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**MID-HUDSON MARKING WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY on OCT. 15**

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) will co-sponsor White Cane Awareness Day on Friday, Oct.15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Independent Living Inc. at 5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh (Orange County). Brian S. Daniels, CBVH Associate Commissioner, will speak at the public awareness event.

Assistive technology and the new Image Cast voting machine will be on display. Persons with visual impairments will share stories of personal success, along with facts and myths regarding vision awareness.

White Cane Safety Day is a national observance in the United States celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane.

Co-sponsors of the event, along with CBVH and Independent Living Inc. are the Newburgh Lions Club and the Association for the Visually Impaired. For further information, please contact Susan Stockburger at (845) 565-1162 ext. 237.

CBVH provides rehabilitation services to individuals who are legally blind and reside in New York State. Services are coordinated by counselors and children's consultants located in eight regional offices. For more information visit [www.visionloss.ny.gov](http://www.visionloss.ny.gov).

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