

What is NYSCB?



**Commission
for the Blind**

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A GUIDE TO SERVICES



FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF-BLIND

**seeing
possibilities**
live • work • grow

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) works with New York residents of all ages who are legally blind or deaf-blind to help them live independent lives by providing counseling, rehabilitation training and employment services.

NYSCB services may include:

- Home and personal management training
- Navigation and travel training
- Low vision examinations and aids
- Help in keeping your current job
- Assistance in finding a job
- Vocational training
- Assistance with post-secondary education
- Assistive technology training
- Training in reading Braille
- Work readiness training
- Work experience opportunities
- Connection to community resources
- Complete audiological services
- Specialized rehabilitation services

Individuals who are legally blind or have a progressive visual impairment expected to lead to legal blindness who also have a hearing impairment or deafness may receive services from the NYSCB in coordination with Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR).

**For information
on services call:
(866) 871-3000**

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NYSCB is a division of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.



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Who is eligible?

Any New York State resident who is legally blind or has a progressive visual impairment expected to result in legal blindness and is unable to understand most speech with optimum amplification may be eligible for deaf-blind services provided by NYSCB.

Legal blindness is defined as:

- A visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better or stronger eye with best correction, OR
- A restricted field of vision of 20 degrees or less in the better or stronger eye.

If you are severely visually impaired and your hearing loss adversely affects your daily functioning, you may qualify for services that can help you live more independently. If you are unsure if you qualify for services as a deaf-blind individual, NYSCB can assist you in determining eligibility.

If you require a sign language interpreter and are eligible for services as a deaf-blind individual, NYSCB can coordinate this service for you.

Programs

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

NYSCB can assist you in getting ready to work, keeping your current job, or starting a business. A vocational rehabilitation counselor will help you plan and get the training you need to reach your employment goal.

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

Are you a U.S. citizen interested in managing your own newsstand, snack bar or cafeteria? The BEP program provides training to get you up and running plus ongoing support.

Independent Living Program

If you are an adult or senior who wants to live as independently as possible, but are not interested in employment, NYSCB has programs to teach you the skills to maintain your home, travel safely, and keep in touch with family and neighbors.

Children's Program

Children can receive services at home, in their community, and at rehabilitation agencies. Children's consultants provide guidance to families, advocacy services, educational consultation and vocational coordination.

Where to apply

If you want more information about the programs and services offered by NYSCB, please call the regional office located closest to you.

Albany

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Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144

Buffalo

295 Main St., Rm. 590
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203
(716) 847-3516

Harlem

163 West 125th St., Rm. 209
New York, N.Y. 10027
(212) 961-4440

Hempstead

50 Clinton St., Ste. 208
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550
(516) 564-4311

Garden City

711 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, N.Y. 11530
(516) 564-4311

New York City

80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Fl.
New York, N.Y. 10038
(212) 825-5710

Rochester

259 Monroe Ave., Rm. 303
Rochester, N.Y. 14607
(585) 238-8110

Syracuse

100 S. Salina St., Ste. 105
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202
(315) 423-5417

White Plains

445 Hamilton Ave., Rm. 503
White Plains, N.Y. 10601
(914) 993-5370

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