



Resource Catalog

The **National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision's (NRTC)** mission is to enhance employment and independent living outcomes for people who are blind or have low vision (B/LV) through research, training, education, and dissemination.

This catalog provides a quick method to locate key NRTC resources. It lists some of the resources available on the NRTC websites, organized by topic or audience.

Transportation

- **Transportation Guide** – created for individuals with B/LV but also useful for professionals
- **Customized Transportation Plan** – questions meant to generate conversation between counselor and consumer
- **Gearing Up for Transit: Options and Advocacy for People who are Blind or have Low Vision** – free online course
- **Understanding and Overcoming Transportation Barriers** – free online course

Employment-related resources for individuals who are B/LV

- **4to24 App** – mobile and web app for youth with B/LV and their parents; and for parents of youth with deafblindness and other disabilities
- **Career Advantage for V.I.P.s** – free online multi-module course that covers career exploration and job search preparation
- **Preparing for a Video Interview** – two video examples, one of a well-prepared and one of an unprepared candidate participating in a video interview
- **Resource Sheet for Job Seekers**
- **Yes, Youth Can Work and Still Receive SSI** – parent and youth fact sheets
- **Advice for Disclosing Your Vision Impairment**
- **Employment Mentoring Manual** – resource for individuals who are interested in looking for a mentor (also useful to professionals interested in starting a mentoring program)

Educating professionals about blindness and low vision

- **Blindness & Low Vision Certificate Program for Business Development Professionals** – information about B/LV for business engagement professionals
- **Orientation Packet for New VR Professionals** – introductory guide for new professionals about working with consumers who are B/LV
- **Vision Specialist Program** – one-year certificate program
- **Continuing Education Courses** (available for free through our website)

Employer engagement

- **Improving Business Development Skills: A Training for Rehabilitation Professionals** – free, multimodule online course
- **Working with Businesses to Improve Employment Outcomes** – evidence-based practice guide with recommendations for agencies and counselors

- **Recommendations for VR Professionals Regarding a First Meeting with an Employer** – brief practice guide that summarizes results and recommendations from a research study about the impact of first meeting with an employer

Other resources for professionals

- **The 4to24 App: Portal for Professionals** – the 4to24 app content in an online format for professionals
- **Putting Your Best Foot Forward (PYBFF)** – job search skills training program curriculum, for transition-age youth who are B/LV
- **How to Host a White Cane Awareness Day Celebration** – community outreach guide that provides general tips on hosting a White Cane Awareness Day
- **How to Host an Adapted Sports Outreach Event** – community outreach guide that offers recommendations on hosting an adapted sports event
- **Job Retention and Career Advancement Checklists** – created for VR counselors who are working with employed consumers
- **Combined Traumatic Brain Injury and Visual Impairment: Recommendations for Service Provision**

Resources for employers

- **National Technical Assistance Center on Blindness & Low Vision “For Businesses” section**
- **Human Resources Guide for Working with Employees Experiencing Vision Loss**
- **Inquiring Minds Video Series** – brief videos that answer questions employers may have about employing someone with B/LV
- **Spotlight on Successful Employment** – stories about employed individuals with B/LV
- **Quiz: Blindness in the Workplace**

Training

- We can provide in-person or virtual training on the topic of an agency’s choice.
- See our Training Topics document: **<https://www.blind.msstate.edu/training>**

Free online courses

The NRTC offers a wide assortment of online courses, and most offer ACVREP and CRC continuing education credit! Visit our **[continuing education page](#)** for a list of courses.

NRTC Quarterly Connections

Join the NRTC’s electronic newsletter for updates on our research, new resources, publications, and upcoming presentations. Email **nrtc@colled.msstate.edu** to subscribe.

NRTC Websites

Please visit our websites to find other resources and information about B/LV:

- **<https://www.blind.msstate.edu/our-products>**
- **<https://www.ntac.blind.msstate.edu/>**