

**COMMISSION FOR BLIND & VISUALLY HANDICAPPED  
TO HOLD FORUMS ON FUTURE SERVICES AND ISSUES**

The public will be able to provide input on services and issues that affect people who are blind at three forums to be held around New York State. These forums are sponsored by the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH), a division of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The forums provide opportunities for comment on the state's 2010 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services, CBVH policies and Assistive Technology Services as well as a chance to share ideas with members of the CBVH State Rehabilitation Council. The open forums will take place in White Plains on February 4, New York City on February 10 and Rochester on February 19. Times and locations are listed below.

The proposed State Plan update and policy revisions are detailed in a booklet available upon request by calling (518) 473-2346 (voice), (518) 474-7501 (TDD) or voice relay: 1-800-421-1220; or writing to the NYS CBVH, 52 Washington St. Room 291 S, Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796 Attn: Public Comments. Please specify if the booklet should be provided regular print, large print, Braille, disk, email or tape. The information booklet will also be available at [www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh) after January 24.

Pre-registration is not required but remarks may be scheduled for a specific time by calling or emailing CBVH. Speakers are asked to limit comments to ten minutes. Anyone unable to attend a forum may send written comments to CBVH by March 3 at address above or email to [Mike.Rose@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:Mike.Rose@ocfs.state.ny.us)

**Open Forums on Assistive Technology Services (ATS) and State Plan (SP)**

Wednesday, Feb. 4	White Plains Library
2 – 3 p.m.     ATS	100 Martine Avenue
3:30-6 p.m.    SP	White Plains, NY 10601
	(914) 422-1493
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Andrew Heiskell Library
2-3 p.m.        ATS	40 West 20 <sup>th</sup> Street
3:30-6 p.m.    SP	New York City, NY 1001-4211
	(212) 206-5400
Thursday, Feb. 19	Central Library of Rochester
2-3 p.m.        ATS	115 South Avenue
3:30-6 p.m.    SP	Rochester, NY 14604-1896
	(585) 428-7300