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Vocational Rehabilitation Division

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EBMRC serves hundreds of people each year. All services, including room and board, are provided at no charge to South Carolina residents who are blind or visually impaired. The average length of stay at the EBMRC is 12-16 weeks, depending upon each individual's needs.

The EBMRC is staffed by instructors specifically trained to teach adjustment to blindness services to people who are blind and visually impaired. The adjustment to blindness services offered at the EBMRC may include:

- Orientation and Mobility (various travel techniques)
- Braille and other communication methods
- Woodshop
- Home Management
- Recreational Activities

Our Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind is to provide quality, individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, and prevention of blindness services to blind and visually impaired consumers leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence.

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In accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the provisions of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, services of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind are provided in a non-discriminatory manner without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, disability or national origin.



The Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind works with eligible blind and visually impaired South Carolina residents to assist them in reaching their employment goals.

The Vocational Rehabilitation services assist consumers in gaining skills needed to become economically and socially independent. Services range from adjustment to blindness to job placement assistance.

The Vocational Rehabilitation services are provided to individuals whose vision is causing problems obtaining and/or maintaining employment.

Each consumer at the South Carolina Commission for the Blind works with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in their area who assist them in:

- Determining eligibility
- Deciding on an employment goal
- Developing a program for Vocational Rehabilitation services

- to achieve a goal
- Assistance in the job placement and job retention process.

As part of the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the South Carolina Commission for the Blind provides specialized services for consumers who are **Deafblind** (having both vision and hearing loss).

Deafblind services may include:

- Activities of Daily Living
- Orientation and Mobility
- Vocational Consultation
- Job Placement Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation Division also provides educational and career guidance for adolescents and young adults ages 15-21 through the **Transition Program** and **Independent Living Services (IDL-B)** to enhance independent living within the home for individuals ages 18-54.

The Vocational Rehabilitation division may also provide the following services based on eligibility:

- Counseling and Guidance

- Educational Assistance
- Coordination of Community Resources
- Educational Radio for the Blind
- Vocational Evaluation
- Comprehensive Assessment

Eligibility for services is based upon the following:

- Seeking services to prepare for, enter in, or retain gainful employment
- Legal blindness (having a central visual acuity of 20/200 in the better eye with best corrective lens or a visual field of 20 degrees or less)
- Having a progressive visual disability that will result in legal blindness
- Requiring and benefiting from Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Be a resident of South Carolina

The SC Commission for the Blind's Vocational Rehabilitation Division offers adjustment to blindness services through its residential facility, the **Ellen Beach Mack Rehabilitation Center (EBMRC)**. The