

# What is NYSCB?

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) works with legally blind adults age 55 and over who want to retain or regain employment or who want to learn skills to help them live as independently as possible at home or in their communities.



## Services for Older Adults

Many older adults are choosing to delay retirement or reenter the workforce after retirement. Those who are legally blind are eligible for services available through NYSCB.

### Services may include:

- Low vision examinations and aids
- Navigation and travel training
- Home and personal management training
- Work readiness training
- Connection to community resources
- Training for employment
- Services to help you keep your present job
- Assistance in finding a job

Many of these services are also available for those age 55 and over who simply wish to learn skills and techniques for living well with vision loss. These are provided through the Commission's community partners.

**NYSCB**  
visionloss.ny.gov

**For information  
on services call:  
(866) 871-3000**

**-OR-**

**Visit our website:  
visionloss.ny.gov**

NYSCB is a division of the  
New York State Office of  
Children and Family Services.



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

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**Commission  
for the Blind**

## A GUIDE TO SERVICES



**FOR OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE BLIND**

**seeing  
possibilities**  
live • work • grow



## Who is eligible?

Any New York State resident who is legally blind may be eligible for services provided by 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.

If you are working and are severely visually impaired but not yet legally blind, you may qualify for “Job Save” services.

For more information call NYSCB at (800) 871-3000, or visit our website [visionloss.ny.gov](http://visionloss.ny.gov) for more information.

## Programs

### Employment Program

NYSCB can assist you in obtaining a job, starting your own business, or managing a business through the Business Enterprise Program.

A vocational rehabilitation counselor will help you develop a plan and get the training you need to reach your employment goal.

### Job Save Program

If you are having difficulty in your present job or business, a vocational counselor can advise you on talking to your employer about your vision loss, and can arrange vision and job services that may help you continue working productively in your chosen field.

### Independent Living Program

If you are an adult or senior 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 neighbors.

## Where to apply

If you want more information about the programs and services offered by NYSCB, please call the regional office located closest to you.

### Albany

40 N. Pearl St., 10th Fl., Ste. D  
Albany, N.Y. 12243  
(518) 473-1675

### Mailing Address

52 Washington St.  
Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144

### Buffalo

295 Main St., Rm. 590  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203  
(716) 847-3516

### Harlem

163 West 125th St., Rm. 209  
New York, N.Y. 10027  
(212) 961-4440

### Hempstead

50 Clinton St., Ste. 208  
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550  
(516) 564-4311

### Garden City

711 Stewart Avenue  
Garden City, N.Y. 11530  
(516) 564-4311

### New York City

80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Fl.  
New York, N.Y. 10038  
(212) 825-5710

### Rochester

259 Monroe Ave., Rm. 303  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
(585) 238-8110

### Syracuse

100 S. Salina St., Ste. 105  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13202  
(315) 423-5417

### White Plains

445 Hamilton Ave., Rm. 503  
White Plains, N.Y. 10601  
(914) 993-5370

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