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SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT



About the cover

Bernard H. Baum won't ever forget one particular Clemson-Georgia Tech football game.

On that day, as Baum, a lobbyist for the state legislature, and his friends headed up the Georgia Tech stadium ramps to their seats, Baum felt a sudden crushing pain in his chest. He stopped, told his friends about the pain, and asked them to go on ahead of him — insisting he'd catch up later.

Well, Baum made it to his seat. But, after taking just one look at him, his buddies insisted that he make plans to see a cardiologist as soon as possible. In fact, one of those friends even set up an appointment for a stress test for Baum as soon as he returned to Columbia.

The cardiologist quizzed Baum about his symptoms first. And, after listening to those symptoms, he cancelled the stress test saying, as Baum tells it, "Bernie, I'm not going to put you on the stress test because I don't think you could make it." Instead, he looked directly into Baum's heart using a technique called heart catheterization.

Baum continues, "After the catheterization the doctor told me, he said, 'Bernie, I'll give you two alternatives. You can go home and think about this for two or three days and, if you live, you can come back and we'll operate. Or, we'll put you in the hospital right now and operate.'

"Well, my wife was there and I was already prepped and everything — so I talked to her and we decided the alternative was not that great. We decided to go ahead."

After quadruple bypass surgery, Baum came back to Myrtle Beach to recuperate.

On his own he began walking a little bit for exercise.

Then he heard about an innovative cardiac rehabilitation program at Grand Strand General Hospital, a program which, like others of its kind in the state, included the cooperative use of medical and vocational rehabilitation services.

The South Carolina Medical Association, the American Heart Association's South Carolina Affiliate Inc. and the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department developed this model to provide the specialized services cardiac patients needed to make the transition from patient back to employee.

Several telephone calls later and on the recommendation of Providence Hospital, he started that program which included exercise, nutrition counseling, psychological assessment, stress management instruction, vocational counseling and job placement.

Baum remembered, "When I got into the program I had not worked, of course, for quite a few months and I was really skeptical about going back to Columbia. To be honest with you, I was a little afraid. The pressure is so much and the stress is so much there when you're a lobbyist.

"But, I did go back. And, my cardiologist recommended that I double my blood pressure pills and my other medication, instead of eight pills go to 16 pills, for those three days each week I was in Columbia. I tried it but my blood pressure was still right high.

"I'd only had two jobs my whole life. And, I really wasn't sure what to do."

Baum requested help from the vocational counseling and job placement end of the cardiac rehabilitation program, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's Conway Office. And, after several counseling sessions, they decided that Baum was best suited for a job where he could work with the public but without the 250 mile drive each week to Columbia and back.

About that time Jack Summerlyn with the new Radisson Resort Hotel in Myrtle Beach called the Conway Office looking for someone to fill his newly created convention service manager position. The department helped Baum set up appointments for interviews with the Radisson, prepare for those interviews, etc.

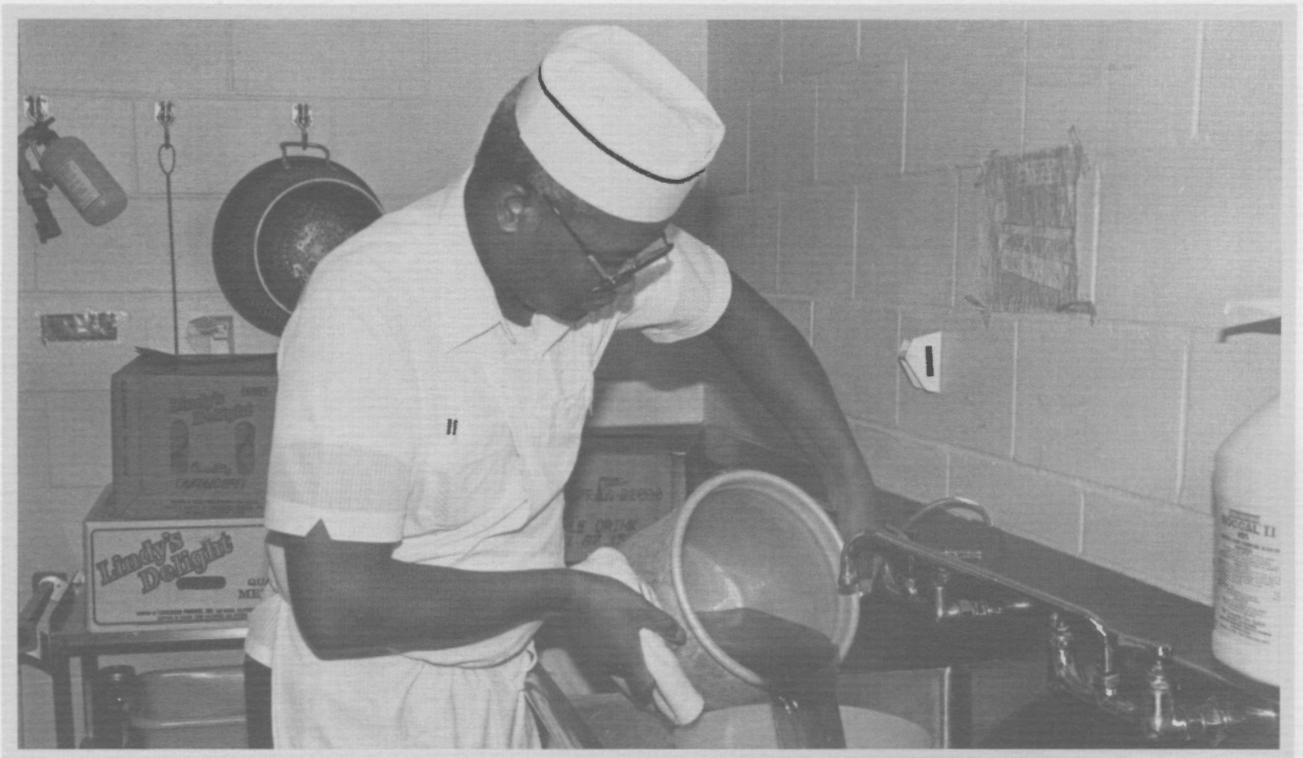
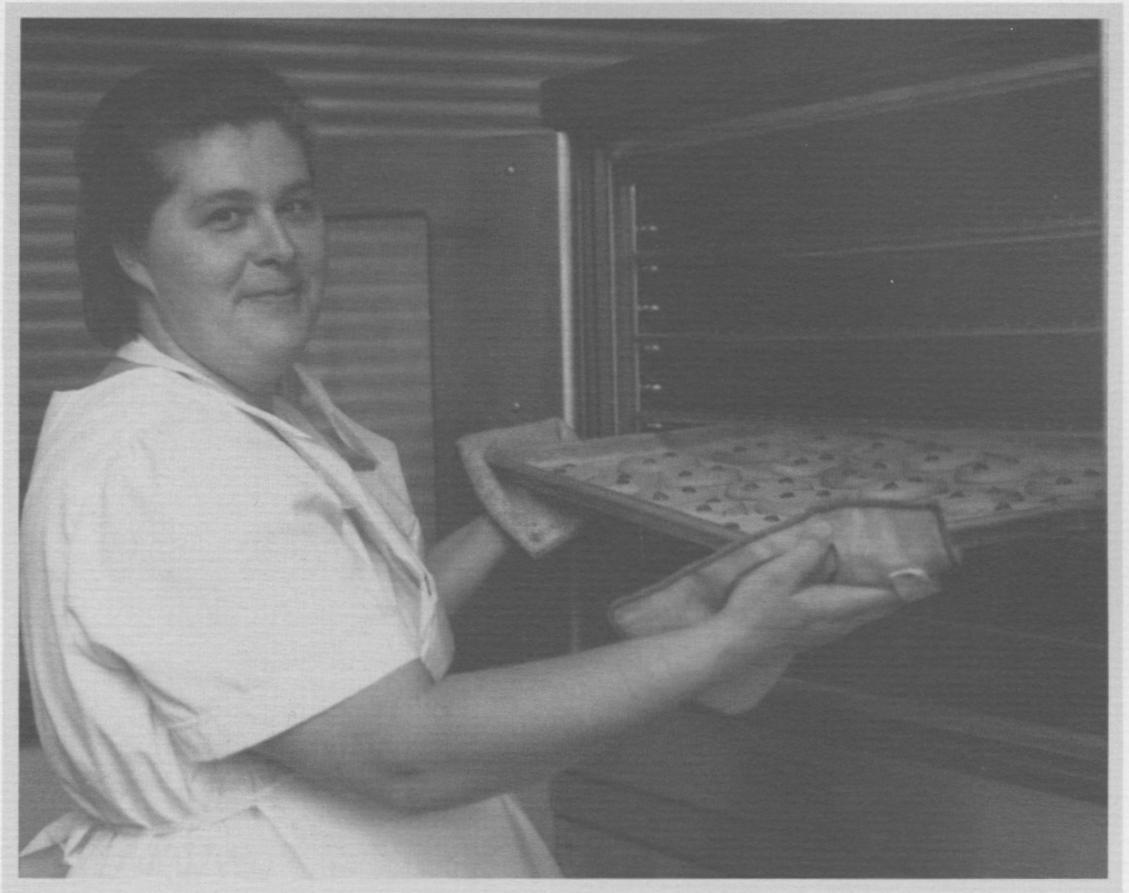
As a result, Baum began working on March 25, 1987, as convention service manager for the Radisson . . . a position he left within months when the Radisson promoted him to sales. In fact he was such a successful salesman that after only 90 days in sales, he sold nearly \$1 million in new business.

"I've been here just about a year now," Baum said recently in an interview at the Radisson.

"And, I love what I do here. It's a pleasure for me to get up in the morning, get dressed and come down here to these beautiful facilities and lovely people.

He pauses, looks out over the lobby and adds with a smile, "I guess you could just say I enjoy my job."

Well, Bernie, thanks to success stories like yours -- people happily and very successfully placed in suitable employment -- you could say those of us here at the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department enjoy our jobs, too.



