

INDEPENDENCE

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Mission: *The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired* works to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.

ELIGIBILITY: CBVI services and programs are available to all visually impaired NJ residents without regard to other disabling conditions, gender, age, race, nationality or religious and cultural orientation. A person may be eligible for services if he or she is experiencing a vision impairment that is affecting his or her normal daily life activities.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES: CBVI provides educational services from birth through high school years to eligible children and their families. These services are designed to allow students who are visually impaired to participate equally with other students in regular classroom activities.

Services include: Counseling and training for families of infants and preschool children; services to deaf-blind children; literacy enhancement; tutoring in special areas; reader services; summer recreation programs for children and teenagers; assistance with adaptive equipment; accessible textbooks, reading materials and technical aids from

the Meyer Instructional Resource Center; vision restoration and/or enhancement of the use of remaining vision.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION: The goal of this program is to provide services that will enable people who are blind or visually impaired to develop, acquire or update skills that will help them secure and maintain suitable employment. This may include obtaining jobs in a wide array of competitive career fields like law, education, business, technology, as well as self-employment and other occupations.

Services include: Vocational evaluation; counseling; training; job placement; post-employment services; college counseling/support; vending facility and **Business Enterprise Program**; marketing of home-crafted products; high school transitional services; services for people who are deaf-blind/multi-handicapped and training at the **Joseph Kohn Training Center** in New Brunswick.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS SERVICES: This program provides training designed to help people of any age who are blind or visually impaired to adjust to their vision loss and gain the skills of daily living they will need to lead a full and productive life.

Services include: In home instruction for independence in daily-living activities and home management; instruction in safe methods for orientation and independent

travel within the home community, work, and school environment; child care training; training in Braille, typing, and other communication methods; and referral to community resources.

EYE HEALTH SERVICES: The goal of this program is to save sight and restore vision whenever it is medically possible. Statistics show that 50 percent of all blindness and vision loss could have been prevented with proper medical eye care. CBVI conducts and sponsors a variety of educational programs and eye health screenings throughout the state to detect vision problems.

Services include: Mobile eye examination units; vision screening for preschool and schoolage children; eye health nursing;

on-site screening at institutions and in communities by invitation; special diabetic outreach program; and other specialized eye screening programs which target historically underserved populations (i.e. minorities, the elderly, migrant farmworkers, etc.).

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: CBVI consumers can request any of the following services through their primary caseworker: Handicapped parking permit applications; voter registration applications; income tax certification letters; Motor Vehicle Commission I.D. card applications; self-help peer groups; referral to community based programs and services; reduced fare applications for public transportation and low and high technical aids and appliances.



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