

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

BEP is a training program to enable entrepreneurs who are legally blind to operate food service in various locations around the state.

Trainees receive instruction in food service so they can sustain successful self employment.

Call 207-623-7964 or visit www.maine.gov/rehab/dbvi for more info.

Other Available Services

Library Services

The Maine State Library Talking Book Program provides books and magazines in a recorded format to people who are visually impaired, blind, or physically disabled.

Applications are available by calling 207-287-5650 or 1-800-762-7106.

Client Assistance Program (CAP)

CAP is an advocacy program that provides information and assistance to individuals who are applying for, or receiving VR services. CAP exists to answer your questions about the VR process, and represent you to help resolve a problem.

Contact Disability Rights Maine,
V/TTY: 800-452-1948 or
advocate@drme.org.

For more information, please call the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired office nearest you.

Augusta/Rockland

45 Commerce Drive, 04333-0073

Tel: 207-624-5191 or 1-800-760-1573

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

Bangor

45 Oak Street, Suite 1, 04401-6664

Tel: 207-561-4020 or 1-888-545-8811

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

Lewiston

5 Mollison Way, 04240-5805

Tel: 207-212-4994 or 1-800-741-2991

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

Portland

151 Jetport Boulevard, 04102-9974

Tel: 207-822-3371 or 1-877-594-5627

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

Presque Isle

66 Spruce St., Suite 3, 04769-3222

Tel: 207-768-6847 or 1-800-635-0357

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.

Programs are provided as a proud partner of the American Job Center network.

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Services for Individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Helping people who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential



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If you have a vision problem that prevents you from carrying out the activities of daily living, getting an education, or finding and keeping a job, there is help.

The Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI) can provide many services to help you live and work with independence and confidence.

Independent Living Services

Adaptive blindness-specific skill training teaches you to remain independent in your home and community.

Skills training may include:

- meal preparation, shopping, and cleaning
- managing money, using a telephone, organizing medications
- accessing and manipulating the printed word
- effective communication
- how to use assistive technology
- how to travel safely

Education Services for Children

Services for children and families begin as soon as a child is identified as blind or visually impaired.

Orientation and Mobility specialists provide training to infants and toddlers so they learn about and feel comfortable in their environment. DBVI also provides support to parents.

Teachers of students who are visually impaired work with parents and schools to develop an Individualized Education Plan. These specialized resources may incorporate training in areas such as the use of Braille or low vision aids, safe and independent travel, use of assistive technology specific to vision impairment, and many adaptations so that students can access the educational process.

DBVI also provides a full array of training services geared toward integrating the student's skills of blindness into higher levels of independence and self-sufficiency, and into the world of work, by the time they graduate from high school.

Employment & Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The goal of Vocational Rehabilitation is to help you get, keep or return to employment.

What Employment Services does DBVI offer?

Each person's employment plan is different. DBVI will consider any service you need to achieve the agreed upon employment goal.

Depending on your specific needs, DBVI will provide the blindness-specific training that will enable you to succeed on the job.

This may include:

- Orientation and Mobility instruction so you can travel independently
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy for self-sufficiency skills
- Low Vision Therapy to best use what vision you might have
- Communication training—Braille and many other forms of technology

