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NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
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Division of Services for the Blind

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**Medical
Eye Care**



**Specialized
Services**



**Independent
Living**



**Vocational
Rehabilitation**



*changing perceptions
to realize purpose*

The Division of Services for the Blind helps people who are visually impaired, blind and deafblind reach their goals of employment and independence.

Programs



Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Our VR program assists eligible individuals find employment, keep the job they have or advance professionally. Working with a DSB VR counselor, individuals will develop an employment goal and create an individualized plan of services and supports to help them achieve that goal.



Independent Living (IL)

Our IL programs provide guidance, comprehensive IL skills training and a connection to vital resources to help people adjust to vision loss and live independently and safely at home and in the community. Eligible individuals will develop independent living goals and create a plan of services and supports to help them achieve that goal.



Medical Eye Care (MEC)

Our Medical Eye Care program may assist eligible North Carolinians who have no other resources for eye care services to obtain eye-related surgeries, treatments and medications.



Specialized Services

The list below includes examples of the specialized services that may be provided to consumers as part of their individualized plan for employment or independence.

- Vocational assessments
 - Career counseling
 - Job training, development and placement assistance
 - Transition services for youth
 - Pre-Employment Transition Services for students
 - Business engagement services for employers
 - Business Enterprises
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- Comprehensive IL skills instruction
 - Individual and family counseling regarding vision loss
 - Adaptive devices
 - Referrals to external resources
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- DSB Career and Training Center
 - Orientation and mobility training
 - Low vision services
 - Deafblind services
 - Assistive technology assessments