

About the Lighthouse of the Big Bend



Mission

The mission of the Lighthouse of the Big Bend, a nonprofit agency, is to provide professional assistance to people with vision loss in their pursuit of independence.

Who We Are

- Lighthouse staff serves people of

all ages: children from birth to five years, teens 14 through high school and college, working age adults, and older individuals 55 plus who are legally blind or have a progressive eye condition in both eyes.

- Training in a variety of skills are available to folks living in Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.
- The Lighthouse is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Professional memberships include the United Way of the Big Bend, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind.
- Lighthouse of the Big Bend receives funding from the Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services, the Community Human Services Partnership, the Capital Medical Society Foundation, The Able Trust, our Dining in the Dark benefit, and many community donations.

Opportunities for Training

- The Independent Living Program offers adults new techniques for performing everyday activities, relying on their other senses and alternative skills and equipment.
- The Early Intervention Program provides instruction for preschoolers as well as parents and caregivers, to help a child learn everything usually gained through visual observation.
- The Transition Program works with students ages 14 to 22 teaching skills in daily living, assistive technology, career exploration, and social interaction needed to succeed later as adults.
- Orientation and Mobility services address issues such as navigating stairs, getting around at home, school, or on the job, crossing streets, riding public transportation, and using a long cane or dog guide.
- The Assistive Technology Program helps individuals explore and learn appropriate computer technology that meets their specific needs.
- The Vocational Rehabilitation Program offers guidance and training in job skills that instill confidence and open doors to employment.

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