



Look Forward to Independence

Specialized help in an
increasingly complex world.

**Virginia Department for the
Blind and Vision Impaired**

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is to provide services and resources which empower individuals who are blind, vision impaired or deafblind to achieve their desired levels of employment, education, and personal independence.

Vision Statement

DBVI envisions a world in which blind, vision impaired and deafblind people can access all that society has to offer and can, in turn, contribute to the greater community. We believe this is achievable.

Agency Values

Recognize the abilities of blind people –
We value the contributions of people who are blind, vision impaired and deafblind

Equal Access – *We value equal access to all life activities including information, education, training and employment*

Exemplary Work Habits – *We value integrity, honesty, teamwork and dedication*

Diversity – *We value diversity, respect for the individual and personal choice*

Employees – *We value our employees for their dedication and expertise*

Education Services



Purpose:

To help children
succeed in school

Services:

- Educational and developmental materials
- Consulting and training for parents and school systems
- Vision assessments and eye exams
- Adaptive optical aids

Benefits to children with vision loss:

1. Minimize developmental delays
2. Improve progress in school
3. Help parents access the educational system and prepare for the future

Vocational Rehabilitation Services



Purpose:

To help you achieve your career goals

Services:

- Guidance and counseling
- Adjustment to blindness training
- Vocational assessments
- Training opportunities
- Job placement and follow-up

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Develop skills to enter a profession
2. Find a job or keep your job
3. Advance in your career

Rehabilitation Teaching and Independent Living



Purpose:

To help you achieve independence

Services:

- Independent living skills training
- Vision assessments and training with optical aids

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Learn techniques to adjust to your blindness
2. Maximize the use of any remaining vision
3. Function safely, comfortably, and confidently in your home

Low Vision Services



Purpose:

To help you take full advantage of the vision you have

Services:

- Vision assessments and optical exams
- Low vision equipment and training

Benefits to those with partial vision loss:

1. Understand your current level of vision and what you can do to adjust
2. Make reading and daily activities easier

Orientation and Mobility Services



Purpose:

To enable you to travel independently and safely

Services:

- Travel skills assessments and training
- Orientation technique training
- Instruction in how to get around independently

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Develop confidence in your ability to travel independently and safely
2. Learn how to use public transportation to locate community services

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired



Purpose:

To improve your independence through a course of study provided in a residential setting

Services and Training:

- Independent living skills
- Communication skills
- Orientation and travel skills
- Social and recreational development
- Counseling
- Medical information and self-management
- Vocational evaluations
- Assistive technology

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Immerse yourself in focused rehabilitation
2. Enhance your confidence and independence
3. Learn from others in similar situations

Library and Resource Center



Purpose:

To provide reading materials, access to information, and developmental and educational support resources

Services:

- Audio books, magazines and playback equipment
- Braille novels and textbooks
- Large print novels
- Reference and information
- Descriptive videos and DVDs
- Equipment and educational materials for student and teacher classroom use

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Select books and read independently
2. Study and learn with appropriate materials
3. Research and discover information

Technology Services



Purpose:

To help you use technology independently

Services:

- Skills assessments
- Consultations with employers
- Technical support
- Worksite assessments

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Learn what assistive technology is available and how to use it for personal independence
2. Perform your job more effectively
3. Compete with sighted candidates for good jobs

Deafblind Services



Purpose:

To help you achieve independence if you have combined hearing and vision loss

Services:

- Assessments of skills
- Adaptive equipment consultations, assessments and recommendations
- Technical assistance

Benefits to those with combined hearing and vision loss:

1. Communicate more easily
2. Perform daily activities with greater ease
3. Enjoy enhanced independence

Randolph-Sheppard Program of Virginia



Purpose:

To encourage self-supporting, independent business operators

Services:

- Business establishment research and assistance
- Management training and support
- Licensing

Benefits to entrepreneurs with vision loss:

1. Business assistance and support
2. Pride in managing your own business

Virginia Industries for the Blind



Purpose:

To provide job opportunities and training

Services:

- Employment
- Vocational skills assessments
- Job placement counseling
- Vocational training
- Computer skills evaluations and training
- Summer work program for high school students

Benefits to those with vision loss:

1. Learn vocational skills
2. Find a good job or career

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