



*“Coming to BVRS was the best thing that could have happened to me. Anyone who doesn’t come here is cheating himself.”
—Timothy Myers, above, Veteran, U.S. Marine Corps.*

Structured Day Programs

The common goal of the Vocational Department’s three structured day programs is to develop, improve and expand life-long learning opportunities for adults with multiple disabilities. *The Community Transition Program* serves adults of all ages. *The Senior Transition Program* serves clients over age 50. *Employment Transition Services* offers vocational training that is designed to prepare individuals for competitive employment while they earn a paycheck.



Community Services

- Case Management
- Information and Referral
- Speakers’ Bureau
- Transportation and Escort Service
- Adult Vision Screening
- Preschool Vision Screening

“If you want your independence back and have that little spark inside that wants to learn and grow, this place will engulf you in flames.” —Schrika Hill, below, rap artist and former client.



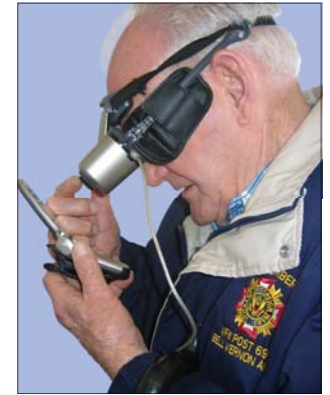
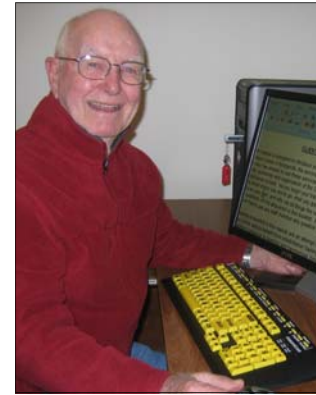
PBA Industries

Our manufacturing and assembly division employs people with vision loss. Work is provided through contracts with governmental agencies and private sector businesses.

PBA Products and Services

This division offers commercial cleaning and other services.

A Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Center



Providing programs and services for people who are blind or vision impaired



Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

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Personal Adjustment to Blindness Training

In this comprehensive immersion program, clients learn to manage their lives with vision loss. Instruction is provided in communication, techniques of daily living, household arts including safe cooking, orientation and mobility, exercise, sensory training, leisure time activities, and more.



Independence

Vocational Skills

Training

Self Reliance

Knowledge

Computer Access Technology

Blind and vision impaired instructors teach screen reading software, screen magnification, Braille displays, optical character recognition, scanners, file management, CCTVs, and other computer technology in our state-of-the-art center. Students range from beginners to career professionals.

Empowering People who are Vision Impaired



Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh has served people with vision loss since 1910. We believe in independence through rehabilitation. Every client receives a program design to meet his or her individual needs and objectives.

Students either commute or stay in our residential wing. Our goal is to help every client adjust to living with vision loss personally, physically, emotionally, professionally, and socially.

Summer Youth Programs

The Career and Community Adjustment Program and the Summer Personal Adjustment to Blindness Training Program provide work experiences and independence training to students 16-21.

Low Vision Clinic

A specially-trained optometrist performs an examination to determine a client's level of vision. The doctor then prescribes optical aids, ranging from hand-held magnifiers to electronic devices, designed to maximize remaining eyesight. Certified Low Vision Therapists or Occupational Therapists then train clients on the use of the aids and how they can help with daily living activities.

Confidence

Life Skills

Job Experience

Hope

Fulfilling Potential



Vocational and Employment Services

Job coaches offer individualized services to job seekers and employers. Clients learn to hone job-seeking skills, including resume writing and interviewing. Also offered are job shadowing, vocational testing, career exploration, mentoring, community-based work assessments, and more.