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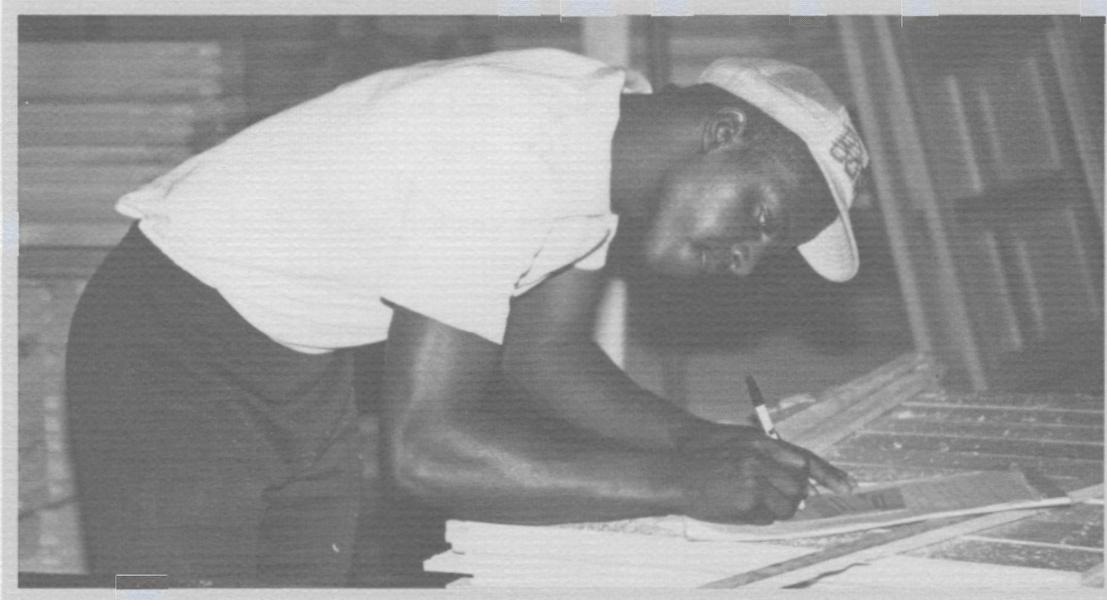
Once again, as it has for over the last ten years, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department maintained the top position among state vocational rehabilitation departments (based on the total number rehabilitated per 100,000 population) for fiscal year 1986-1987.

The department served 45,650 people with disabilities during that fiscal year.

In 1927 the South Carolina General Assembly created, in partnership with the federal government, the first vocational rehabilitation program in South Carolina. Since that time, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department has progressed from an agency which primarily offered training for World War I veterans under the auspices of the Department of Education to a separate state agency under permanent agency status. The department now administers a comprehensive rehabilitation system which serves South Carolinians with a wide variety of disabilities.

Because of new advancements in medical science and vocational rehabilitation service capabilities, many individuals can benefit from services today who may not have been able to benefit in years past.

New technological advancements in the rehabilitation field -- new, more modern wheelchairs, vehicle modifications which allow people with severe physical disabilities to drive, rehabilitation engineering services, muscular development therapies -- these all allow the department to serve people with more severe disabilities.



In fact, of the 8,374 clients rehabilitated in fiscal year 1986-1987, 5,295 were classified as persons with severe disabilities.

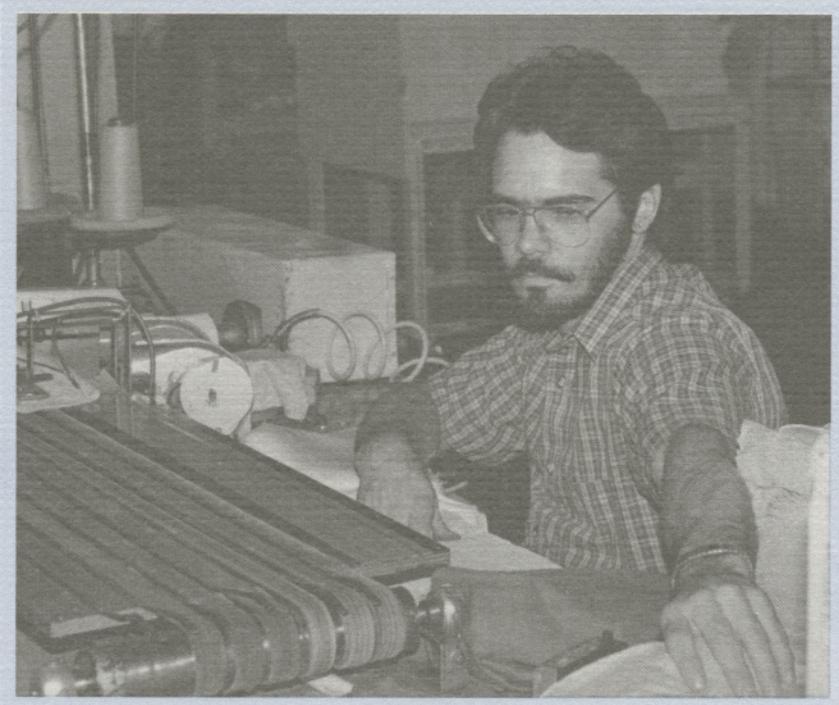
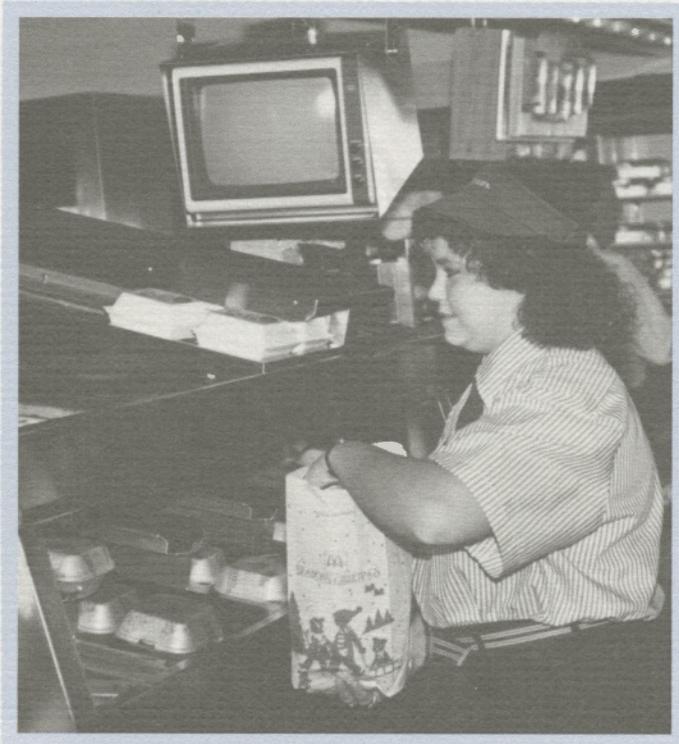
Yes, today the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates 16 area offices as well as many other specialized programs — all designed to provide statewide services to people with disabilities -- services designed to assist them find and maintain suitable employment.

It operates a network of rehabilitation centers which provide vocational assessment and personal, social, and work adjustment training.

It operates cooperative programs in numerous school districts and institutions of other state agencies.

It operates two residential alcohol rehabilitation centers, the Holmesview Center and the Palmetto Center, as well as a comprehensive residential rehabilitation complex designed to provide muscular development, highly technical training, vocational evaluation and rehabilitation engineering services to persons with severe physical disabilities.

And, the agency also administers the Disability Determination Program of the Social Security Act.



The
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at
work



The South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation



The South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation sets policy under which the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates.

The seven members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, serve seven year terms. Each member represents one congressional district and there is also one member-at-large.

The agency and the governor appear together in the above photograph.

(left to right) **Joe S. Dusenbury** is the agency secretary and commissioner of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Harry W. Findley, from Anderson, is the third congressional district representative.

E. Roy Stone Jr., the agency's chairman, represents the 4th congressional district and is from Greenville.

Carroll A. Campbell Jr. became governor in January of 1987.

Member-at-large **Dr. H.L. Laffitte**, from Allendale, is the agency's vice chairman.

Dr. T. James Bell Jr., from Hartsville, is the sixth congressional district representative.

Floyd Breeland, first congressional district representative, hails from Charleston.

John A. Montgomery, from Columbia, represents the second congressional district.

J. Hewlette Wasson, fifth congressional district representative, is from Laurens.

A high rate of return

Every day the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department works to improve South Carolina's economy.

In fact, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department helps South Carolina's taxpayers by turning tax liabilities into tax assets. By putting previously unemployed physically or mentally disabled citizens to work, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department adds new taxpayers — adding money to the state's revenues

in the process.

Each year the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department helps many physically or mentally disabled South Carolinians get ready for and find employment.

In fiscal year 1986-1987, 8,374 clients became employed because of the work of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

