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Missouri School for the Blind



Outreach Services are based in St. Louis and work with families and educators throughout the State of Missouri.

Outreach Services of Missouri School for the Blind are available statewide at no cost to families or programs. Services include:

MISSOURI DEAFBLIND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PROJECT provides high quality technical assistance and support services to state and local educational agencies, private programs and families of individuals with combined vision and hearing loss, age birth through 21 years. Services include:



- Assistance in the identification and referral of children and youth who are deafblind
- Professional and parent training
- Resource information and materials on loan
- Onsite technical assistance and consultation on assessment, education and employment
- Transition assistance, including person-centered planning

MISSOURI STATEWIDE PARENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (MoSPIN)

provides in-home parent training to families of children, age birth to five years, who are visually impaired and who may also have other disabilities. Services provided are family-focused, involving active parent participation in the child's development. Parent advisors are provided with comprehensive training sessions on the INSITE curriculum, which is used during regularly scheduled home visits.

MISSOURI INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

(MIRC) registers students who are legally blind and administers the Federal Quota Fund. The funds:

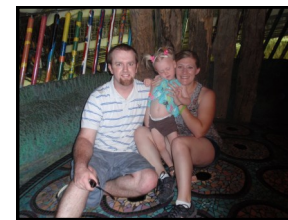
- are for the purchase of braille and large print texts and specialized educational materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
 - are available to eligible students in public, charter, private or parochial schools and agencies statewide
- Workshops and displays of APH materials provide training opportunities with these specialized products.



MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND LIBRARY MEDIA

CENTER (LMC) loans library materials to professionals throughout Missouri who work with students who are visually impaired. The materials that are available for loan include professional books and videos for educators, and braille library books for use by students throughout Missouri. Services for Missouri educators who work with students with visual impairments include:

- Professional Development Lending Library
- Borrow braille and print-braille books from the MSB Library
- Browse-and-borrow visits to MSB's Library Media Center
- Advice on selecting books to borrow from the MSB librarian
- School librarian consultations with MSB librarian



OUTREACH VISION EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION

AND MOBILITY SERVICES offer assessment and technical assistance to all Local and State Board Operated programs in Missouri. These services are intended to support programming efforts. Assessments are conducted by professionals certified in their respective fields. Services currently being offered by a vision supervisor for children and youth, age birth to 21 years, include:

- Functional Vision Learning Media Assessments (FVLMA)
- Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Assessments
- Technical Assistance for information and resources

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

include coursework and a variety of workshops on topics pertinent to blindness, visual impairment and deafblindness.



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