

## **SELF-EMPLOYMENT FACT SHEET**

### **Considering Self-Employment?**

- If you are eligible for services from the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, you may be considered for self-employment services.
- Self-employment is a viable business venture initiated and operated by the client where the individual performs, supervises or sub-contracts the major part of the product or service to be produced.
- While the VR Program can assist with the start of a self-employment endeavor, it cannot provide full start-up costs or long term support for the business. Clients are expected to invest either financially or in-kind.

### **Services**

- Assessment of individual's self-employment potential and feasibility of business
- Technical assistance and other consultation services to develop business plans
- Limited funding for start-up costs
- Business-related adaptive technology/equipment
- Counseling and guidance
- Business-related training

### **VR can only support a business which:**

- Complies with all relevant state, federal and local laws and regulations
- Individual is the sole proprietor
- Is organized "for profit"

### **VR cannot support a business that is:**

- Speculative in nature
- Organized as non-profit
- Organized as a hobby
- For refinancing of existing debt
- Of possible violation to community morality

### **Questions:**

Contact your VR Counselor for more information.