

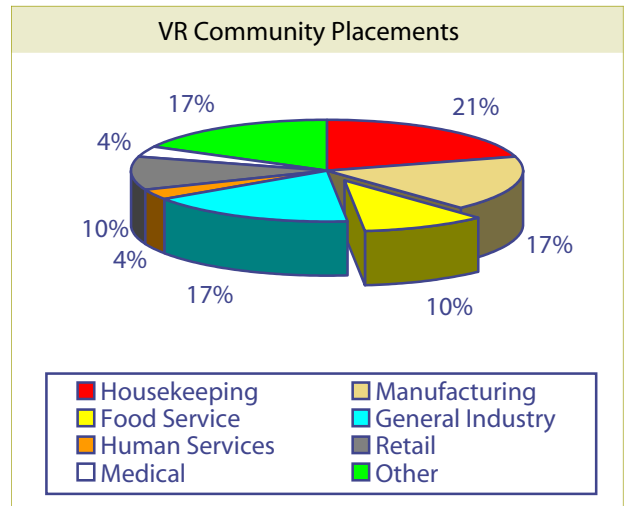
Programs of Service



Evaluation & Work Adjustment

The Evaluation and Work Adjustment Program staff continues to work toward broadening our referral base and striving for the "best practice" of community-based services.

- In fiscal year 2003-2004 we served over 50 individuals referred through Vocational Rehabilitation, Work First Employment Services, private rehabilitation providers and, a new program this year, Ticket-to-Work. Thirty percent of these individuals did not enter programming at our facility. Instead, they worked with job coaches looking for and finding employment in the community.
- We assisted 34 people in becoming employed in 2003-2004. While we would like this number to be higher, there were several factors that made this a difficult year for employment. One was the sluggish economy, which helped keep the Person County unemployment rate at around 8% for the entire fiscal year. The other factor was transportation. We had two cases where people had to turn down job offers exclusively due to lack of transportation to and from work. In the coming year, we are developing some creative strategies for addressing problems of transportation.



This year, Person Industries became an Employment Network (EN) in order to participate in the Ticket-to-Work Program sponsored by the Social Security Administration. As an EN, PI offers evaluation, work training, resume development, and intensive job search to help ticket holders move from Social Security payments to full time employment. We have had over 40 inquiries regarding the program and are now serving four Ticket-to-Work participants with job search and employment. Satisfaction Surveys were mailed or called in to people participating in evaluation and work adjustment. Survey results indicate 100% satisfaction by those who received services this fiscal year.