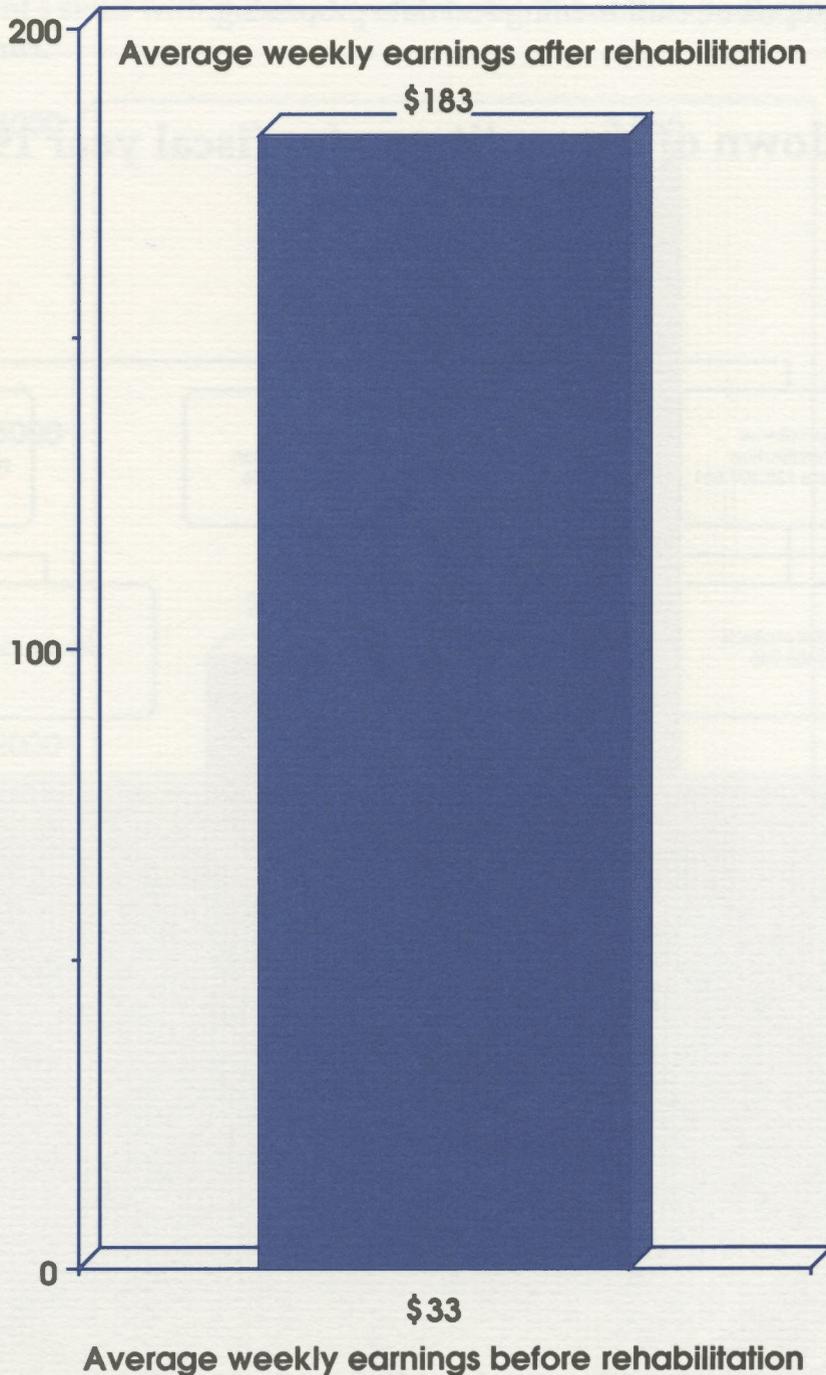
And, even though it cost the department an average of \$3,797 to rehabilitate a client, each client will repay the total cost of rehabilitation in an average of 4.74 years — while also increasing his or her earnings by an average of \$10.38 for every \$1 the Vocational Rehabilitation Department spent.

Obviously, that's a good investment.



- The Vocational Rehabilitation Department paid an average of \$3,797 to rehabilitate each client in fiscal year 1986-1987.
- For every \$1 the Vocational Rehabilitation Department spent, taxpayers received \$2.20.
- Each client will repay the cost for his rehabilitation in about 4.74 years.
- After rehabilitation, each client's earnings increased by an average of \$10.38 for every \$1 the Vocational Rehabilitation Department spent.

This is a 21 percent return on each taxpayer's investment.



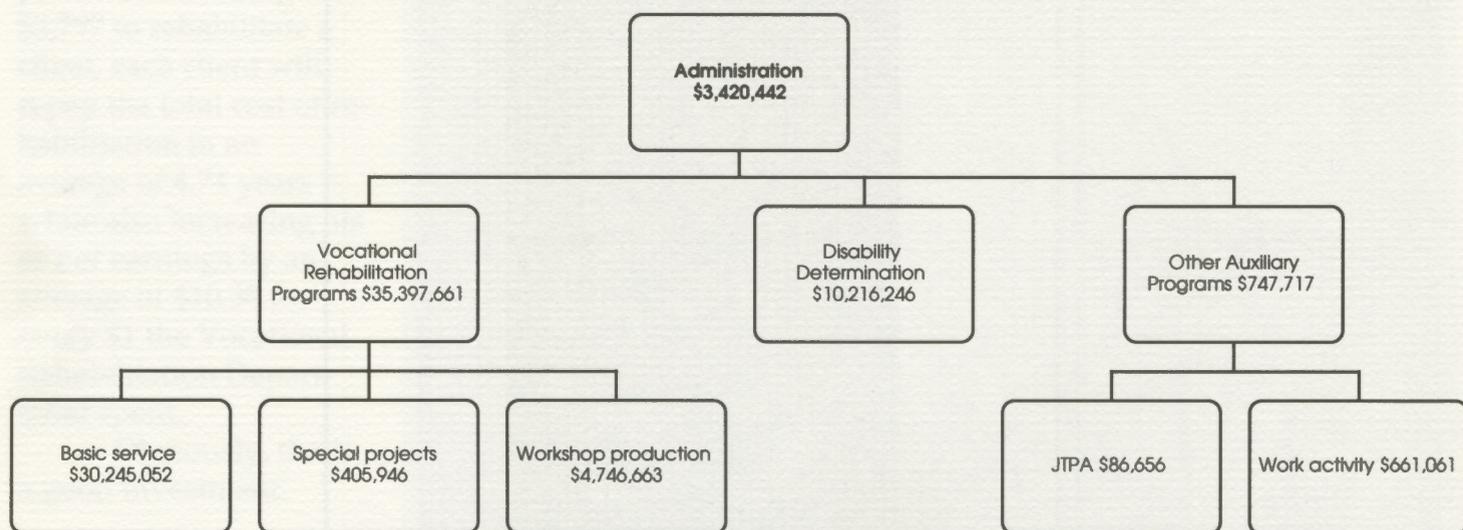
A cost effective program

The total operating cost of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department during fiscal year 1986-1987 totaled \$49,782,066.

Of this amount, \$46,361,624 or 93.1 percent was spent for "services to individuals" including counseling and placement of clients, professional and clerical salaries, travel expenses, communications, supplies, rent, office maintenance and equipment, diagnostic procedures and surgery, treatment, prosthetic appliances, hospitalization and convalescent care, training, equipment and licenses for clients, and the determinations of disability for SSA recipients.

The remaining \$3,420,442 or 6.9 percent paid for the administration of the department including administrative and clerical salaries, travel, communications, supplies, public information, rent, office maintenance, equipment, staff training and data processing.

A breakdown of expenditures for fiscal year 1986-1987



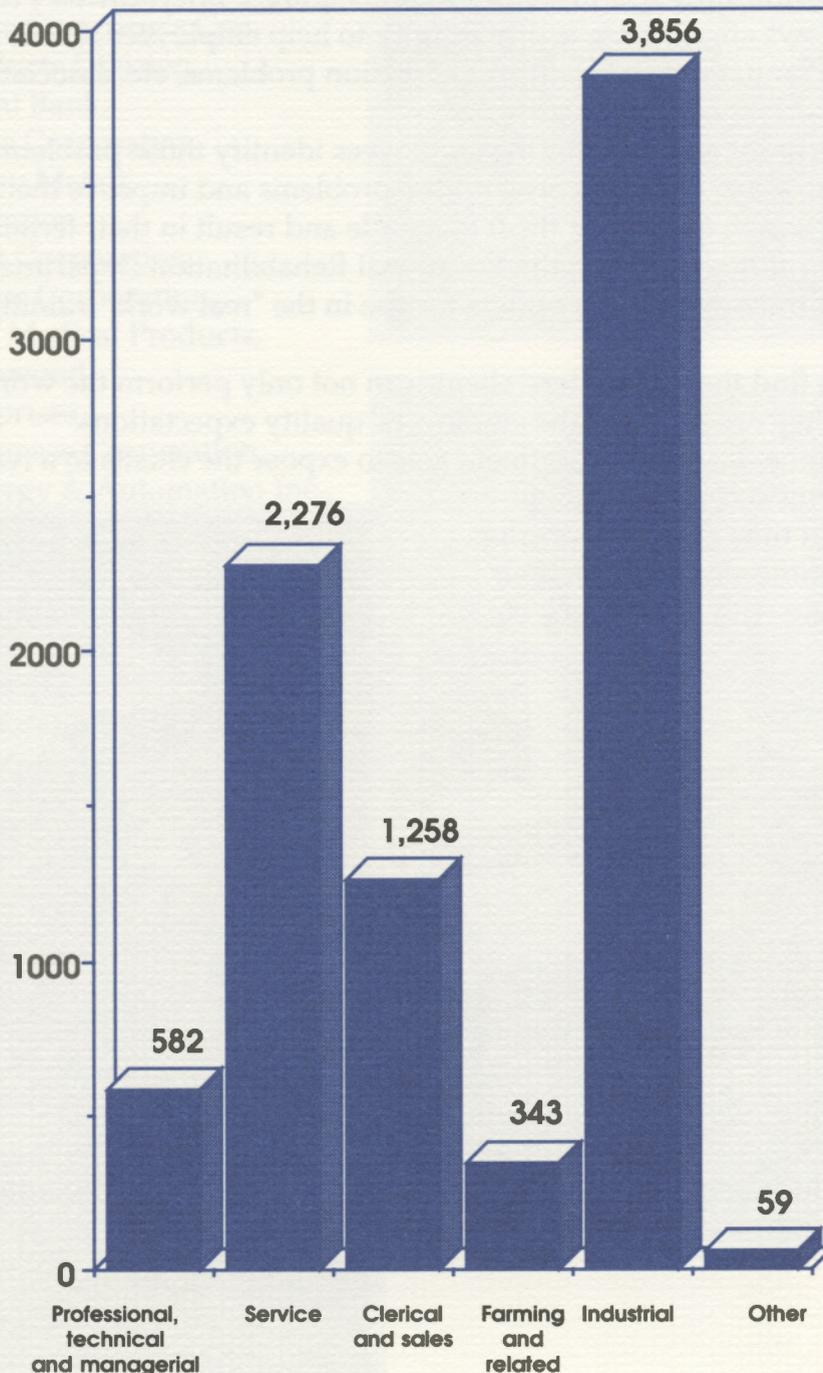
Occupations of the 8,374 rehabilitated

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation program, a vocationally oriented program, exists to help people with disabilities develop skills and work habits they need to obtain jobs in the competitive job market.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department does not consider a client successfully rehabilitated until that client is gainfully employed.

A particular kind of disability may make it impossible for the individual to do certain jobs. Still, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department works to help the individual find a different kind of job but one that keeps his abilities, aptitudes and interest in mind.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department handles each job placement individually -- taking care to match the client's skills with the employer's needs. The staff expertly job matches. They do not just place the clients.



