

# Driver Evaluation Information & Centers in Virginia

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Implementation of a driver education program in public schools for students with special needs requires the support and cooperation of many local, state, and private agencies.

Assistance may be received from the following sources.

Rehabilitative Services Administration—may provide funds for adaptive equipment and instruction when a student is one of its clients and pursuing a vocation or advanced education. Driver education for severely handicapped students can be requested through the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, Virginia.

- State Medical Facilities—services such as bio-engineering, custom design, psychiatric evaluation, neurological evaluation, etc., may be requested through an Interagency Service Agreement.
- Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind—assistance is available in the design of the classroom environment, curriculum, and laboratory facilities. They will prescribe appropriate adaptive equipment. Driving simulators provide an opportunity for the student with communication disorders to demonstrate an understanding of the driving task while in a protected environment. It can also be used to demonstrate orientation in neurologically impaired students.
- Medical Advisory Board/Department of Motor Vehicles—responsible for approving DI-191 form for medical driver impairment. The parents have the option to appeal DMV decision if licensing is denied.
- Department of Education's special education staff—provides an interdisciplinary approach for serving the special education student.
- Veterans Administration—assistance may be requested through the driver training program established under P.L.95-535.

# REHABILITATIVE RESOURCES

A driver evaluation for students with special needs should be completed at an assessment center that has access to the necessary equipment for the type of disability. These assessments, along with medical records and driving history, will help the evaluator and physician in prescribing the proper driving equipment for the student's needs. Some of the driver evaluation centers complete the physical and cognitive capability components, but not the actual driver training. They will have a list of approved driver education providers.

Following is a list of driver evaluation centers in Virginia. Additional information is available online at the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists' (ADED) Web site at: [www.driver-ed.org](http://www.driver-ed.org) ([Links to an external site.](#)).

## **Boundless Mobility**

Deena Garrison Jones, OTR/L, CDRS  
105 A Lew Dewitt Blvd, #225  
Waynesboro VA 22980  
(540) 943-3898  
Email: [boundlessmobility@gmail.com](mailto:boundlessmobility@gmail.com)

## **Driver Evaluations, Driver Training, Adaptive Driver Training**

Daniel J. Cox, PhD, ABPP  
Virginia Driving Safety Laboratory  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA  
Contact Person is Indigo Williams  
(800) 251-3627 X4-5314 or (434) 924-5314  
E-mail: [ikw2b@virginia.edu](mailto:ikw2b@virginia.edu)

or, Matt Moncrief

E-mail: [mam8ad@virginia.edu](mailto:mam8ad@virginia.edu)

Website: [bit.ly/Eval\\_Info](http://bit.ly/Eval_Info)

Evaluations take 60-90 minutes, reports typically ready for electronic distribution the day of or next business day. Driving training in 50 minute sessions

## **Driver Side Rehab**

Janet Stohler, OTR/L, CDRS  
102 West Cleveland Avenue  
Vinton VA 24179 (5 minutes from Roanoke)  
(540) 981-1665  
Clinical/car

Rachel Feinstein, OTR/L, CDRS  
Outpatient Occupational Therapist

## **Inova Mount Vernon Hospital**

2501 Parker's Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

Voice: 703-664-7190 Fax: 703-664-7423

Currently treating the following conditions, only: Stroke/CVA, Brain Injury, Concussion, Spinal Cord Injury, Amputations, Neuropathy, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, and Guillian Barre Syndrome, Dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, and Aspergers  
(Driving Simulator – 3W restriction not required)2

**HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Virginia**

5700 Fitzhugh Avenue

Richmond VA 23226

(804) 673-4505 or 673-4419 (OT Dept.) Penny Eissenburg

Robyn Jarvis (Admissions, **Woodrow Wilson Driver Rehab Program**)

Mary Breister, OTR, CDRS; Kay Buchanan OTR, CDRS; Anne Weybright OTR/CDRS

WWRC Box 477

P.O. Box 1500

Fishersville VA 22939

(540) 332-7948 (Admissions Dept)

(540) 332-7117 (OT Dept)

State Agency – Voc. Rehab. Center

Clinical and on-the-road evaluations and training/ car and van

Can only accept referrals if sponsored by Dept. of Rehab Services (DARS). For further information regarding eligibility for DRS, contact 1-800-552-5019

Gregory Rinehardt, CDRS

**Convenience Driving School**

2677 Steelsburg Highway Suite 1

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Phone: (276) 971-4052

E-mail: [conveniencedriving@yahoo.com](mailto:conveniencedriving@yahoo.com)

Clinical Assessment/In-Car Evaluation3

Dana Moore-Wills OTR/L, CDRS

**Chippenham/Johnston Willis Driver Education Program**

10710 Midlothian Turnpike/Fairfax Building, Suite 127

Richmond VA 23235

(804) 267-6725

(804) 267-6759 (Fax)

Driver Evaluations, Vehicle modifications, Adaptive Driver Training

Assistance in obtaining a 3W restriction

Paula Nauziudnas, OTR/L

**Therapy Center**

400 B West 21st Street

Norfolk VA 23517

(757) 668-4114

(757) 623-9135

Driver evaluation/In-car assessments

### **Pagels Driver Rehab Services**

Matt Pagels RKT, CDRS

63 Brogden Lane

Hampton VA 23666

757-692-0973

[pagelsdriverrehab@verizon.net](mailto:pagelsdriverrehab@verizon.net)

Clinical/Car, Adaptive Driving (Will come to client)

### **Valley Health Outpatient Rehab Services**

Deborah Bender, OTR/L, CDRS

Sylvia Canturk, OTR/L, DRS

333 West Cork St.

Winchester, VA 22601

(540)536-5114

(540)536-1180

Clinical and on the road evaluations and training, adaptive driver training

John H. Vaughter, M.Ed., B.S.

Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist

**Capital Driver Rehabilitation Consultants Driving School, LLC**

Serving Central, Northern and Eastern Virginia

Phone number: 1-866-247-6467

Web site: [www.capitaldriverrehab.com](http://www.capitaldriverrehab.com)4 (Links to an external site.)

Email address: [capitaldriverrehab@gmail.com](mailto:capitaldriverrehab@gmail.com)

Clinical and behind the wheel evaluations/training-car, standard and high tech van.

Assistance with obtaining a 3W restriction.

Technical assistance with van modifications.

Web site: [www.excellenceinaging.org](http://www.excellenceinaging.org) (Links to an external site.)

Clinical and on-the-road evaluations and training; driver simulation assessments and adaptive driver training

Assistance with obtaining 3W restrictions

Technical assistance for vehicle modifications