

Independence for the Blind

United Way Funded Program:
Transition

Funding Amount: \$5,275
3-year grant

Description of Program Services: Teach independent living skills, assistive technology, orientation, mobility and vocational training to the teens who are blind or visually impaired so they can achieve independence.

Impact Area: Education

Significant Statistics: There is significant evidence now that many blind and visually impaired students remain social isolates unless a sequential program of social interaction skills is provided. Visual impairment is a very severe disease, which severely impacts the individual and is an economic burden for the individual, family and society. Among the five senses, people depend on vision and hearing to provide the primary cues for conducting the basic activities of daily life. 89% of the students who participate in the program and graduate enter the work force or higher education directly out of high school.

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