Our business and industry partners

Both the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and business and industry in South Carolina benefit from the close relationship that each shares with the other.

Business and industry get job-ready employees . . . employees who have received extensive training in both work skills and social skills.

In addition, they often receive tax benefits for employing workers with disabilities.

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, on the other hand, benefits from the contacts made in business and industry. This helps the Vocational Rehabilitation Department better place a greater number of rehabilitated clients in permanent jobs in the work place.

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department also provides business and industry with the opportunity to offer their employees a special *Employee Intervention Program*.

This program allows employers the opportunity to help employees whose jobs may be in jeopardy because of the limitations, behaviors or addiction problems, etc. associated with their physical or mental disabilities.

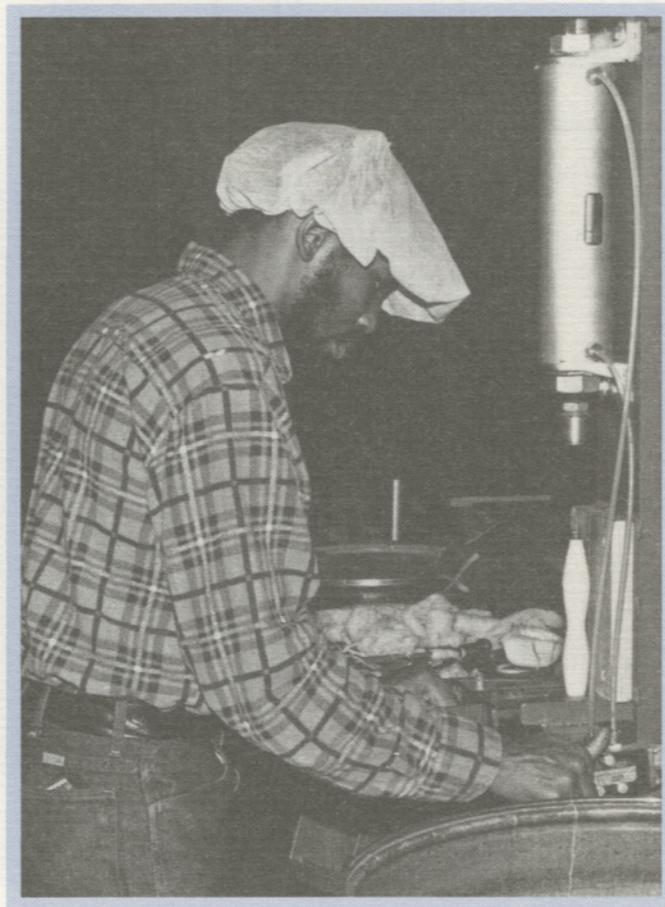
The program works because it helps the employees identify those problems affecting their job performance and explore ways they can correct those problems and improve their job performance — before those problems become too big for them to handle and result in their termination.

Other employers *subcontract* with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

They provide contract work to the centers for use in the "real work" training of individuals with disabilities.

These employers find that the centers' clients can not only perform the work required in these contracts but also that they often exceed the employers' quality expectations.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department gets to expose the clients to a real work environment during their training and rehabilitation. Those clients learn about time cards, production tickets, lunch hours, communicating with their supervisors, getting along with co-workers, etc.



Our business and industry *"hall of fame"*

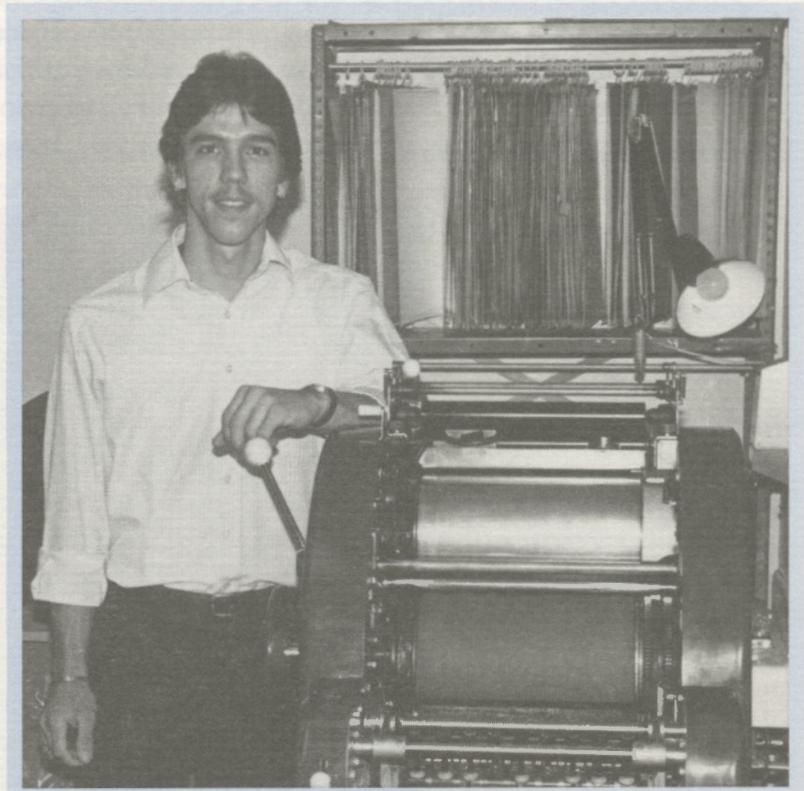
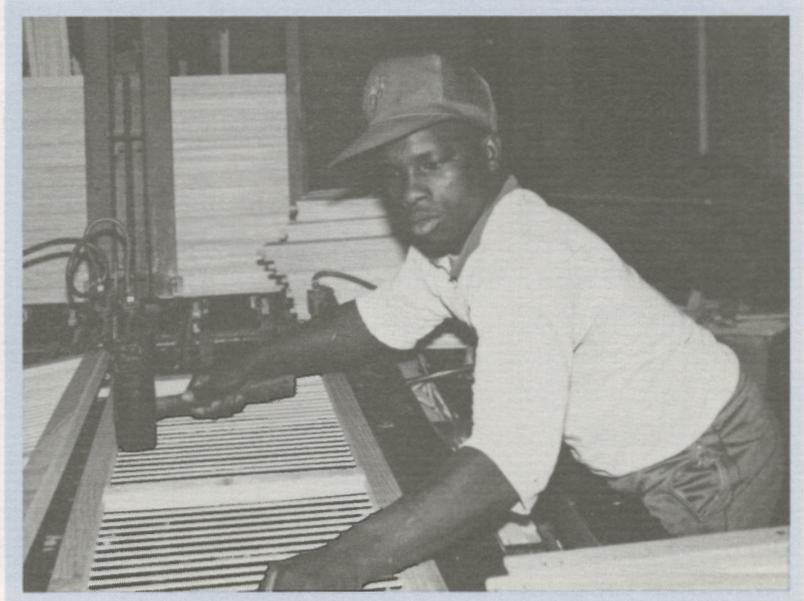
Some of the businesses that have worked closely with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the past were honored by the South Carolina Rehabilitation Association at its 1987 Annual Meeting.

The business and industry partnership award they received recognized them for providing contract work to the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's rehabilitation centers.

The following companies received this award:

E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Company's Savannah River Plant,
Reigel Textile Company's Consumer Products Division,
C&S National Bank,
Michelin Tire Corporation,
AT&T Nassau Metals,
AVX Corporation,
Master-Craft Corporation,
Phillips Fibers Corporation,
Professional Medical Products,
Velux-Greenwood,
Smith Enterprises,
Hoechst Celanese Corporation,
Siemens Energy & Automation Inc.,
Carlisle Finishing Company,
North American Container Corporation,
Exide Corporation,
Edens Lumber Company,
Bendix Corporation,
Westinghouse Electric Corporation,
Southeastern Coated Products,
Springs Industries,
Gulf Division of B.P. Oil,
Siebe North Inc., and
Unijax Inc.

The above businesses represent the more than 350 South Carolina businesses and industries who work with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department across the state.



Services for every client

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department offers a wide variety of services. These services help prepare the client for employment.

Each client has an individualized written rehabilitation plan, a program of services tailored specifically for that client.

This individualized written rehabilitation plan outlines rehabilitation services designed to reduce or remove the client's vocational disability by taking into consideration the client's medical, social, psychological and vocational needs, interests, and aptitudes.

To qualify to receive services from the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, a person must have a physical or mental disability which is considered a handicap to that person's future employment. Also, there must be reasonable expectation that with vocational rehabilitation services that person could be employed.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides each and every client with a complete medical, psychological and vocational evaluation, with counseling and guidance, with job placement, and with follow-up services.

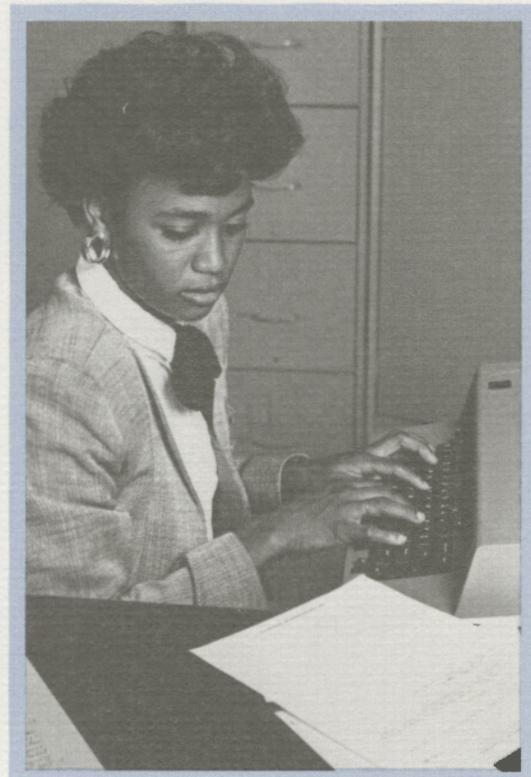
The thorough diagnostic evaluations provide the Vocational Rehabilitation Department with insight into the person's potential for employment. The evaluations also provide information needed to determine the nature and scope of services that person needs in order to become employed.

The client receives counseling and guidance services within the counselor/client relationship throughout his or her entire rehabilitation process.

