

# INDEPENDENT LIVING OLDER BLIND PROGRAM FACT SHEET:

The Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) Program is a vision rehabilitation training program funded through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). The Cleveland Sight Center (CSC) is a service provider for the ILOB Program. The ILOB Program is an in-home training program designed for seniors with visual disabilities. The goal is to serve individuals dealing with blindness or low vision, empowering them to maximize their independent functioning.

**COST:** The program has no cost to the individuals who participate. Participants will be provided with recommendations for equipment that will help them in their daily functioning. Some of that equipment may be purchased for them.

**CRITERIA:** Participants must be 55 years old or older, have a diagnosed eye condition resulting in a visual acuity of 20/70 or worse or have 40 degrees or less peripheral vision and have an expressed need for adaptive skills training.

**WHERE:** Most services are provided on an in-home basis. However, these services can be provided in an alternate location that the individual would consider safe and less restrictive. Some services are also available virtually.

**WHAT:** Participants will receive rehabilitation assessment and training based on their expressed needs in the following areas: Activities of Daily Living, Orientation and Mobility, Assistive Technology and Functional Low Vision.

**REFERRAL PROCESS:** Everyone interested in participating in the ILOB Program and who meet the above criteria are referred to OOD. OOD will contact the interested individual for an initial interview and to determine what services can be provided to meet that individual's expressed needs. The individual will then choose a service provider. Cleveland Sight Center is a service provider for the ILOB Program. If CSC is chosen, authorization(s) to provide service(s) will be sent to CSC. When CSC receives the service authorization(s), the individual is contacted by staff and an appointment is scheduled to begin service(s).

## FOR QUESTIONS OR TO START THE PROCESS PLEASE CALL:

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