If you are a person who is blind or visually impaired and need help securing employment, Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind may be for you. An individual who is blind or visually impaired faces unique challenges. Our individualized support services are designed to enhance employment by helping develop skills to enter a profession, find a job, or even advance your career.

Services

Guidance and counseling
Adjustment to blindness training
Vocational assessments
Training opportunities
Job placement and follow-up
Direct one-on-one personalized services
The Addie McBryde Center

At the Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center, we provide a wide array of specialized services to persons who are blind or visually impaired which will enable them to adjust to vision loss and work and live independently.

This one-on-one training is customized to meet the unique needs of each individual. The average duration of the training is 3 to 6 months with some consumers training in a residential setting.

Business Enterprise Program

Our Mississippi Business Enterprise Program offers legally blind individuals an opportunity to become self-employed businesspersons in a growing food service operation that combines the benefits and the resources of both the public and private sectors.

This program is responsible for providing vending services on properties owned or leased by federal, state, or local government entities.

If you cannot return to work or have retired, the Independent Living for the Blind program may be able to help. Independent Living Counselors are available to offer assistance to:

Legally blind individuals over 55 years olds, and

Legally blind individuals under 55 years old with at least one other disabling condition.

MS Partners for Informed Choice

MS Partners for Informed Choice (MPIC) is a service funded by the Social Security Administration (SSA) as part of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. MPIC is authorized to serve all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities, including transition-to-work aged youth, providing benefits planning and assistance services on request or as resources permit. There are more than 100 grantees in the United States.

The programs employ certified Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWICs) and each serves a specific region of the state.

CWICs provide confidential services to people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). CWICs educate beneficiaries on how employment will affect their public benefits such as SSI, SSDI, Medicare, Medicaid, subsidized housing and food stamps.

Services include

Travel Training
Vision Utilization Training
Diabetic Counseling
Computer Literacy and Access Technology
Braille Instruction
Daily Living Skills
Coping Strategies for Adjusting to Vision Loss
Adaptive Homemaking Strategies
And More....

Independent Living for the Older Blind Program

Instruction in alternative ways to perform tasks affected by vision loss

Teach alternative home organization techniques

Help you safely and effectively manage your medications

Give you referrals for other services, such as talking books and free directory services

Help connect with community activities

Provide low tech adaptive aids

Connect you with a vision loss support group