All services contribute toward the client's job placement. The Vocational Rehabilitation Department considers no client rehabilitated until he or she begins working on a job suited to his or her vocational capacities and physical abilities.

Follow-up services help ensure that the client's rehabilitation is not only successful but also that both the client and the employer are satisfied. The client's counselor remains available to the client even after that client begins work in order to assist the client should any problems arise.

Some clients may require additional services prior to job placement like adjustment services, extra training, the provision of artificial appliances, transportation or other services.





The client may receive **adjustment** training, if necessary, in the development of social skills, job interviewing skills, job survival skills, coping skills, good hygiene, etc. These services help the client learn to deal with day-to-day situations and problems and learn to get along in the community and on the job.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department sponsors some clients' course work or special skills **training** through vocational schools, trade schools, technical schools, business schools, colleges or universities -- when such course work equips the person with the skills needed to improve his marketability and if that person is unable to obtain assistance through other sources.

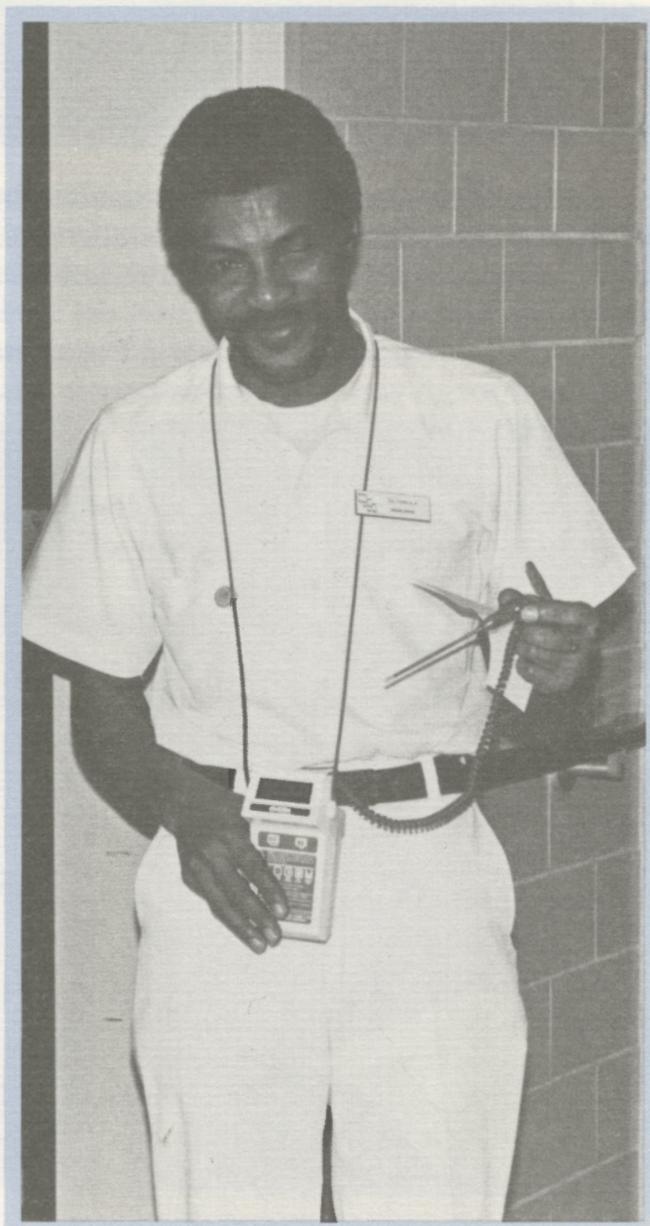
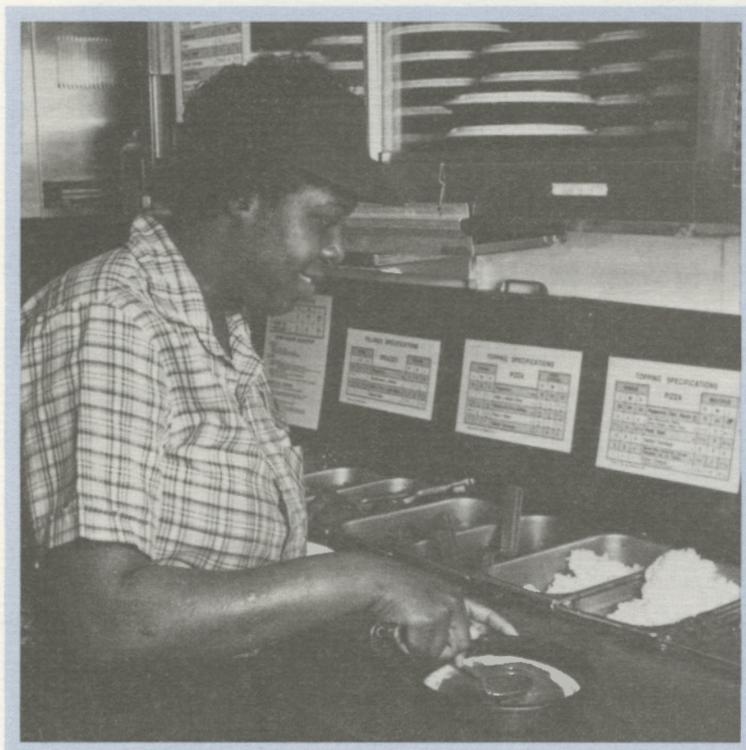
If a client needs a wheelchair, limb, brace, hearing aid, or other kind of artificial appliance in order to perform satisfactorily on the job, the department may help provide these **artificial appliances**.

A client may also receive maintenance and/or transportation payments for his or her **transportation** needs or the local area office may provide van service.

In addition, the department may help some clients by providing **other** miscellaneous services. For instance, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department may help them acquire occupational licenses, tools, equipment or supplies if these services significantly increase their employment or self-employment prospects.

The 1986-1987 fiscal year rehabilitated client

82.9 percent were unemployed at referral.
13.3 percent were in tax supported institutions at referral.
60.7 percent were dependent on family and friends for their livelihood at referral.
44.8 percent had less than a 12th grade education.
21.4 percent were under 20 years of age.
45.9 percent were between the ages of 20 and 34.
32.5 percent were 35 years old and over.
60.1 percent were male.
57 percent were white.
42.5 percent were black.



Our broad based programs

Cooperative Statewide Facilities

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department and other state agencies cooperatively operate many programs for South Carolinians with disabilities.

These programs, located across the state, allow the department to reach alcoholics and persons with drug addiction, inmates with disabilities, veterans with disabilities, hospital patients, the institutionalized mentally ill, the institutionalized mentally retarded, and students with disabilities.

Public Schools Program

Through cooperative agreements with the Department of Education and local school districts, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides rehabilitation services to students with mental or physical disabilities which affect their ability to work.

At this time all of South Carolina's 92 school districts have some or all of the four components a comprehensive school program can possess: (1) a vocational rehabilitation

counselor in the local vocational rehabilitation area office who serves as a liaison between the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the school district and who handles all the district's referrals, (2) an on site vocational rehabilitation counselor, (3) an evaluation/adjustment specialist and, (4) a work production component or workshop.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Disability Recipients

With the help of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department many Social Security disability beneficiaries and Supplemental Security income disability recipients with severe disabilities return to the labor market no longer needing Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income payments.

Vocational Rehabilitation Centers

The 16 community-based centers the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates allow the department to coordinate, develop and provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to South Carolinians with disabilities in their own communities.

Each center serves all disability groups and provides vocational assessment as well as personal, social and work adjustment training.

Contract work performed for business and industry provides the real work training experiences which prepare clients with disabilities for competitive employment.

In 1987 the department began work on two new center buildings, the Marlboro Vocational Rehabilitation Center and the Beaufort Vocational Rehabilitation Center.

The current Bennettsville facility serves over 300 clients per year. The new Marlboro Center will house the area office, counselors, counselor assistants, and other staff and will offer evaluation services; personal, social and work adjustment training services; counseling and guidance services; psychological testing; and placement services.

Last year the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department served over 956 clients from Jasper and Beaufort Counties.



Prior to the construction of the new Beaufort Center, the department had to transport these clients to Walterboro -- 41 miles away. Obviously, this limited the number of clients who could obtain needed services.

West Columbia Rehabilitation Complex

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's 20-acre rehabilitation complex, located in West Columbia, provides one of the most comprehensive service programs in the country for severely physically and mentally disabled South Carolinians.

Clients who would have difficulty for one reason or another, going from location to location in order to receive multiple rehabilitation services, can now take advantage of one of the most modern facilities in the Southeast as the complex brings together many of the services that the Vocational Rehabilitation Department had to purchase from a variety of outside vendors in the past. These include vocational evaluation, recreational therapy, activities of daily living/life function skills, transportation (within greater Columbia area), driver's evaluation/training, independent living



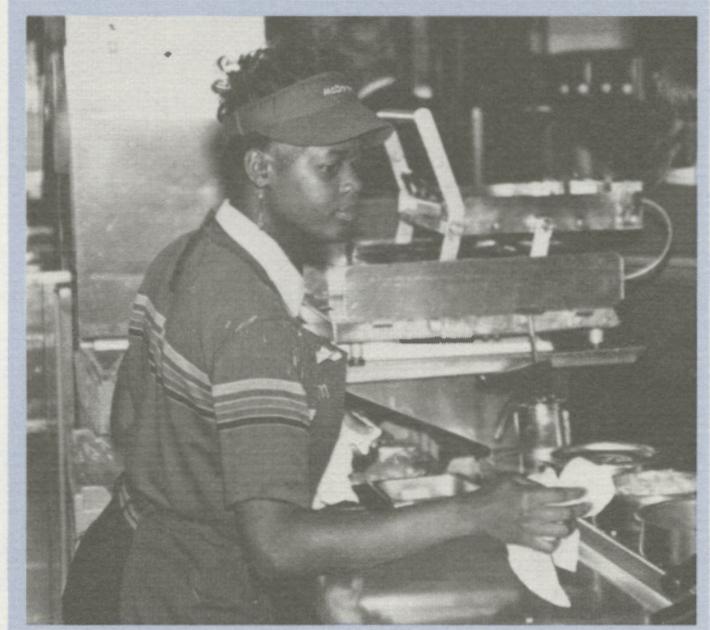
services, nursing services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation engineering services, speech and hearing services, and a chronic pain counseling program.

