

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.



Child sitting at a desk, wearing a red jacket and reading a braille book.

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 on-going 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

For information on services call:
1-866-871-3000
or visit: visionloss.ny.gov



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**Commission
for the Blind**

A GUIDE TO SERVICES



Adult standing, wearing sunglasses and a pink jacket, holding a long white cane.

FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND

**seeing
possibilities**
live • work • grow



Two adults sitting on a park bench. One adult is holding a long white cane.

Who Is Eligible?

Any New York state resident who is legally blind or deaf-blind may be eligible for services provided by New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB).

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.

Services May Include:

- Daily living skills training
- Travel training
- Low vision examinations and aids
- Social casework
- Community resources
- Benefits advisement
- Advocacy
- Braille instruction
- Deaf-blind interpreter services
- Communication skills
- Adaptive equipment
- Assistive technology training
- Computer training
- Educational guidance and support
- Educational supplemental services
- Assistance with keeping your current job
- Vocational counseling and guidance
- Pre-vocational training
- Training for employment
- Work readiness training
- Work experience opportunities
- Assistance in finding a job



Individual using an audiobook player.

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 South 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
Telephone: (585) 238-8110



Two adults at a train station. One guiding the other, who is holding a long white cane.

Westchester–NYSCB

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

Harlem–NYSCB

Adam Clayton Powell Jr.
State Office Bldg.
163 West 125th St., Suite 1315
New York, NY 10027
Telephone: (212) 961-4440

Lower Manhattan–NYSCB

80 Maiden Lane, Suite 401
New York, NY 10038
Telephone: (212) 825-5710

Garden City–NYSCB

711 Stewart Ave., Suite 210
Garden City, NY 11530
Telephone: (516) 743-4188