Department of Services for the Blind

### Where are services provided?

Providers located throughout the state meet participants at their homes to help them identify and meet their goals.

# What services provided?

We provide a large variety of skills training. Just a few include:

- <u>Daily Living Skills</u>: household chores, food preparation, shopping, bill paying.
- <u>Communication Skills</u>: using the telephone, reading with magnification, telling time, use of audio book players.
- <u>Orientation and Mobility:</u> including human guide, orientation indoors and to the home environment, travelling in the community.



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Independent Living Services

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skills training aids and devices adjustment counseling information and referrals

Independent Living Program Empowering individuals with vision loss to live independently in their homes and communities.

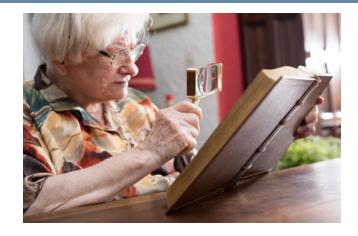
### Who do we serve?

We provide services to people:

- who are 24 years old or older,
- experiencing difficulty with daily life activities due to vision loss,
- and who are not currently working or do not want to return to work.

#### What does it cost?

All of our services are free. Aids and devices are frequently provided at no cost.



Aids and Devices

We supply low vision aids and devices including:

- magnifiers
- talking watches
- canes
- large print calendars
- large button phones
- tactile dots for appliances
- liquid level indicators

#### **Information and Referral**

We connect our clients to other services they may qualify for and benefit from, including talking books or para-transit services.

# **Adjustment Counseling**

We offer emotional adjustment counseling for our clients who are experiencing grief, fear, or anger as their vision declines. Note that this is not crisis counseling or mental health therapy.

