



Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind Job Seeker and Incumbent Worker Services

Dedicated to the independence of Arkansans who are blind or visually impaired and assist in obtaining the information they need to make informed choices and by providing them with access to services that increase their opportunities to live as they choose. Services include employment, rehabilitation teaching and independent living, and prevention of blindness.

- [Jump Start Program](#) - The Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually impaired (ASBVI) hosts the summer Jump Start Program. This program is open to blind and severely visually impaired youth ages 16-19 years. Students are assisted in obtaining a part-time summer job and offered the opportunity to participate in recreational and educational enrichment activities.
- [Vending Facility Program](#) - Services are available to eligible blind persons who are interested in and have the necessary skills to manage snack bars throughout the state. VFP locates the sales site, equips and stocks the facility initially, maintains the equipment, and provides oversight and record keeping.
- [Older Individuals Who Are Blind \(Age 55 and above\)](#) - provides independent living services to older individuals who are blind, conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals and conduct activities to help improve public understanding of the problems of these individuals. These services assist people in learning how to care for themselves, travel independently, and perform home management skills and other activities to promote self-reliance. Family involvement and support services are strongly encouraged. DSB contracts this service.
- [Independent Living Rehabilitation Service for the Blind](#) – This coordinated system of services improves the ability of an individual with a severe disability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the family, community or to continue in employment.
- [Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#) - a comprehensive state program to assess needs, and to plan, develop and provide job-related services to blind or severely visually impaired individuals. Such services are designed to assist you to prepare for employment that is commensurate within your abilities, interests and informed choice and consistent with your strengths, resources, concerns and capabilities. VR services are available to you, if you are blind or have a severe visual impairment and are not currently employed; or if you are seeking to advance in your present career.
- Referral Request for Blind Services - Looking for services for the blind or visually impaired in your area? Send us your contact information and we will direct you to helpful services.