Muscular Development Center

Regular exercise holds an important place in the lives of healthy individuals and an equally important place in the lives of people with disabilities. Recognizing this the Vocational Rehabilitation Department built the Muscular Development Center, a 16,500 square foot center and the focal point of the West Columbia Rehabilitation Complex.

The center contains state-of-the-art physical therapy equipment, a therapeutic swimming pool, two smaller therapy pools, a well-equipped exercise area, a steam room, office space and a conference room and allows the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to provide well-rounded fitness therapy programs which include aquatic, physical and recreational therapies.

The therapy pools permit the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to offer therapeutic aquatics programs unique to Columbia and probably to the Southeast. For instance, clients participating in the chronic pain program can participate in aquatic therapy. The water makes these clients buoyant and allows them to work out in the water in ways they cannot work out on land and with much less pain.



The exercise area allows physically disabled clients to continue a muscular development program in an accessible environment. It offers therapeutic resistive exercise equipment designed to work a full range of muscles including pulley weights, treadmills, exercise cycles and a 16-unit exercise station.

Computer Training Program

The computer training program began in 1984 as a result of the voluntary guidance and participation of major business leaders. The program, designed to train and place persons with severe disabilities in entry-level positions in computer-related business occupations, lasts nine months and includes an internship requirement.

This year the program moved into the ultra-modern Vocational Training Center. A new 18-room dormitory adjacent to the center houses trainees.

Both buildings, located within the complex, play an important part in preparing South Carolinians with disabilities for gainful employment -- the overall goal of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Graduates find jobs as computer programmers, computer-assisted design (CAD) operators, data entry operators, word processors and administrative workers.

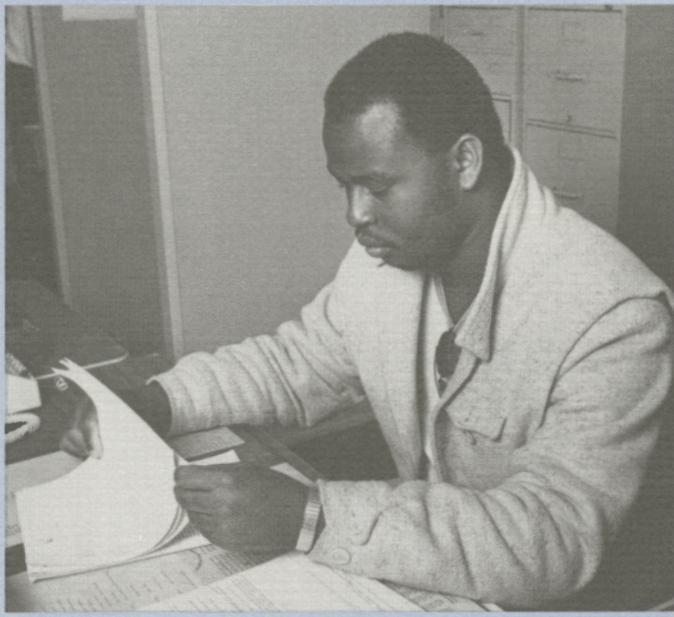
The Business Advisory Council, a group made up of executives from various corporations, government, and education, assists the department in developing curriculum, screening candidates, selecting students and performing student evaluations. They also assist with job placement.

Rehabilitation Engineering

Rehabilitation Engineering, new to the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, the state of South Carolina and the West Columbia Rehabilitation Complex, helps clients with disabilities with seating and body support, augmented communications, etc. by using available technologies to modify existing equipment or to develop new devices to meet these clients' needs.

As a result the Vocational Rehabilitation Department can now help clients who may have once been considered too severely disabled for its programs.

In addition, the Rehabilitation Engineering



program provides business and industry with aid in job site adaptation and accessibility.

Comprehensive Center

The Comprehensive Center, a residential center in the complex, provides occupational therapy, psychological services, speech and



hearing services and vocational evaluations.

It also houses a unique Chronic Pain Program, a four week residential or day program. It is designed for individuals who can no longer work or enjoy daily activities because of their recurring pain. Clients participate in the following treatment areas: psychology and adjustment services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreation therapy, vocational evaluation and medical services.

They learn about the relationship between pain and tension. They practice dealing with pain through relaxation techniques. They increase their flexibility and they learn proper body mechanics including pelvic tilt, posture and the effects of muscle imbalance.

In short, clients learn ways to manage their pain and return to work and their daily activities.

Independent Living Program

This program, located in the complex, helps South Carolinians with severe disabilities improve the quality of their lives and function more independently in their homes and their communities.

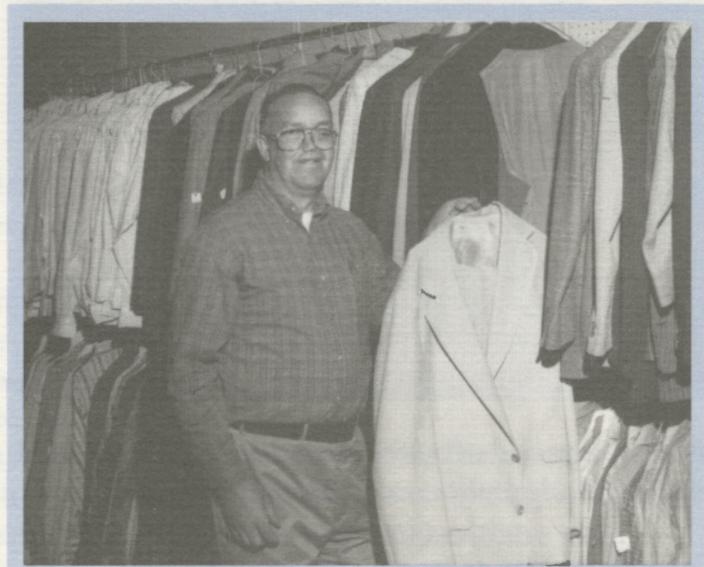
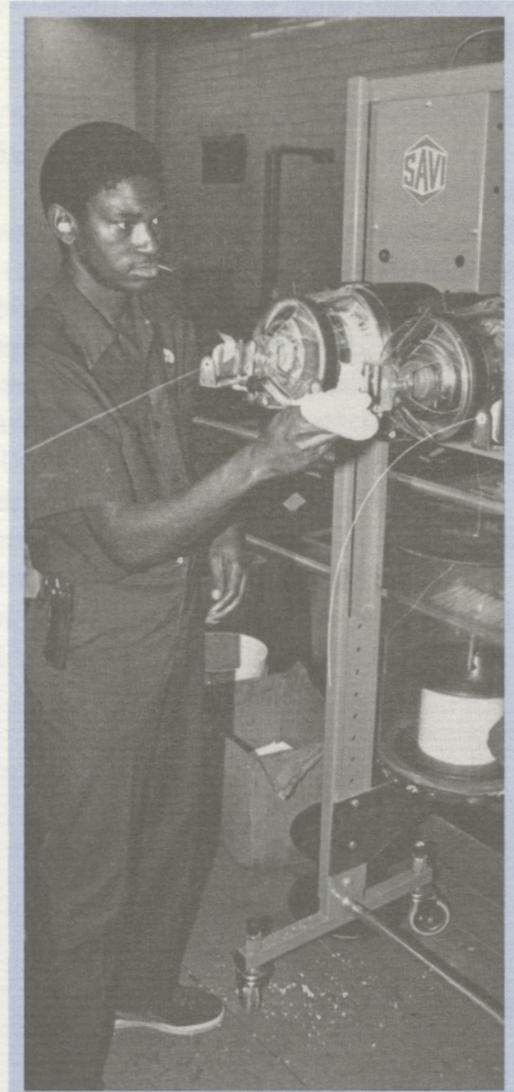
Work Activity Centers

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation have, through a cooperative agreement, set up work activity centers to provide services to people with severe mental retardation. Under contract the Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates programs which include evaluation, personal and social adjustment, work adjustment, and on-the-job training.

These programs have helped deinstitutionalize many citizens with severe mental retardation and allowed them to function in the community more independently.

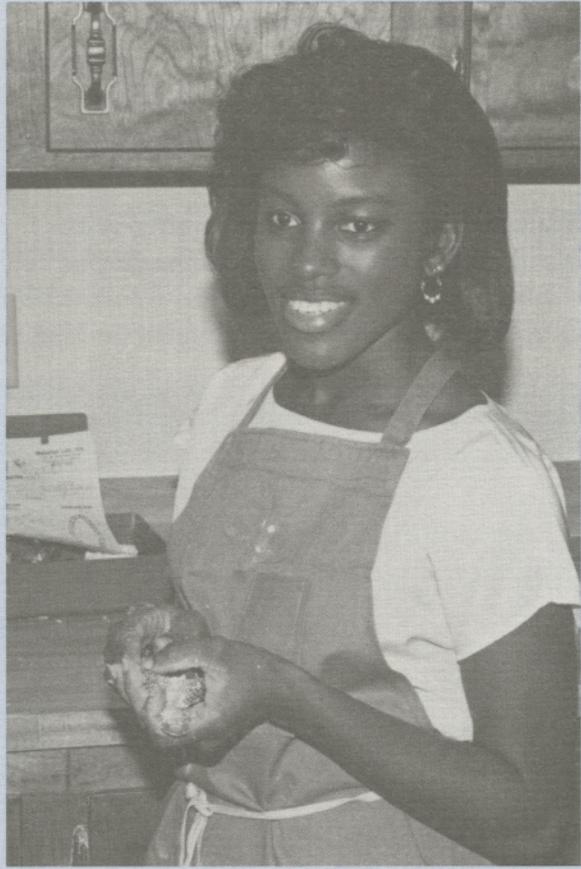
Youth Services

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Youth Services provides rehabilitation services to youth with disabilities within the Youth Services Correctional Facilities.



Palmetto Center

Palmetto Center, an inpatient treatment center in Florence for South Carolinians experiencing



problems with alcohol or drugs, provides the following services: residential facilities, psychological assessment, group counseling, medical evaluation and monitoring (24-hour nursing service), medical discussion groups with staff, films, etc.; physical fitness program (including daily planned exercises and nutritional meals to correct diet deficiencies), vocational assessment, vocational counseling and placement, recreational therapy, evaluation of family and social relationships, family therapy with spouses, children, parents, etc.; follow-up treatment groups for former residents, and training and/or consultation for professionals and paraprofessionals.

