



# SWAP

## School to Work Alliance Program

The School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) is a collaborative initiative between the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and local school districts/Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and is supported by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). SWAP provides case management and direct services to young adults with disabilities who:

- Are potentially eligible, applicants of or are eligible to receive DVR services (meeting disability documentation requirements and able to benefit from the program).
- Have mild to moderate needs in employment.
- Need support in developing vocational awareness, career exploration, and experiencing career and employment opportunities to become competitively employed and to achieve successful outcomes.

**Purpose of SWAP:**

The purpose of SWAP is to assist young adults in making the transition from school to employment, provide successful employment outcomes, increase community linkages, and new patterns of service for young adults within all categories of disabilities. The program's goals include:

- Building on current transition planning efforts.
- Creating a career pathway through pre-employment transition services.
- Filling the case management gap for the targeted population.
- Supporting collaboration between DVR and local school districts/BOCES.

SWAP is intended to provide employment-related assistance to young adults with disabilities, who are experiencing mild to moderate barriers to employment. Disabilities can include but are not limited to physical, emotional, or learning disabilities. SWAP provides opportunities for young adults to practice and improve workplace skills, consider their career interests, and obtain real world work experience that will lead to competitive, integrated employment in today's high demand industries.

**SWAP services may include:**

Young adults potentially eligible or eligible for services provided through DVR, qualify to receive evaluation and diagnostic services, vocational counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration services, and training.

Additionally, SWAP may provide services such as:

- Pre-employment transition services
- Career exploration
- Career development
- Employment-related instruction
- Job development / placement
- Case management
- One year of follow-up
- Year-round community-based services

**SWAP may provide services when appropriate to:**

- Potentially eligible, applicants of or eligible for DVR services, and
- Young adults between the ages of 15-24, and
- Have mild to moderate needs in employment, and
- Typically living within the boundaries of a school district/BOCES participating in the SWAP program. Young adults who do not live in a participating district/BOCES may access vocational rehabilitation services directly through DVR.



**Young Adults could be:**

- In-School:
  - Person with a disability under 504 of the Americans with Disability Act
  - Receiving special education services
  - Suspected or known disability not under any other category
- Out-of-School
  - Graduated or aged out
  - Drop-out or at risk of dropping out
  - Under or unemployed

**SWAP would not be appropriate for:**

- Middle school aged students or younger
- Young adults with significant needs who will require extensive services or currently are eligible for supported employment services
- Young adults with on-going legal problems that make placement in a work setting difficult

**Referrals:**

The appropriate time for a referral to DVR/SWAP is when a young adult's focus includes employment, and they are available for services. To make a referral contact SWAP in the community in which the young adult lives or your local DVR office. To locate the DVR office nearest you: <https://dvr.colorado.gov/>

**Funding and program support:**

Funding of a SWAP site occurs when schools provide state or local funds to DVR, which are then matched with federal funds. These funds are used to pay for staff and other expenses related to SWAP. Additionally, DVR pays the cost of case services for young adults assisted by the program. Participation in SWAP is optional by local districts/BOCES.

The Colorado Department of Education, through an interagency agreement with DVR, provides joint training and technical assistance, product development and dissemination, conflict resolution assistance, and program monitoring to local SWAP sites.

Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit

[www.cde.state.co.us/offices/exceptionalstudentservicesunit](http://www.cde.state.co.us/offices/exceptionalstudentservicesunit)

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation <https://dvr.colorado.gov/>



**2022-2023 SWAP Sites**

**School District/BOCES Phone Numbers**

School District/BOCES	Phone Number
Academy 20	719-234-1377
Adams 12	720-972-4043
Adams 14	303-853-5578
Aurora	720-271-2874
Boulder	720-561-5310
Centennial BOCES	970-352-7404
Centennial BOCES - Fort Morgan	970-867-8297
Delta	970-874-7607
Denver	720-387-6185
Division of Youth Services	720-926-2998
Douglas County	720-537-9318
Eagle County	970-328-7937
Englewood/Sheridan	303-981-3345
Estes Park	970-586-5321
Falcon 49	719-675-9319
Ft. Lupton/Keenesburg	303-598-1601
Greeley 6	970-348-1080
Jefferson County	303-982-3388
Littleton	303-347-4418

School District/BOCES	Phone Number
Mapleton	720-445-5954
Mesa County	970-254-6011
Moffat County	970-756-7927
Montrose	970-249-7783
Mountain BOCES	719-398-3530
Mt. Evans BOCES	970-413-3788
Northeast BOCES	970-521-2771
Northwest BOCES	970-879-0391
Pikes Peak BOCES	719-380-6251
Poudre	970-685-7544
Rio Blanco BOCES	970-629-5333
San Juan BOCES	970-247-3261
San Luis Valley BOCES	719-589-5851
Sterling	970-466-1902
Summit County	970-368-1185
St. Vrain	303-702-7894
Thompson	970-669-8349
Uncompahgre BOCES	970-626-2977
Ute Pass BOCES	719-491-6036
Westminster	303-487-2897
Windsor/Severance	970-686-8078

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