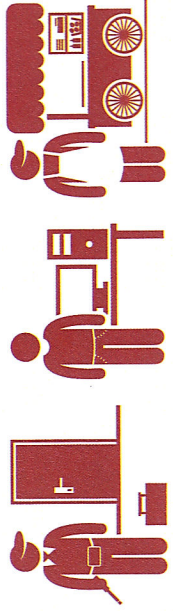


How to Get Started

For more information or to request an application package, please call 501-683-3582 or contact your vocational rehabilitation (VR) counselor.



- ✓ Complete a detailed business plan and return it to your VR counselor.
- ✓ Your business plan will be reviewed by our technical expert, who will evaluate your proposal on its feasibility, market potential, financial plan and organizational information.
- ✓ You can expect a decision within 14 business days.



Self-Employment/ Small Business Program

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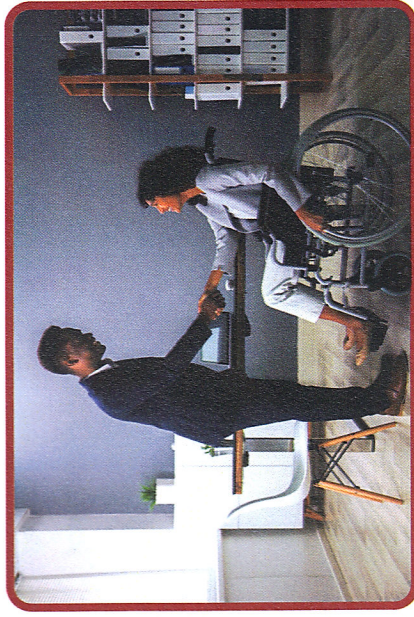
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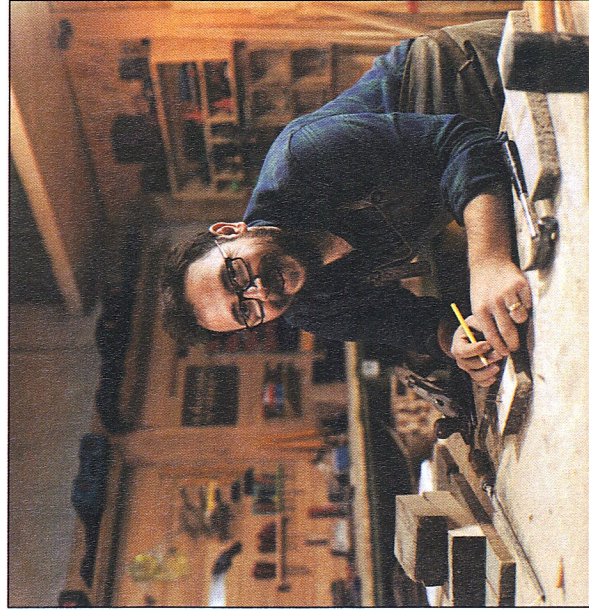
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The Self-Employment/Small Business Program offers consultation and technical assistance to help individuals with disabilities increase their knowledge and understanding of problems, issues and effective strategies relating to self-employment.

Financial assistance grants may also be available to cover some of the costs of starting a new business or expansion of an existing one.



What are the Requirements?

- Clients of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) are eligible to apply for the program.
- The client must own a minimum of 51 percent of the business.
- The business must be a for-profit business that is owned, operated, and managed in Arkansas.
- The business must maintain all required legal filings with the Internal Revenue Service, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration; Arkansas Secretary of State; and city, county, or state business licensing entities.

Did You Know?

- Individuals with disabilities are self-employed at a higher rate than those without disabilities—10.7 percent vs. 6.8 percent, according to U.S. Census data.
- There are 25.8 million small businesses in the United States, according to the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).
- The total population of working from home at least some of the time increased from 9.2 million in 1999 to 13.2 million in 2010.
- In 2010, 4.2 million more people worked exclusively at home than a decade before, according to a report released by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Small businesses employ more than 50 percent of the private-sector workforce, generate more than half of the nation's gross domestic product, and are the principal source of new jobs in the nation's economy.

Almost any type of business is a possibility. Some examples of businesses include accounting services, childcare, computing services, consulting, manufacturing, retail store or franchise, landscaping, distribution company, or service provider. Many small businesses can be home-based, which reduces or eliminates expenses associated with renting or purchasing a building.

What Kinds of Businesses Can Be Established?

