



<p>October 2013</p>	<p>Facilitating VR Customer Learning in Self-Employment</p>
<p>Other Useful VR Resources for Customers</p>	<p><i>Sharing the Basics</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming a VR Customer • VR Service Eligibility • What Services are Available? • Are Services Confidential? • Applying for VR Services • Getting Started • What is an Employment Plan • What is the Client Assistance Program (CAP)? • What are VR Customer Responsibilities? • Transition Planning for Youth with Disabilities 	<p>For anyone thinking about going into business for themselves for the first time, there are a few useful ways to get started.</p> <p>Who Am I?</p> <p>Because going into business represents a significant commitment of time and money, it is best to begin with an inventory of inherent strengths and how they align with career paths...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aligning Strengths to Careers: Discover the Jung Typology Exercise™ and what it means 2. The Questionnaire: Participate in the exercise 3. Your Personality Profile: Learn what's important to you 4. Career Alignment: Learn what it means about careers <p>What Are My Opportunities?</p> <p>Information is a beautiful thing! Once there is an increased awareness around natural preferences, strengths and career interests, learn more about what's going on in that field...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traditional Employment: Visit the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) for a wealth of information about thousands of career paths. 2. Self-Employment: Conduct a search across the Internet to learn who is doing what in that area of business. <p>What are My Support Networks?</p> <p>There is strength in numbers. Make a list of who you currently know...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A spouse, family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues 2. Community service representatives, such as Vocational Rehabilitation, SNHS and Community Bridges 3. Think about self-employment resources, such as no-cost Counseling agencies, Trade Associations and Chambers of Commerce
<p>Participating in the 5 Steps to Self-Employment</p>	<p>If Not You, Who?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Step Program Overview • Step 1, Self-Assessment • Step 2, Business Idea • Step 3, Cost & Income Forecasting • Step 4, Business Proposal • Step 5, Monitoring Progress 	<p>Planning without action is a waste of time. Armed with a better sense of who you are, what your opportunities are and who you know, it's time to take action...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who knows more about what you want to know? 2. How can you connect with them to learn more? 3. What do you want to ask them? <p>As a VR Counselor, facilitating VR Customers through the above activities offers additional insight into supporting their vocational objectives.</p>

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