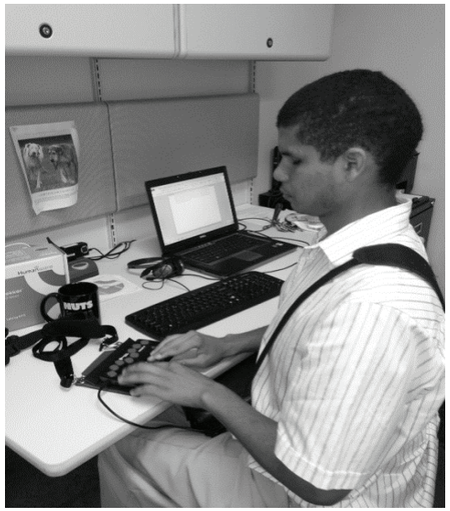
What Is NYSCB?

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.

NYSCB

visionloss.ny.gov

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

-or-

Visit our website: visionloss.ny.gov

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

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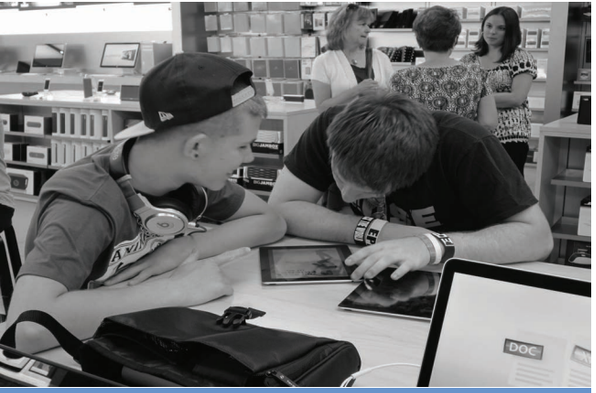

Who Is Eligible?

New York State residents who are between the ages of 10 and 24 years old and legally blind or deaf-blind and who want to prepare for future employment may be eligible for transition services provided through New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB).

Legal Blindness Is Identified 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.

What We Can Do

The goal of youth transition services is to help you gain independent living skills, explore careers, obtain a college education or other training, and become prepared for employment.

Transition services focus on helping you to prepare for a career that matches your skills and interests.

Transition counselors work closely with you and your family while you're in high school to make sure that you have the skills and tools to achieve your career or college goals, and to help make your transition from school to work a successful one.

Services May Include:

- Daily living skills training
- Travel training
- Low vision examinations and aids
- Benefits advisement
- Assistive technology training
- Computer training
- Advocacy
- Educational guidance and support
- Pre-vocational and soft skills training
- Pre-college experiences
- Summer and year-round work experience
- Assistance in finding a job

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

Rochester—NYSCB (Outstation)
Monroe Square
259 Monroe Ave., Suite 303
Rochester, NY 14607
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