Holmesview Center

Holmesview Center, in Greenville, is also an inpatient treatment center for clients with alcohol and drug abuse problems.

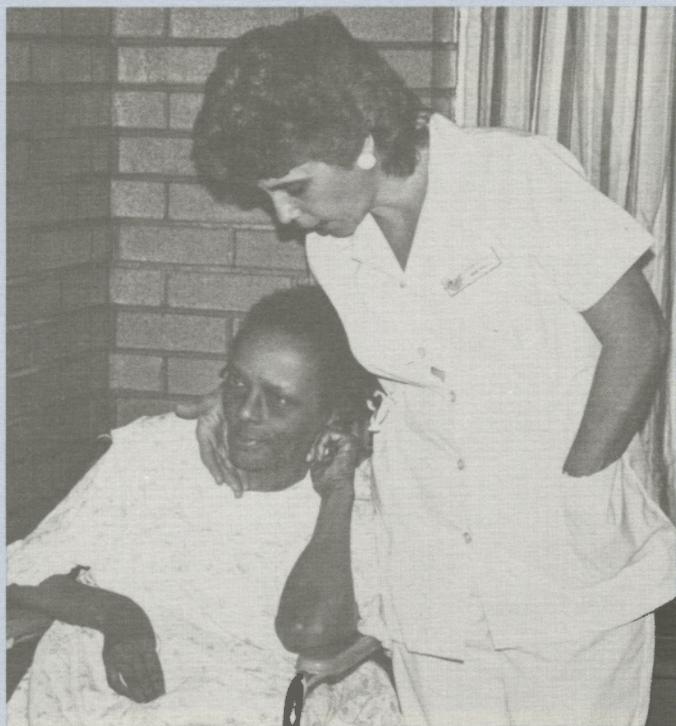
It provides the same services as those listed above for the Palmetto Center. However, Holmesview Center serves only male clients.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in cooperation with the South Carolina Medical Association and the American Heart Association, South Carolina Affiliate, Inc. provides specialized vocational rehabilitation services within cardiac rehabilitation programs throughout the state. At this time cardiac programs exist in 11 hospitals and with the University of South Carolina.

The recovering cardiac patient may find it difficult to return to his old job responsibilities after treatment for cardiovascular disease. Or, his old job may not be waiting for him because his employer lacked an understanding of heart diseases and the limitations the employee may experience after treatment.

Each vocational rehabilitation counselor who works with the cardiac program has expertise in the effects of cardiac disabilities on employment. The counselor works with the cardiac patient and helps that patient maintain job stability, identify alternative job opportunities, recog-



nize stress factors on the job, make dietary and lifestyle changes, and even modify behaviors on the job, in recreation and in social situations.

In some cases, the client cannot return to his old job. When this happens, the counselor helps him explore new employment areas. In fact, the counselor even helps the client match his abilities and interests with available jobs.

Deaf and Hearing Impaired Program

The department administers a program for the deaf and hearing impaired which uses specially trained staff members located throughout the state.

These staff members receive extensive training in communication skills for conversing with deaf persons, as well as training in the audiological, psychological and vocational problems of the hearing impaired.

Disabled public offenders

In its Public Offender Project the Vocational Rehabilitation Department provides vocational rehabilitation services to the institutionalized public offender and ex-offenders with physical or mental disabilities.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates this program in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Corrections in order to prepare offenders with disabilities for employment.

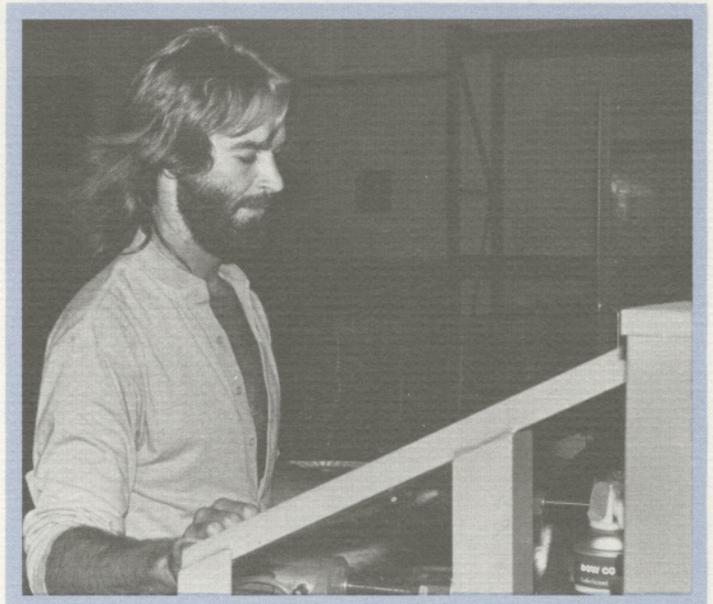
Mental illness

The department provides vocational rehabilitation services to mentally ill clients referred by other institutional programs and community agencies of the Department of Mental Health and other service providers.

Mental retardation

The department also provides services to individuals with mental retardation.

Many of these clients come from the public schools or through the Department of Mental Retardation.



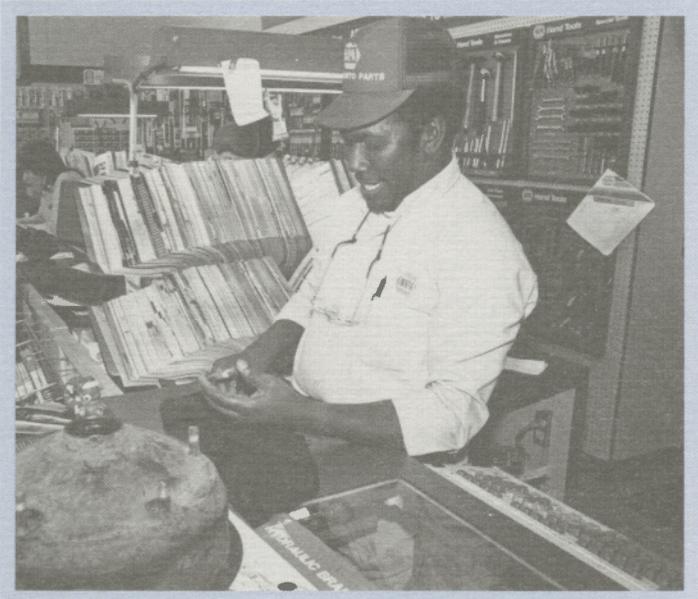
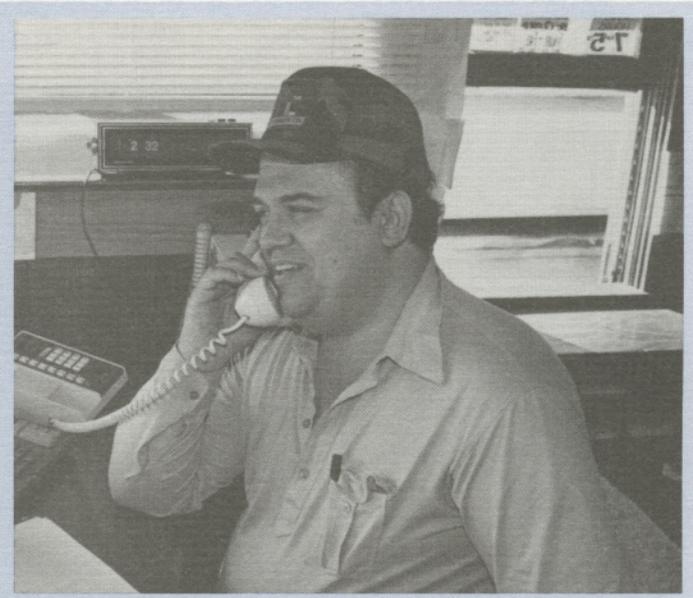
Disability Determination Division

This division of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department processes Social Security Disability claims under the provisions of the Social Security Act and the Supplemental Security Income Program.

The division conducts these operations from regional offices in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.

Individuals receive benefits from these programs when they can no longer work because of a mental or physical disability. And, they receive these benefits only as long as their impairment keeps them from working.

The staff also reviews each claim and decides if the individual has potential for vocational rehabilitation. As a result, the Disability Determination Division is an important source for referrals. Referrals who receive services through the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and become employed no longer receive Social Security Disability benefits.



County statistics

Vocational Rehabilitation Department offices strategically placed statewide make vocational rehabilitation services readily available to all South Carolinians with disabilities which interfere with employment. Each office offers the same services, services designed to prepare these citizens for jobs in their communities.

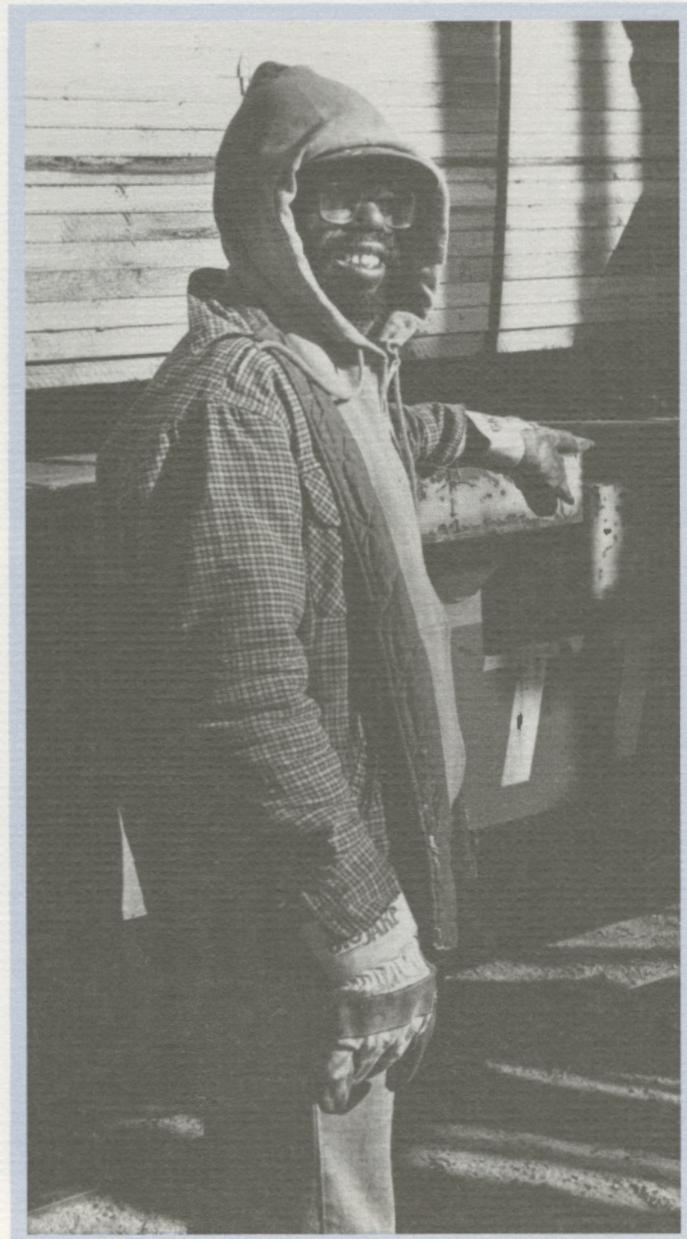
In addition counselors from these offices help clients in the outlying, less densely populated areas around their offices.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department makes every effort to provide services to all eligible working-aged citizens with disabilities.

