

Department of Services for the Blind Transition Brief

Department of Services for the Blind

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Agency Activity Responsibilities

- **Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services:** Provides vocational assessment and rehabilitation services to the blind and visually impaired.
- **Independent Living Program:** Teaches blind Washingtonians to continue living independently in their homes after vision loss.
- **Child and Family Program:** Provides support, advice, and information to families and schools about educational programs, and resources unique to the needs of blind children.
- **Food Service Operations in State Buildings:** The Business Enterprise Program trains and licenses legally blind people to manage snack/gift shops, espresso stands, and food service facilities in government buildings.
- **Telephonic Reading Services:** Provides reading services to blind individuals through the use of phone lines. The service is operated by the National Federation of the Blind.
- **Deaf Blind Service Center:** Facilitates access of deaf-blind individuals and families to programs and services for independent living and vocational rehabilitation.
- **Agency Management and Administrative Support Services:** Provides administrative support and management for the Department of Services for the Blind.

Statutes authorizing agency activities:

State: RCW 74.18: Department of Services for the Blind

Federal: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and The Randolph-Sheppard Act, as amended. Note: Program compliance with federal Rehabilitation Act and regulations promulgated by the federal Department of Education is required to access federal grant monies accounting for over eighty per cent of program funding for the Vocational Rehabilitation and the Independent Living programs. Federal funding for Management and Administrative Support Services are contingent on compliance with federal law and regulations. Food Service Operations in government buildings must comply with federal regulations, even though no federal funds are used to support the program.

FTE Allotted In Fiscal Year 2005 Is 67.5

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services: Michael Mallahan, Field Services; Arlene Itou, Assistive Technology; Keiko Namekata, Orientation and Training Center.

03-05 Budget and Source: \$11,241,372 GF-F \$1,984,312 GF-S

FTE's: 48 **Clients served annually:** approximately 1200

Independent Living Program: Kevin Nathan

03-05 Budget and Source: \$951,284 GF-F \$625,584 GF-S

FTE's: 3 **Clients served annually:** approximately 2,000



Child and Family Program: Alan Garrels
03-05 Budget and Source: \$346,232 GF-S
FTE's: 3.5 **Clients served annually:** approximately 600

Food Service Operations in State Buildings: Jeanne Gallo (contract manager)
03-05 Budget and Source: \$1,774,000 02H-6
FTE's: 2 **Business Operators served annually:** approximately 25

Telephonic Reading Service: Jeanne Gallo
03-05 Budget and Source: \$80,000 02H-6
FTE's: 0 **Newspaper Reading service use:** Approximately 1,000 subscribers, with daily use of between 36 and 90 individuals.

Deaf Blind Service Center: LouOma Durand, Deputy Director (contract manager)
03-05 Budget and Source: \$490,576 GF-S
FTE's: No FTE's. This is strictly a pass through of state general fund monies to support the deaf blind service center. Approximately 80 clients served by the program.

Agency Management and Administrative Support Services: Bill Palmer, Executive Director; Craig Monaghan, Information Technology; Peter Campbell, Fiscal, Budget and Facilities.

03-05 Budget and Source: \$1,923,112 GF-F \$453,528 GF-S
FTE's: 11 **Customers served:** All employees of the agency, contractors, businesses that the agency purchases services from, and all clients of the agency are considered customers of agency management and administrative support services.

State Rehabilitation Council consists of 16 members appointed by the Governor. The council meets on a quarterly basis.

Issues – The challenges we face

- The Department serves an increasing blind and visually impaired population. The current population potentially eligible for DSB services is estimated at 110,702 individuals. By FY11 this number is estimated to increase by 20% to 132,897.
- The resources to serve this segment of the population have not increased with caseload and were inadequate in the past. The major programs, Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living have provided services to only 2 to 3% of the eligible population.
- Agency biennial resources (67.5 FTE and \$3.563M GFS) were reduced in the last biennium and are inadequate to meet future growth.
- DSB has reduced support staff and management positions. Many fiscal duties have been transferred to OFM's Small Agency Client Services. Remaining programs and staffing levels are at the minimum needed to continue to accomplish the agency's mission.
- Unless resources are increased, the agency must prepare to restrict program access and limit the number of participants served. Under these circumstances, federal regulations require the agency invoke an "Order of Selection", resulting in eligible applicants for service being placed on a waiting list. Without additional resources it is estimated that the agency would invoke an "Order of Selection" in FY07.
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Board Member Listing by Board Position

BLIND, REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE (HS015)

Agency 315 - Dept of Services for the Blind	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 015
Authority Governor	Public Disc. N	Minimum 015
Authoriztn. RCW 74.18.070	Term Length 036	Actual 015
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 04	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Grist, Penny 8620 SW Quartermaster Drive Vashon Island, WA 98070	A	C	10/15/2004	09/13/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business, Industry, Labor Visually impaired		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Weldert Hansen, Diane M. 421 W. Riverside Avenue Suite 353 Spokane, WA 99201	A	C	08/26/2003	09/13/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business, Industry, Labor		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Jarvis, Carl 2510 Snow Creek Road Quilcene, WA 98376	A	C	09/14/2004	09/13/2007
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business, Industry, Labor		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	VACANT				09/13/2005
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Independent Living Council Representative Visually Impaired		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Duhamel, D. Ty Columbia Legal Services 200 Palouse, Suite 201 Wenatchee, WA 98807	A	C	08/26/2003	09/13/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business, Labor Industry Visually Impaired		

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006	Colley, Denise M. 2305 Maxine S.E. Lacey, WA 98503	A	C	11/07/2002	09/13/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Vocation Rehab. Counselor Visually Impaired		
007	Cavanaugh, Michael 23231 82nd Place West Edmonds, WA 98026	A	C	02/15/2002	09/13/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Sighted Parent Training and Information Center Rep.		
008	Duvall, Cathy 2531 Rainier Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144	A	C	11/08/2002	09/13/2005
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Client Asst. Program Sighted		
009	Willson, Margaret 519 26th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144	A	C	11/07/2002	09/13/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Former Applicant/recipient of VP services Visually impaired		
010	Bradford, Maria (Ms.) N. 6120 Colton Street #21 Spokane, WA 99207	A	C	11/08/2002	09/13/2005
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Disability Advocacy Group Visually Impaired		
011	Mundy, Sylvia (Dr.) PO Box 9046 Olympia, WA 98507	A	AA	08/26/2003	09/13/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Employment Security Representative		

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012	VACANT				09/13/2004

Position Director
Comments Native 121 Program

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
013	Burgett, Cindy PO Box 8 Silverdale, WA 98383	A	H	10/14/2004	09/13/2007

Terms Served 01
Position a member
Comments Current or former
recipeint of services

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
014	Freeman, J. Michael 101A NE 83rd Street Vancouver, WA 98665-7900	A	C	10/15/2004	09/13/2007

Terms Served 02
Position a member
Comments Rep of blind and multiple
disabilities
Visually impaired