

level of independence and self-sufficiency. The average direct expenditure per consumer is approximately \$700. This small investment effectively postpones or prevents the need for costly long-term care that can average \$3,600 a month in most nursing homes. Vocational and independent living rehabilitation services assist blind persons in realizing their maximum potential of independence and self-support. Independent living services are primarily provided to older individuals who have experienced a severe loss of vision. Rehabilitation teachers work with these individuals in their homes and communities to provide instruction in the skills and techniques of blindness necessary to maintain or increase personal independence. Rehabilitation counselors work with blind persons to develop vocational goals and receive appropriate vocational training and employment.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides books and magazines in the alternative media of braille, described video, cassette tape, and large type to eligible Iowans. Individuals who are blind include those with a vision loss that does not constitute legal blindness but is sufficient to prevent use of standard print with ease. Physically handicapped or reading-disabled persons qualify for library service. The library also distributes machines on which records and tapes may be played.

The Business Enterprises Program enables blind Iowans to operate food service facilities on federal, state, municipal, and private property. The provision of initial and ongoing food service and management training, as well as beginning inventory and purchase of equipment, means that blind persons in the program can become self-sufficient, taxpaying citizens.

The department makes available a variety of specialized aids, appliances, and recreational items that can be purchased by blind Iowans at cost or furnished as part of some individual rehabilitation plans. White canes for independent travel, braille and electronic watches and clocks, specially marked games, braille and print-writing devices, various types of measuring equipment, and miscellaneous aids are among the items available.

A number of blind children are enrolled in regular public schools throughout the state. Upon request, the department works with the Bureau of Special Education of the Department of Education to procure books and specialized material for those children and to provide counseling and guidance.

A registry of the blind in Iowa showing cause of blindness, age, and other statistical information valuable in program evaluation and planning is maintained by the department. It is estimated that there are more than 57,000 blind Iowans and that 25 Iowans become blind each week.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

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Behnaz Soulati.....	Des Moines	April 30, 2009

IOWA CAPITAL INVESTMENT BOARD

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Roger Stewart	Preston	January 12, 2009
Pat Ward	West Des Moines.....	January 12, 2009
	<i>House</i>	
Roger Thomas	Elkader	January 12, 2009

The Iowa Capital Investment Board (ICIB) was created in the 2002 Legislative Session. The ICIB reviews applications for potential tax credits from qualifying businesses, community-based seed capital funds, and venture capital funds. The ICIB works with the Department of Revenue in the administration of the tax credits. If an application is approved, then the ICIB, through the department, will issue the actual tax credit certificate to the qualified investors.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Ralph Rosenberg, Director Serves at Pleasure of Governor

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Timothy Tutt	Des Moines	April 30, 2009
Nancy Witt	Reinbeck	April 30, 2009

Under the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission (ICRC) is charged with investigating, mediating, resolving, or issuing decisions on complaints of unfair or discriminatory practices in public accommodations, employment, credit, housing, and education on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or disability. Three other bases include age (employment and credit only), familial status (housing and credit only), and marital status (credit only). Mental disability is not covered in credit. If conciliation efforts fail, public hearings may be scheduled and orders resulting from such hearings are subject to judicial review. The ICRC conducts training and outreach to prevent and eliminate discrimination and to educate stakeholder groups on civil rights laws and policies.

The commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered terms of four years subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. No more than four members of the commission shall belong to the same political party, and its membership shall represent as wide an area as practical. Commission officers are elected by the members and serve for one year starting on May 1. The executive director is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.