

Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired (SBVI)

Older Individuals who are Blind and Vision Impaired (OIB) Program



Through SBVI, VR New Hampshire provides an array of supports to help people who are blind or vision impaired earn, learn, and live life to the fullest. One of these is the *OIB program*.

About the OIB Program

The OIB program serves people who are blind, vision impaired, or deaf-blind and 55 or older. This includes people losing sight due to conditions such as diabetes or macular degeneration.

Regardless of your condition or level of vision loss, OIB's expert counselors will help you build independent living skills based on your own personal goals. Our services are tailored to individual needs but may include support and training on:



**Travel, orientation,
and mobility**



**Computer use and
communication**



**Cooking and
housekeeping**



**Other independent
living skills**

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OIB also manages a network of peer support groups across the state to help state residents who are blind, vision impaired, or deaf-blind and 55 or older connect and learn from each other's experiences. The OIB program has also recently inaugurated "Silver Retreats," which are five-day, intensive retreats that introduce eligible participants to an array of blindness skills.

Please contact us to learn more.

Additional Services

SBVI also:



Helps Granite Staters who are blind or vision impaired prepare for, obtain, and succeed in meaningful careers



Provides pre-employment training services for youth who are blind or vision impaired



Maintains New Hampshire's Blindness Registry, which entitles people to benefits ranging from tax deductions to educational opportunities to free fishing licenses

For More Information



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