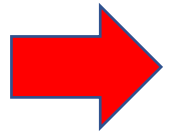
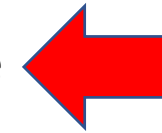


Older Individuals who are Blind Program

Help Line: **844-NEED-OIB (633-3642)** Email: oib.info@twc.texas.gov



If you are 55 or older and have vision loss that makes everyday tasks difficult, the Older Individuals Who Are Blind program may be able to help you gain the confidence you need to live independently!



Why Call the Helpline?

- Do you or someone you know need help to accomplish everyday tasks because of vision loss?
- Gain a better understanding about your vision impairment
- Regain confidence you may have lost!



Who is Eligible?

- ✓ Individuals must be 55 and older
- ✓ Who have significant visual impairment;
- ✓ Whose ability to function independently in the home, family, or community is substantially limited due to visual impairment; and
- ✓ For whom the delivery of independent living services will substantially improve their ability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the home, family, or community.

What Services are Provided?

Services vary depending on an individual's needs, but may include:

- Independent living skills training, provided in the home or community
- Orientation and mobility training
- Low vision evaluations and low vision devices, including video magnification, hand-held magnifiers, and other identified devices
- Diabetes education
- Deafblind evaluations and equipment
- Counseling on adjustment to blindness

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