

BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) VR program is designed to assess, plan, and provide vocational rehabilitation services to eligible legally blind or visually impaired customers. Vocational services are designed around the customer's informed choice, unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and the local labor market. The VR program prepares the customer for competitive integrated employment as that term is defined by regulatory and sub-regulatory guidelines. It is BSBP's vision that every customer will achieve economic self-sufficiency.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation assessment and training services are provided on an individualized basis with consideration to the following:

- Eligibility determination and for services, vocational rehabilitation and independent living needs,
- Vocational rehabilitation counseling and guidance,
- Referral to other statewide workforce development centers and resources that support competitive integrated employment.

ELIGIBILITY

- The individual must be at least 14 years of age and desire to be employed,
- The primary disability must be legal blindness which results in a substantial impediment to competitive integrated employment,
- The individual must require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, advance in, or regain competitive integrated employment.

Referral: Request for vocational rehabilitation services can come directly from the individual, family, friends, employers, and workforce partners.