

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

- 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

- Missouri has two VR Agencies
 - Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Vocational Rehabilitation

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

VR Process - Referral

- Referral
 - Self-Referrals
 - Phone
 - Electronic
 - In-person
 - How did you hear about us?
 - School Referrals
 - Word of mouth
 - Medical Providers

VR Process - Application and Eligibility

- Application – DocuSign or Print
- Eligibility:
 - Visual Disability
 - Impediment(s) to employment
 - Must require VR services to overcome impediments
 - US Citizen or Green Card
 - Present in state
 - Presumptive Eligibility

VR Process –Comprehensive Assessment

- Strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice.
- Existing data
- Sills Assessment(s)
- Vocational Assessment(s)

VR Process-Individualized Plan of Employment

- Vocational Goal
- Roadmap to Employment
- Lists services to be provided who provides the services.
- Informed Choice

Services Available

- Comparable Services and Benefits
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Disability Related Skills Training
- Career Services
- Training
- Accommodations
- Support Services
- On the job Training

Employer Services

- RSB Job Development Unit
 - Information and Resources
 - Blindness Awareness Training
- Accommodations
- Customized Training

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)

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