



NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION & REHABILITATION (NNOSERS)



INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Independent Living Program provides services to Navajo people with significant disabilities to assure the individuals can live independently in their home, community and environment. The program is funded by the Navajo Nation Trust Fund and is approved by the Navajo Nation Council.

Who is eligible for services?

- Enrolled members of Navajo Nation, age 80 years and under, who reside on the reservation
- Individual with a significant mental or physical impairment which limits ability to function independently in the community, home and environment
- Requires assistance to achieve a greater level of independence in the home and community

What services are provided?

- Rehabilitation Technology Services: Ramps, minor housing modification
- Assistive Technology devices and equipment
- Native Healing Services (restoration)
- Mobility skills training for persons who are blind or visually impaired
- Independent Living Skills Training

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

NNOSERS Vocational Rehabilitation program provides services to American Indians with a disability. Our program goal is to assist our clients to obtain or maintain employment.

To be eligible for services, individuals must meet all four of the following criteria:

- Be an enrolled member of an American Indian Tribe, and possess a Tribal enrollment number
- Live on or near the Navajo Reservation; (20 mile radius)
- Have a permanent mental and/or physical impairment that is an impediment to employment
- Require Vocational Rehabilitation services to achieve an employment outcome

The following are the types of VR services:

- Guidance and counseling: work related placement services, self-employment, etc.
- Restoration: assistive technology, native healing, etc.
- Training/Post Secondary Education

An Individualized Employment Plan (IEP) is developed to assist the consumer in overcoming barriers to employment.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Navajo Nation Early Intervention Program, known as Growing in Beauty (GIB), meets the needs of families who have a child (age birth to five years) that exhibits a delay or may be at risk for a delay.

Staff provide supports which include:

- Service coordination
- Developmental evaluations, ongoing assessment and developmental instruction
- Connecting families with available resources
- Developmental screenings in the community
- Parent training to develop self advocacy skills
- Honoring the unique culture and language of the Navajo people
- Services at no cost to families

Online referral:

<http://nnosers.org/referral.aspx>

HOME VISITATION SERVICES

Navajo Nation Growing in Beauty, (GIB) Home Visitation Program provides support for parents to better understand their child's development through daily home activities.

Program services include:

- Two scheduled home visits per month
- Developmental screenings
- Family Circles—monthly gathering for parent trainings, parent & child activities and cultural nights,
- Referral to community resources

The benefits of home visiting:

- Increase parenting knowledge, parent-child interactions & involvement
- Early detection of potential health concerns and developmental delays
- Help prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase school readiness & success
- Promote early literacy
- Support family well-being, while emphasizing culture and language