



## 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.

The **National Technical Assistance Center on Blindness and Low Vision** website was created to highlight technical assistance information and resources for three primary audiences (businesses, individuals who are B/LV, and professionals who work with them).

This document lists some of the resources available on the NRTC websites, organized by topic or audience. Our websites have grown over time, and it can be challenging to find our resources. We developed this catalog as a quick method to locate key NRTC resources.

### Transportation

- **Transportation Guide** – created for individuals with B/LV but also useful to 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 continuing education course
- **Understanding and Overcoming Transportation Barriers** – free 1-hour 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
- **Resource Sheet for Job Seekers**
- **Advice for Disclosing Your Vision Impairment**
- **Yes, Youth Can Work and Still Receive SSI** – parent and youth fact sheets that provide information on working while receiving SSI
- **Employment Mentoring Manual** – resource for individuals who are interested in looking for a mentor (also useful to professionals interested in starting a mentoring program)
- **Preparing for a Video Interview** – two video examples, one of a well-prepared and one of an unprepared candidate participating in a video interview

## Educating professionals about blindness and low vision

- **Blindness & Low Vision Certificate Program for Business Development Professionals** – information about B/LV for professionals who focus on business engagement
- **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
- Multiple online courses (information available on our website: <https://www.ntac.blind.msstate.edu/courses> and our course catalog: <https://nrtc.catalog.instructure.com/>)

## Employer engagement

- **Improving Business Development Skills: A Training for Rehabilitation Professionals** – free, multimodule course
- Improving Business Development Skills training is available in-person or virtually (via Zoom) for agencies. **Contact us** for more information.
- **Working with Businesses to Improve Employment Outcomes** – evidence-based practice guide with recommendations for agencies and counselors about working with businesses
- **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 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
- **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
- **Meet Employees** – 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.
- Some topics we typically cover are included in our Training Topics document, found on this page: <https://www.blind.msstate.edu/training>

## Access to free online courses

The NRTC offers a wide assortment of online courses covering a variety of topics. These courses are **free** of charge, and most offer ACVREP and CRC continuing education credit! Visit our [continuing education page](#) for a list of available courses.

## For our latest updates

Join the NRTC's Quarterly Connections newsletter to gather updates on our research, new resources, news, publications, and upcoming trainings and presentations. Email [nrtc@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:nrtc@colled.msstate.edu) to subscribe.

## How can we help?

Please **email** us if you have any additional questions regarding the training and technical assistance the NRTC can provide.

## Note

This document provides an overview of some of the many resources available on our two 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/>