

What Is NYSCB?

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



NYSCB Programs

Employment Program

A vocational rehabilitation counselor can help you develop a plan and get the training you need to reach your employment goal.

Job Save Program

If you are employed and legally blind or have a diagnosis leading to legal blindness within one year, you may be eligible for Job Save services. A vocational rehabilitation counselor can arrange vision and job services that may help you to continue working productively in your position.

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

If you are a U.S. citizen interested in managing your own newsstand, snack bar, cafeteria, or vending route, BEP provides training to get you licensed and up and running, along with ongoing support.

Independent Living/Older Adult Programs

If you are an adult 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 friends.

Children's Program

Your child can receive services in your home, in your community and at rehabilitation agencies. Children's consultants provide educational consultation and supplemental services, vocational coordination, advocacy services and guidance for your family.

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visionloss.ny.gov

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

-or-

**Visit our website:
visionloss.ny.gov**

NYSCB is part of the
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Children and Family Services.



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**Commission
for the Blind**

A GUIDE TO SERVICES



FOR OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE BLIND

**seeing
possibilities**

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Who Is Eligible?

New York State residents who are age 55 or older and legally blind or deaf-blind, who are not employed and not interested in pursuing employment, may be eligible for New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB)'s Adaptive Living Program (ALP). This program focuses on teaching skills to live independently.

If the individual is employed or is interested in pursuing employment, they may be eligible for NYSCB's Employment, Job Save or Business Enterprise Programs.

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.

Please contact NYSCB for help with determining eligibility.

Adaptive Living Program (ALP) Services For Older Adults

NYSCB offers training to help you learn skills to live as independently as possible in your home and to participate in your community.

Services May Include:

- Daily living skills training
- Travel training
- Low-vision examination and aids
- Social casework
- Community resources
- Braille instruction
- Communication skills



How To Apply:

For more information or to apply for services offered by NYSCB, call our toll-free number: **1-866-871-3000**

-or-

Visit our website: **visionloss.ny.gov**



You may also contact the NYSCB district office located closest to you:

Albany—NYSCB

Albany District Office
52 Washington St., Room 202 S Bldg.
Rensselaer, NY 12144
Telephone: (518) 473-1675

Syracuse—NYSCB

The Atrium
100 S. Salina St., Suite 105
Syracuse, NY 13202
Telephone: (315) 423-5417

Buffalo—NYSCB

Ellicott Square Building
295 Main St., Suite 590
Mail to: Suite 545
Buffalo, NY 14203
Telephone: (716) 847-3516

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Monroe Square
259 Monroe Ave., Suite 303
Rochester, NY 14607
Telephone: (585) 238-8110

Westchester—NYSCB

117 East Stevens Ave., Suite 300
Valhalla, NY 10595
Telephone: (914) 993-5370

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80 Maiden Lane, Suite 401
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