



The National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision Celebrates 40 Years

Founded in 1981, the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision is celebrating 40 years of research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities to enhance employment outcomes for individuals who are blind or have low vision.

By the Numbers

Over the past 40 years, the NRTC has been awarded 29 Federal Grants resulting in:

- 67 Research Projects
- 33 Training Projects
- 286 Vision Specialist Graduates

Major Awards

In recognition of research and service to the field, NRTC staff have received national honors:

- John H. McAuley Award
- Charlyn Allen Award
- Corinne Kirchner Research Award
- Migel Medal
- Bruce McKenzie Award
- Louis Vieceli Award
- AER Life Leadership Award
- Jennings Randolph Service Award

National Impact

The NRTC has had a direct impact on states through training, program evaluations, and research collaboration.

- 25 states impacted through training
- 22 states impacted through training and evaluations/collaboration
- 1 state impacted through evaluations/collaboration
- Kansas and Rhode Island have had no training or evaluations/collaboration

Key Funding Partners:

- National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
- Rehabilitation Services Administration

