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

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

For information on services call: 1-866-871-3000

OR

Visit our website: visionloss.ny.gov

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.
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, NY 12243
(518) 473-1675
Mailing Address
52 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

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

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

Garden City
711 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 564-4311

New York City
80 Maiden Lane, 4th Fl.
New York, NY 10038
(212) 825-5710

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

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

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

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.

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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