

## **Division of Services for the Blind**

**Purpose:** To provide counseling, training, education, job placement, assistive technology and other support services to blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind persons.

### **Key Services:**

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Vocational Rehabilitation services provide specialized job development, job placement and follow-up services by the rehabilitation counselor and support staff. These services will assist the eligible individuals to locate employment in the field of their vocational choice.

Vocational Rehabilitation services represent 57% of DSB's total budget and 39% of DSB's appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Vocational Rehabilitation totals \$16.7M of which 81% is supported with receipts and 19% state appropriations. 91% of the appropriated funding for these services is used to match federal funds.

#### **Independent Living**

The Independent Living program offers skills assessment, training, evaluation and counseling, peer counseling and advocacy, assistive technology, rehabilitation engineering, prosthetics and orthotics, and personal assistance services.

Independent Living services represent 26% of DSB's total budget and 23% of DSB's appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Independent Living totals \$7.6M of which 75% is supported with receipts and 25% state appropriations. 44% of the appropriated funding for these services is used to match federal funds.

#### **Medical Eye Care**

Client Services include: eye examinations, treatment and surgery, low vision evaluations and eye care education, all of which contribute to the prevention of blindness and restoration of vision.

Medical Eye Care services represent 10% of DSB's total budget and 30% of DSB's appropriated budget. The SFY 11-12 budget for Medical Eye Care services totals \$2.9M of which 12% is supported with receipts and 88% state appropriations.

These services prevent or mitigate the need for out of home placement by allowing individuals with identified needs to remain in their residence of choice and/or least restrictive setting.