

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 vision-impaired, their families, and the community.

ELIGIBILITY: CBVI services and programs are available to all vision-impaired NJ residents without regard to other disabling conditions, gender, age, race, nationality, or religious and sexual orientation. A person may be eligible for services if he or she is experiencing a vision impairment that is affecting his or her 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 vision-impaired to participate equally with other students in mainstream classroom activities.

Services may include: Counseling and training for families of infants and preschool children; services to deaf-blind children; literacy enhancement; tutoring in special areas; reader services; and assistance with adaptive equipment, accessible textbooks, reading materials, and technical aids from the **Meyer Instructional Resource Center**.

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

Services may 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; 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 vision-impaired to adjust to their vision loss and gain the skills of daily living that they will need to lead a full and productive life.

Services may include: In home instruction for independence in daily-living activities and home management; instruction in methods for orientation and independent travel within the home, community, work, and school environment; child care training; training in Braille, keyboarding, and other communication methods; and referral to community resources.

Project BEST (Better Eye-Health Services and Treatment): 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 may include: Mobile eye examination units; vision screening for preschool and school-age children; eye health nursing; on-site screening at institutions and in communities by invitation; diabetic outreach program; and other 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: Person with a disability 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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