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”
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)