

installation of soil and water conservation practices, livestock waste management systems and water quality protection practices. The division administers the REAP Water Quality Protection Project program that supports local watershed projects to protect priority water resources, including municipal water supply reservoirs, trout streams and public lakes.

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The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine was created in 1900 when the first "Veterinary Practice Act" became effective. The five-member board has three members who are licensed veterinarians and two members who represent the public. The state veterinarian serves as the board's secretary and handles administrative matters.

The board offers examinations in April and December to qualified applicants to determine their personal and professional qualifications to practice veterinary medicine in Iowa. The board also determines the standards for certification of veterinary assistants, and may conduct investigations, hold hearings, and take disciplinary action when indicated in matters involving the practice of veterinary medicine.

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The Department for the Blind, created in 1925, works with Iowans who are blind in support of their rights and aspirations to participate fully, productively and equally as first-class citizens within society. The department offers a variety of services. Its divisions and/or functions are: orientation and adjustment center, vocational and independent living rehabilitation, library for the blind and physically handicapped, business enterprises, special tools, devices and aids, registry of the blind, and public education and information about blindness.

The orientation and adjustment center is a residential training program for blind adults. Blind persons, especially newly blinded individuals, come to learn the techniques and skills of blindness, and, more importantly to develop positive attitudes about themselves as human beings who happen to be blind. Typical skills taught are travel with the "long white cane," communications such as Braille and keyboarding skills, cooking, sewing, and other homemaking skills, uses of technology and industrial arts.

Vocational and independent living rehabilitation assists blind persons to realize their maximum potential of independence and self-support. Rehabilitation teachers provide one-on-one teaching of the skills and techniques of blindness in a person's home community. Rehabilitation counselors work with blind persons to develop vocational