

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

For Individuals Who Are Blind
or Visually Impaired



INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR THE BLIND



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The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services' Independent Living For the Blind Program provides services that enable blind or visually impaired individuals to meet their goals to live independently. The eligibility criteria for the Older Blind Program is age 55+ and legal blindness.

The Part B eligibility requirements are legal blindness, significant secondary disability, and any age. For both programs, gainful employment may not be achievable but independent living goals are.

Some of the services we provide are:

- Recommendation and/or provision of appropriate and necessary aids and appliances, such as talking clocks, writing guides, low vision aids, etc.
- Referral to other agencies and services, such as Library Services and Radio Reading Services
- Functional low vision assessments
- Independent Living skills training
- Peer support groups
- Rehabilitation and Adjustment Center based training
- Other appropriate services designed to assist a person who is blind in coping with daily living activities.
- Orientation & mobility training

The ***Itinerant Teacher Program*** is comprised of specially trained teachers that provide services to consumers served by MDRS' Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind. Itinerant teachers provide services in the consumer's home, community, or work environment. Teachers work closely with the VRB counselors to coordinate services, evaluate client needs, make recommendations for aids and appliances, and provide on-site training.