

# What is NYSCB?

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) works with NY residents of all ages who are legally 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 keeping your current 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

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## **A GUIDE TO SERVICES**



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on services call:  
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**-OR-**

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



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services will make this material available in an appropriate format upon request.

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## Who is eligible?

Any New York State resident who is legally blind or deaf-blind may be eligible for services provided by NYSCB.

If you are working and severely visually impaired but not yet legally blind, you may qualify for “Job Save” services.

### 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.

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## Programs

### Employment 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 for 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

40 N. Pearl St., 10th Fl., Ste. D  
Albany, N.Y. 12243  
(518) 473-1675

### Mailing Address

52 Washington St.  
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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