

## What's new?

☀ We provide training and support for ALL who work with children and youth who are blind or visually impaired (including parents!) i.e. Check out our newest math/science opportunities! Check out our workshops and special weekends!

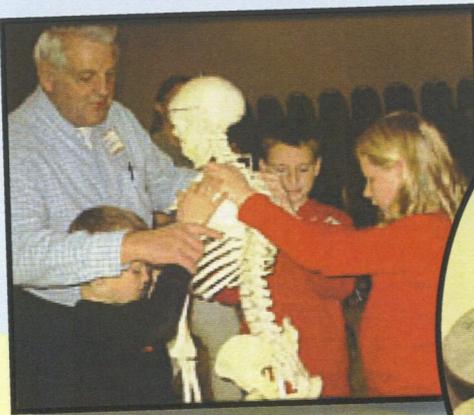
☀ We provide programs regionally throughout Iowa. See our web site for Expanded Core Curriculum programs near you!

☀ Programs maximize skill development in life skills, literacy, social skills, travel skills and more! Try our O and M camp!

☀ A new statewide system coordinates service providers and regional activities for maximum effectiveness! More \$\$\$ for programs...less for administration!

☀ We collaborate with the Iowa Department for the Blind to ensure high school youth transition to adult services! Get prepared to study, work and earn!

☀ We expanded early intervention services for little ones from birth through age three, focusing on families, communication and social skill development! Meet other families just like you!

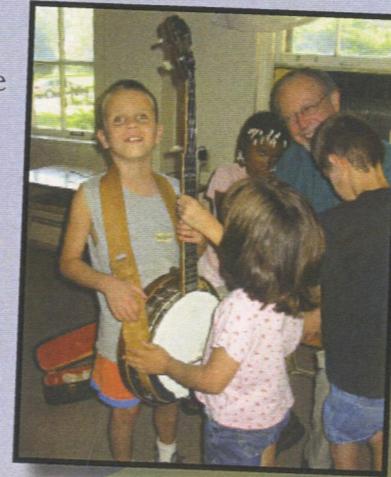


## Tell me more!

### 'Statewide Services' means...

A person or a group of people are dedicated to meeting your needs wherever you live in Iowa and they will provide help right where you are. Some offerings include:

- ✧ Activity Days
- ✧ Assistive Technology Support
- ✧ Deafblind Technical Assistance
- ✧ Early Childhood Services
- ✧ Family Support and Services
- ✧ Library Services
  - Support for literacy development
- ✧ Math and Science Assistance
- ✧ STEM Initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- ✧ Support for Children with Additional Disabilities



### 'Regional Services' means...

As we know what your child needs, we match that with other area children's similar needs and we create a program and offer it in a region near you. Some offerings include:

- ✧ Activity Days
- ✧ Athletic participation
- ✧ Braille Note Club
- ✧ Family events - Trainings & networking opportunities
- ✧ Low Vision Clinics
- ✧ Math, Science and Technology days
- ✧ Recreation/Leisure

### 'On-Campus Services' means...

A program is offered in Vinton and includes not only daytime programming, but professional staff will also be working with your child throughout the evening in a residential setting. Transportation is available. Services may include:

- A Residential program
- Short term placement for intensive instruction and skill building and specific areas of the expanded core curriculum.
- ✧ Extended learning opportunities
- ✧ Summer School opportunities



## What else is new?

Support is available for Children who have Visual Impairments and Additional Disabilities based upon the needs of the child. Support may include:

- ✧ resource materials
- ✧ consultations (home visit, at school, or by phone, email, or ICN)
- ✧ camp experiences
- ✧ collaboration with other agencies and service providers
- ✧ parent networking
- ✧ and more as special programs are developed

We provide Information and Resources for parents, educators and service providers including:

- ✧ Assessments
- ✧ Classroom and communication strategies
- ✧ Expanded Core Curriculum trainings
- ✧ Library services
- ✧ Statewide trainings, conferences and workshops
- ✧ Summer Institutes
- ✧ Technology assistance and training



Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) are additional skills areas that must be taught due to vision loss:

- ✧ Assistive Technology
- ✧ Career Education
- ✧ Compensatory skills (things such as Braille and other adapted techniques students need to master to do academic work)
- ✧ Independent Living Skills
- ✧ Orientation and Mobility
- ✧ Recreation/Leisure
- ✧ Self Determination
- ✧ Social Interaction
- ✧ Visual Efficiency Skills