Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

“Our belief is that with the right training and resources, each blind or visually impaired person will be able to achieve their goals”
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RSB Programs and Services

- Vocational Rehabilitation (Flagship Program)
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
- Older Blind-Independent Living Program (OB-IL)
- Independent Living Rehabilitation (ILR)
- Children’s Services Program (CS)
- Prevention of Blindness Program (POB)
- Center for Braille Narration and Production (CBNP)
Vocational Rehabilitation

• Helps people to gain or maintain employment:
  • Comprehensive Personal and Vocational Assessment
  • Job Search
  • Job Placement
  • Workplace Accommodations
Vocational Rehabilitation

- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Visual Disability
  - Impediment(s) to employment
  - Must require VR services to overcome impediments
  - US Citizen or Green Card
  - Present in state
Business Enterprise Program

- Helps people that are interested in being an entrepreneur:
  - 33 Facilities
  - 969 total jobs created in fiscal year 2020
  - Snack Bars
  - Vending
  - Cafeterias
  - Fort Leonard Wood (averages 805,350 meals served yearly)
  - $43,979,476.00 in total Gross Sales ($37,756,513.00 from Fort Leonard Wood)
Older Blind Services

- 55 years and older that are not interested in returning to work:
  - Daily Living Skills
  - Maintain independence
  - Staying at home and not in a nursing home facility
Older Blind Services

- Eligibility for OBS Programs:
  - Visual disability requirement
  - Present in the state of Missouri
  - Impediments to Independent Living
  - Requires ILR services to function Independently
Independent Living Program

- Below 55 years of age that are not interested in returning to work:
  - Daily Living Skills
  - Maintain independence
  - Staying at home and not in a nursing home facility
Independent Living Program

- Eligibility for IL Programs:
  - Visual disability requirement
  - Present in the state of Missouri
  - Impediments to Independent Living
  - Requires ILR services to function Independently
Children’s Services

- Provides services to ages 0 – 21 years of age:
  - Parent Education
  - Advocacy
  - Individualized Education Plan Meetings
  - In home services
Prevention of Blindness

• Education about blindness, eye conditions, eye care services:
  • Eye exams
  • Emergency eye medical procedures
  • Education and resources
Prevention of Blindness

- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Visual criteria
  - Financial
  - No Comparable benefits
  - Present in State
  - US Citizen
  - Must reapply every year
Center for Braille Narration and Production

• Provides print materials in accessible format:
  • Braille
  • Large Print
  • Narrated
  • Jefferson City Correctional Center
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