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Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services in Brownwood Transferring to Brownwood Workforce Solutions Office

Abilene/Brownwood---On Tuesday July 17th , the **Vocational Rehabilitation Services of Brownwood** moved to their new location at **2202 US HW-377 South, Brownwood, Texas.**

This move was part of the transition of services from the former Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). These team members will integrate VR services with workforce development and employment services provided by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

Co-location of VR staff into one general services office or within statewide local workforce centers, known as Workforce Solutions offices, will allow for shared resources. Co-location also will benefit VR customers through the expanded network of employment connections and will benefit employment services staff through on-site expertise to assist job seekers with disabilities. There will be no disruption to services related to these VR staff relocations.

The movement of VR staff is occurring as required by Texas SB 208, which was passed in 2015 and required the transfer of several former DARS programs to TWC on September 1, 2016. The legislation mandated that VR staff be co-located with staff from Workforce Solutions who provide workforce services.

Need more information or have questions, contact Steve Collins, Business Resource Consultant, 325.795.4304 or steve.collins@workforcesystem.org

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