

Creating Vocational Opportunities

Vocational Rehabilitation Services partners with several local employers as well as government and community based organizations in order to create vocational opportunities for the individuals we serve. These opportunities can be temporary, lasting up to one year in order for a client to gain practical work experience and increase their hireability toward community employment, to permanent, lasting as long as both parties are content.

In June 2005, VRS and Goodwill Industries launched a partnership referred to as “ReCompute.” ReCompute is the first free electronics recycling and refurbishing program in San Mateo County. Residents and businesses can drop off computers and televisions, working or not, at any Goodwill donation center in San Mateo, San Francisco or Marin County. Used electronics are taken to a refurbishing hub located at the County of San Mateo Human Services Agency Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) facility. VRS clients, utilizing vocational job training, are employed to refurbish recycled electronics.

This partnership offers people with employment barriers and disabilities an opportunity to learn marketable skills and it allows electronics to be refurbished and reused. VRS maintains several other partnerships, please see a job developer for more information.