

Independence for the Blind offers a wide range of education and training. Our programs are designed to meet the emotional and practical needs of the blind and visually impaired community.



Our highly trained instructors provide clients centered education through four programs:

- Independent Living Adult Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- Transition Program
- Early Intervention



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

The instruction and guidance we offer to those who are experiencing vision loss is invaluable. All the services offered at Independence for the Blind are free of charge. You can help give the gift of hope and change the life of someone who is blind or visually impaired.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer your time-you can download a volunteer application from our website-www.ibwest.org.



Honor a loved one with a brick in Jean's Garden or a rock, acorn, or leaf on the Giving Tree.



The next time you renew your tag get "A State of Vision" specialty tag.

Please visit our website at www.ibwest.org to learn about the ways you can support Independence for the Blind of West Florida.



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LOSING YOUR EYESIGHT IS ONE OF THE MOST TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A PERSON.

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN YOUR LIFE IS OVER!

Independence for the Blind can help you regain your independence!



OUR MISSION is to teach independent living skills, computer and adaptive technology, and to provide vocational training and employment-related services to people who are blind or visually impaired so they can achieve maximum independence.

Who is eligible to receive services?

Eligibility is determined by a bilateral eye condition that impedes one's ability to function. A licensed ophthalmologist will determine if an individual is legally blind.

You must also live in our ten county district



Helping others see the light.....



....for a more independent life.

We offer group and individual training options, depending upon the needs of the individual. Training is offered at our learning center or in the clients' homes.

Some of the concepts taught of many consist of:

- Reading and writing Braille
- Independent travel with a cane
- Safe food preparation and cooking
- Computer classes for the blind
- Job readiness skills
- Recreational activities for teenagers to build self-esteem and socialization skills
- Improve cognitive development of blind babies through sensory stimulation and other techniques

