

## **Purpose of the Rehabilitation Act and vocational rehabilitation services**

### **Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended**

The purpose of the Rehabilitation Act is to empower persons with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence and inclusion and integration into society.

*Reference: PL 93-112, Sec. 2(b)*

### **Synopsis of federal regulation**

The purpose of Title I of the Rehabilitation Act is to provide a comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient, and accountable program that is designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

*Reference: §361.1*