This map gives a county by county breakdown of the individuals with disabilities whom the Vocational Rehabilitation Department served and rehabilitated during fiscal year 1986-1987.

Since rehabilitation is a continuous process often covering a period of years, the department may serve some of the same cases next year that it served this year.

The department considers a client rehabilitated only when that client becomes gainfully employed.



Our offices and locations

Aiken:

855 York Street, N.E
(803) 648-2070

Anderson:

3000 Mall Road
(803) 224-6391

Walhalla:

County Commission of Sanitation Building
South Broad Street
(803) 638-4227

Bennettsville:

Route 4, Highway 9
(803) 479-8318

Camden:

1111 Broad Street
(803) 432-1068

Winnsboro:

120 North Congress Street
(803) 635-5421

Charleston:

4360 Dorchester Road
(803) 744-5670

Moncks Corner:

111 Pine Street
(803) 761-8367

Summerville:

133 East First North Street
(803) 875-6060

Cheraw:

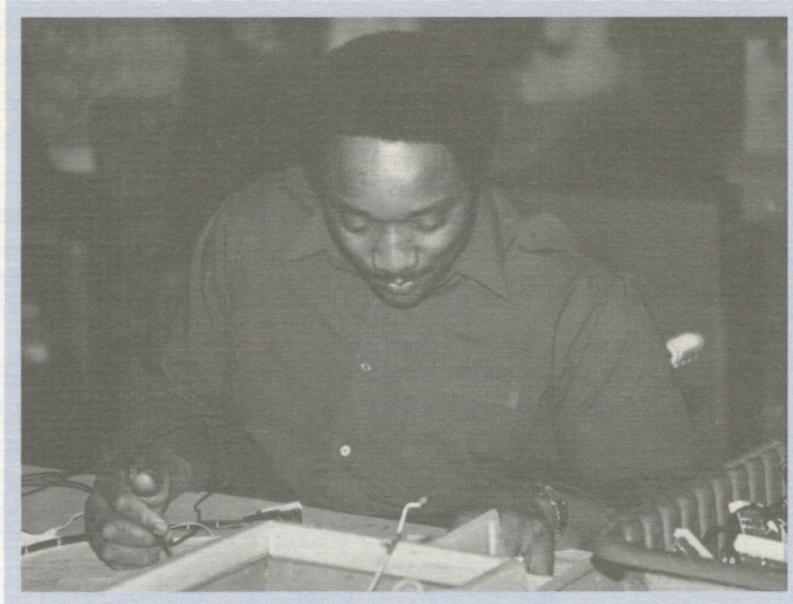
Windsor Park Shopping Center
(803) 537-2039

Columbia:

1330 Boston Avenue
(803) 739-5319

Columbia:

4600 Forest Drive, Suite 1
(803) 734-9767



Conway:
3009 4th Avenue
(803) 248-2235

Georgetown:
103 Queen Street
(803) 546-2595

Florence:
W. Darlington Street at Jody
(803) 662-8114

Dillon:
South Second Avenue, Box 1702
(803) 774-3691

Hartsville:
1023 W. Carolina
(803) 332-2262

Greenville:
105 Parkins Mill Road
(803) 297-3066

Pickens:
Carolina Investors Building
111 Garvin Street
(803) 878-4254

Greenwood:
2345 Laurens Highway
(803) 229-5827

Laurens:
Laurens-Clinton Highway #76
(803) 833-4121

Newberry:
2119 Wilson Rd., Hwy. 76
(803) 276-8438

Orangeburg:
780 Joe S. Jeffords Highway, S.E.
(803) 534-4939

Rock Hill:
1020 Heckle Boulevard
(803) 327-7106

Lancaster:
Roddey Drive
(803) 285-6909



Spartanburg:
353 South Church Street
(803) 585-3693

Gaffney:
1539 South Granard Street
(803) 489-9954

Union:
Duncan Bypass
(803) 427-5558

Sumter:
1760 N. Main Street
(803) 469-2960

Kingstree:
116 N. Academy Street
(803) 354-5252

Walterboro:
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(803) 538-3116

Allendale:
606 Walnut Street
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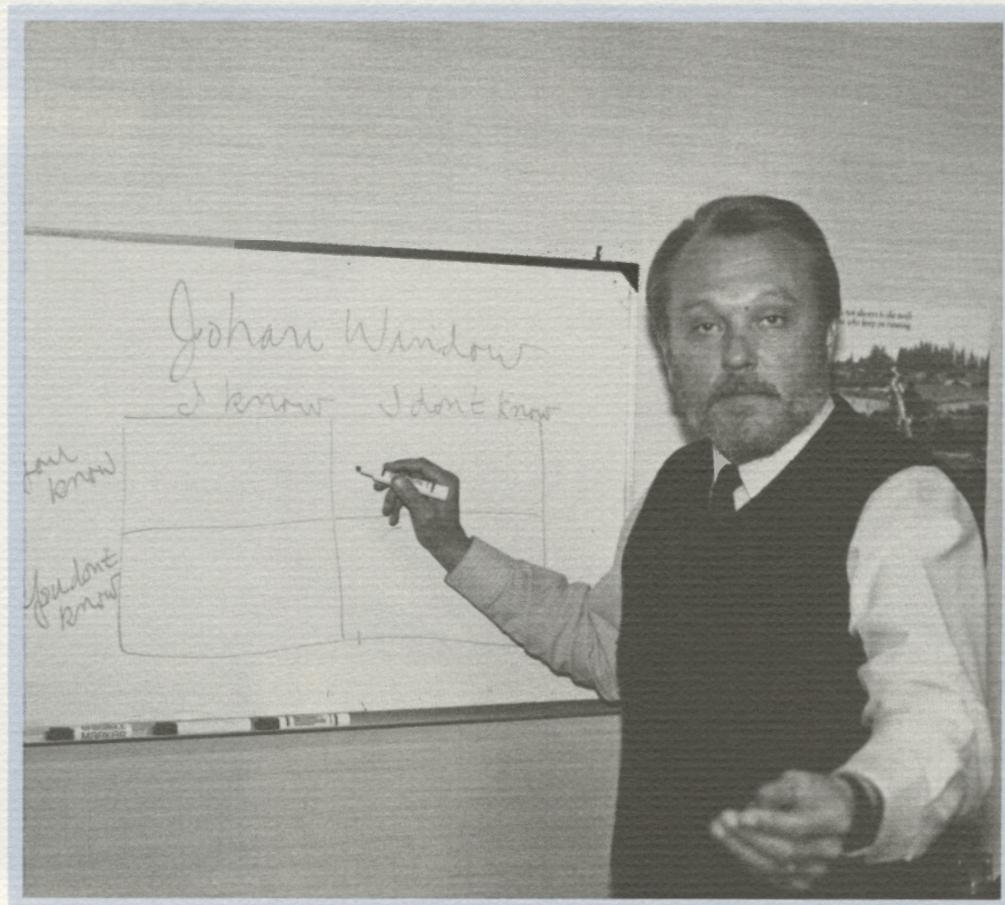
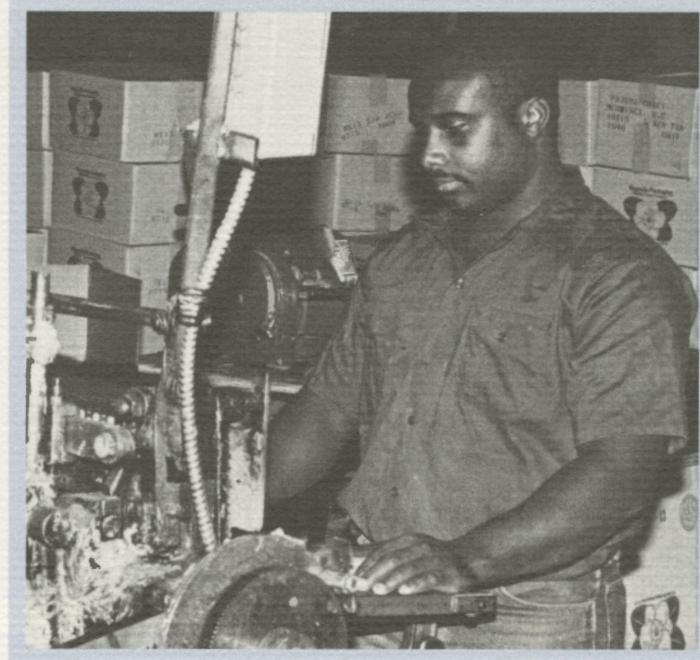
Beaufort:
1911 Boundary Street
(803) 524-8418

**Disability Determination
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West Columbia
1252 Boston Avenue
(803) 739-5350

DDD Charleston:
209 Fairfield Park, Highway 7
1064 Gardner Road
(803) 571-0100

DDD Columbia:
3600 Forest Drive
Suite 300
(803) 734-9777

DDD Greenville:
300 University Ridge
Suite 208
(803) 242-1950



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