

# ADRS

## Services for Alabama's children and adults with disabilities



The **Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS)** is the state agency serving children and adults with disabilities. Services are provided through 25 community-based offices, reaching residents in all 67 counties. In fiscal year 2017, the department served almost 50,000 Alabamians.

ADRS provides services across a lifetime through four major programs: Alabama's Early Intervention System (EI), Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS), Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS), and the State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL) Service/Homebound.

### Alabama's Early Intervention System serving birth to age 3

- EI coordinates services statewide for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, working with community service providers and other agencies throughout the state as Alabama's Early Intervention System to provide services to EI children and their families.

- *FY17: served 7,033 infants and toddlers and their families*

### Children's Rehabilitation Service serving birth to age 21

- Every county in Alabama is served through a network of 14 community-based offices. Through services such as counseling, specialized therapy, and assistive technology for children and families, as well as disability training for teachers and other school staff, CRS staff work closely with local school systems to enable children with special health care needs to participate fully in school.

- CRS provides medical and care coordination to children with special health care needs in homes, schools, and other community settings. Through the CRS Hemophilia Program serves Alabama's children and adults with this life-threatening blood disorder.

- *FY17: provided services to 10,286 children and their families*

### Vocational Rehabilitation Service serving teens and adults

- VRS, the department's largest division, provides specialized employment- and education-related services and training to assist teens and adults with disabilities in becoming employed. The VRS-Blind/Deaf program provides assistance to Alabamians statewide through its Blind Services, Deaf Services, and OASIS (Older Alabamians System of Information and Services) programs.

- *FY17: served 38,065 Alabamians with disabilities, assisting 4,633 in becoming successfully employed*

- Through OASIS, provided instruction and services to 1,044 senior citizens to assist them in maintaining or gaining independent living skills to allow them to remain independent in their homes.

### State of Alabama Independent Living/Homebound serving people with the most-significant disabilities

- SAIL provides a wide range of education and home-based services to assist people with the most-significant disabilities in leading independent lives at home, at school, or in the workplace through seven community-based offices located throughout the state.

- *FY17: provided services to 1,477 Alabamians*