

Rehabilitation teachers and project specialists travel throughout the state to provide training and other services to increase the self-reliance and independence of the individual. Training is offered in a variety of forums, including small-group sessions held in communities throughout Iowa and in the home on a one-on-one basis. Vision loss has been identified as one of the four most significant contributors to the loss of independence in older Americans. Time and experience have proven that even basic training in nonvisual techniques increases an individual's 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 \$4,000 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. Rehabilitation counselors work with blind persons to develop vocational goals and provide 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 recorded books 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.

Approximately 400 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 69,000 blind Iowans and that 25 Iowans become blind each week.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

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IOWA CAPITAL INVESTMENT BOARD

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The Iowa Capital Investment Board (ICIB) was created in the 2002 Legislative Session. The only remaining function of the ICIB is the issuance of contingent tax credits and redeemed tax credit certificates (if necessary) related to investments in the Iowa Fund of Funds. The ICIB works with the Department of Revenue in the administration of the tax credits.

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The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is an independent agency responsible for the state’s information technology strategy and services. The OCIO has the authority to adopt rules for the administration of statewide information technology operations, establish an enterprise strategic and project management function for oversight of all information technology-related projects, require that security policies and systems be consistent with the state’s data transparency efforts, conduct and maintain inventory of information technology devices, and provide for performance and accountability while focusing on the provision of efficient state services to citizens.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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The commission’s primary duty is to enforce state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education, and credit by investigating and litigating civil rights complaints. The commission also provides conflict resolution services including mediation and conciliation for civil rights matters. In addition to its role as a law enforcement agency, the commission works to prevent discrimination by providing training and education to the public.

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