

# Disability Employment Assistance

## 1. **Connecticut Department of Social Services**

The Department of Social Services provides a broad range of services to the elderly, people with disabilities, families, and individuals who need assistance in maintaining or achieving their full potential for self-direction, self-reliance and independent living.  
860-424-5241

<http://www.ct.gov/dss/site/default.asp>

## 2. **Bureau of Rehabilitation Services** - The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)

provides vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to assist Connecticut residents with significant disabilities to find and keep employment.

860-424-4844

<http://www.ct.gov/dors/site/default.asp>

## 3. **Connect Ability** - The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Connect-Ability Staffing is

designed to connect employers with qualified job seekers. BRS Employment Consultants are strategically located across the state and can review the needs of businesses, offer qualified candidates and assist in developing training plans before the new trainee/employee starts working. Employment Consultants are available to assist with any questions, provide technical assistance and facilitate any follow-up services that may be needed. For more information, please contact Mark Henry, Director at [mark.henry@ct.gov](mailto:mark.henry@ct.gov).

860-424-4859

<http://www.ct.gov/connect-ability/site/default.asp>

## 4. **Getting Hired** - Bridging the Gap Between Job Seekers with Disabilities & Employers

Looking to Hire

866-352-7481

<http://www.gettinghired.com/>

## 5. **Connecticut Department of Labor** – Information for Connecticut job seekers

860-263-6000

<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/>

## 6. **Accommodation Network** – The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading

source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace.

800-526-7234

<http://askjan.org/links/about.htm>

## 7. **Goodwill Bridgeport Career Center**-At Goodwill's free Career Centers, you'll find

workshops, computers and trained career counselors—all the support you need. You'll learn to prepare a perfect résumé and polish your interview skills. You'll gain on-the-job success strategies. If you want to practice English as a Second Language or prepare for your GED, we can help you with that too. 165 Ocean Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06605

203-581-5040

<http://www.gwct.org/career-centers>