a physical or mental impairment;
- 2) Which for that person constitutes a substantial impediment to employment;
- 3) The applicant must be able to benefit from DVR services in terms of an employment outcome; and
- 4) The applicant must require vocational rehabilitation services in order to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.

DVR can provide a wide range of services, depending on the needs of the individual client. All clients receive vocational guidance and counseling; additional services that can be considered include diagnostic evaluations, situational work assessments, job development and placement, job coaching, transportation assistance, educational training, assistance with starting a small business, assistive technology, and medical and mental health restoration. With a few exceptions, DVR will not pay for goods or services that a client can obtain from another agency or program at no cost to the client (for instance, services covered by medical insurance).

Tonia Trapp works for DVR as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. She carries a specialized caseload for persons who have sustained a severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). Ms. Trapp will spend one day a month at the VA Medical Center to provide the following services to veterans:

\*Answer questions about DVR processes and the services available

\*Complete referral forms for veterans who want to apply for DVR services, and assist such veterans to contact the appropriate DVR office to begin the application process

\*Conduct intakes for veterans who want to apply for DVR services who meet the criteria for the TBI caseload