

RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD ACT

The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, operates the Business Enterprise Program and serves as the State Licensing Agency for the Randolph-Sheppard Act. The 1936 act was enacted to provide blind persons with employment through the operation of vending facilities in federal buildings. Shortly thereafter, the states established similar laws that included state, county, city and municipal buildings. Vicksburg opened the first Mississippi facility in 1938. Today we have 38 blind vendors from Olive Branch to Biloxi and Vicksburg to Meridian in over 60 locations in Mississippi.



Wouldn't you like to have the comfort and convenience of a facility on your premises? By working with BEP, you could provide your employees with the option of buying a cup of coffee, refreshing beverage, healthy snack or delicious lunch, steps from their office.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind



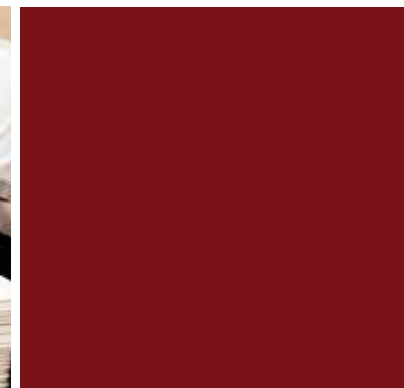
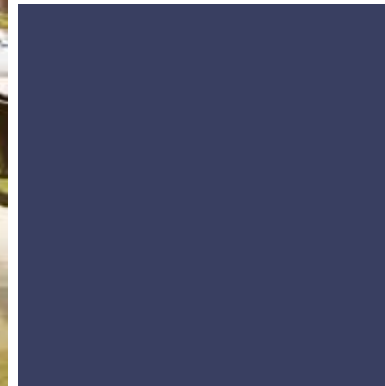
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The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS), through the Business Enterprise Program, provides support for self-employment opportunities in the food service industry for Mississippians who are legally blind. BEP entrepreneurs operate a variety of businesses including vending machine routes, snack bars and cafeterias.

IF YOU PROVIDE THE SPACE

MDRS' Business Enterprise Program along with our BEP operators will provide all equipment, merchandise, licenses and continuing management service needed for the food services operation to run smoothly. You will not be affected by capital outlay, operating cost, upkeep or any problems encountered with running a food or refreshment business.

BEP PROVIDES THE SUPPORT

BEP entrepreneurs with visual impairments will be selected by the Business Enterprise Program to manage your food service operation. BEP entrepreneurs are trained in the areas of customer service, merchandising, ordering food and supplies, salesmanship, food sanitation and operation of pertinent mechanical equipment.

OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF

Our experienced staff will meet with you to customize a food service plan that will best suit your needs.

Start by giving us a call!
Business Enterprise Program
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