

# Special Announcement!

Introducing our new **Helpline**  
for Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind

**CALL OUR HELPLINE 512-936-3388**

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## Overview

If you are 55 or older and have a vision problem that makes everyday tasks difficult, Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind may be able to help you gain the confidence you need to live independently.

## Why Call Our Helpline?

- Accomplish everyday tasks
- Participate in your favorite activities
- Communicate with family and friends
- Gain a better understanding about your vision impairment
- Get back confidence you may have lost

## Eligibility

- Individual 55 and older
- Who have significant visual impairment
- Whose ability to function independently in the home, family, or community is substantially limited due to visual impairment
- For whom the delivery of independent living services will substantially improve their ability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning independently in the home, family, or community

## Services

- Independent living skills training, provided in a consumer's home or in the community
- Orientation and mobility training
- Low vision evaluations and low vision devices, including video magnification, hand-held magnifiers, and other identified devices
- Diabetes education
- Deafblind evaluations and equipment
- Counseling on adjustment to blindness
- Other services as necessary, such as ancillary services provided to support skills training.

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For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs incurred under the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the agency received \$2,159,283 in Federal grant funds for this program. Funds appropriated by the State paid 10 percent (\$239,920) of the total costs incurred under the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program.