What is NYSCB?

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) assists state residents of all ages who are legally blind to lead productive lives by providing vocational counseling, rehabilitation and employment training services.

Transition services may include:
- Vocational counseling
- Advocacy
- Travel training
- Daily living skills training
- Pre-vocational and soft skills training
- Technology training
- Pre-college experiences
- Summer and year-round work experience
- Post-secondary guidance and support
- Low vision services and aids
- Job placement services
- Benefits advise

NYSCB visionloss.ny.gov

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

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Visit our website:
visionloss.ny.gov

NYSCB is a division of the New York State 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.
Who is eligible?

New York residents who are between 10 and 24 years old and blind or deaf-blind and who want to prepare for future employment may be eligible for transition services. Transition services focus on assisting you to prepare for a career that matches your skills and interests.

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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What we can do

NYSCB transition counselors specialize in working with legally blind youth and young adults, guiding them toward their chosen career path.

The goal of transition services is to help you gain living skills, explore careers, obtain post-secondary training, and be prepared for employment.

Counselors work closely with you and your family to set up opportunities for career exploration and work experience while you’re in high school to make sure that you have the skills and the tools to achieve your career goal.

Counseling, guidance, educational consultation and vocational coordination help make your transition from school to work a successful one.

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

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(716) 847-3516

Harlem
163 West 125th St., Rm. 209
New York, N.Y. 10027
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Hempstead
50 Clinton St., Ste. 208
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550
(516) 564-4311

Rochester
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Rochester, N.Y. 14607
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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
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Garden City
711 Stewart Avenue
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(516) 564-4311

New York City
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