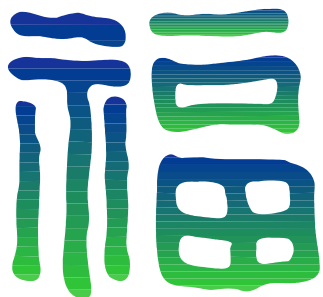


**DISCLAIMER:** Though it is encouraged, DRS does *not require* potential vendors of LST services to participate in the DRS Life Skills Trainer Program or to possess a DRS-issued "Certificate of Completion." Further, participation in the Life Skills Trainer Program does not constitute or imply acceptance of an individual or organization as a DRS vendor of LSS services. DRS vendor-ship approval is a separate process from the "Certificate of Completion" training program. Information on agency standards and requirements for vendors of Life Skills Services is available by contacting DRS. Finally, possession of a DRS Life Skills Trainer Program "Certificate of Completion" should not be interpreted as a "state certification," as no such certification currently exists in Virginia.



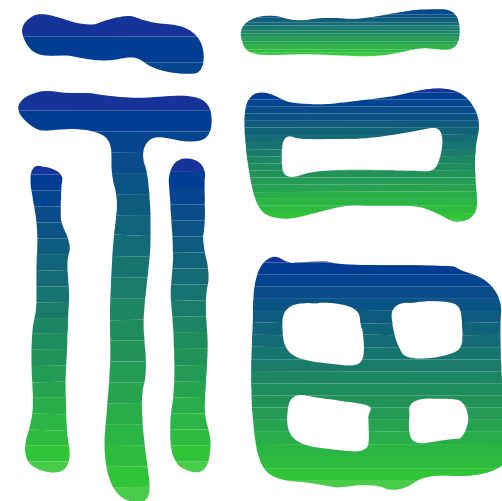
**REGISTRATION MATERIALS  
AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2002:  
on-line [www.vdrs.org](http://www.vdrs.org) or by mail.**

*For information about the DRS Life Skills  
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materials, contact Patti Goodall at  
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# Life Skills Trainer Program



**October 9-11, 2002  
DRS Central Office  
Richmond, VA**

**\$45 REGISTRATION FEE!**

# DRS Life Skills Trainer Program

The Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) is sponsoring a Life Skills Trainer Program in Richmond on October 9-11, 2002 for service providers interested in becoming vendors of Life Skills Services for DRS customers with brain injury. There is a nominal **\$45 REGISTRATION FEE** to attend this training.

Life Skills Trainers (sometimes called Life Skills Coaches) provide intensive, one-to-one assistance to people with brain injury (and other disabilities) in home and community settings of choice. Life Skills Trainers typically focus on assessment and intervention strategies designed to increase an individual's ability to live more effectively and more independently despite underlying cognitive impairments.



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## Program Description

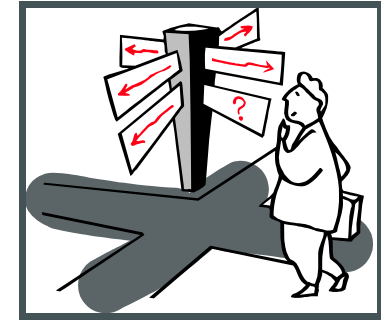
Whether or not you wish to pursue vendorship status, this program is an excellent introduction to brain injury, with a focus on the specific rehabilitation approach known as Life Skills Training. Topics include an overview of both brain injury and life skills training; behavioral and pharmacological issues; family and survivor perspectives; and case study activities. The training will emphasize the skills and knowledge necessary for developing and implementing an individualized Life Skills Plan for individuals with acquired brain injuries.

Featured speakers include national and state experts : Gregory O'Shanick, M.D.; Paul Aravich, Ph.D.; Rick Parente, Ph.D.; Jeffrey Kreutzer, Ph.D.; Anne McDonnell, OTR/L; Carolyn Turner, M.S., and other speakers not yet confirmed.

## DRS Certificate of Completion

Individuals who participate in the training and who are interested in receiving a DRS-issued "Certificate of Completion" may elect to complete a 30-hour program. The program includes the two-and-a-half day training held at DRS Central Office in Richmond; a written evaluation designed to assess the individual's assimilation and application of information on life skills training; and a 6-8 hour field work assignment under the supervision of an assigned

mentor. Individuals who complete these requirements successfully, and who are recommended by their mentor, will receive a DRS-issued "Certificate of Completion."



*Life Skills Training helps people find direction in their lives!*

## Working with DRS

A list of all organizations and individuals that have been approved as vendors of Life Skills Services for DRS customers with brain injury will be made available to DRS field staff. However, vendors are responsible for familiarizing the local DRS field offices with the specific services they offer. DRS counselors who wish to purchase Life Skills Services for an individual with a brain injury may use the list to locate potential providers in their communities. The list of approved LST vendors, to be maintained by DRS, does not imply endorsement of any particular vendor.