Maryland State Department of Education

**Division of Rehabilitation Services**

**Office for Blindness & Vision Services**

# Rehabilitation Teacher for the Blind

## Main Purpose of Job

The Rehabilitation Teacher for the Blind is responsible for developing, coordinating, and delivering rehabilitation teaching services for blind, deaf/blind and low vision consumers. Rehabilitation Teachers provide instruction and guidance in adaptive independent living skills, enabling adults and youth who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind to confidently carry out their daily activities. Rehabilitation Teachers are active members of multidisciplinary service teams, providing consultation and referrals using community resources. They work as part of an interdisciplinary team to ensure necessary services are provided for consumers to achieve independence in their homes and communities in accordance with their Individualized Plan for Employment or Independent Living Plan.

## Job Duties include:

* Assessing and evaluating consumers’ needs in home, community, educational, and vocational environments.
* Teaching adaptive independent living skills.
* Identifying and community and national resources.
* Using community support services.
* Facilitating psychosocial adjustment to vision loss.
* Assessing and evaluating the independent living needs and abilities of individuals with impaired vision for meeting immediate and lifelong goals.
* Developing individualized rehabilitation teaching goals in conjunction with the learner.
* Teaching adaptive skills needed for independent living in areas of personal management, household management, communication, education, leisure activities, orientation and movement in the indoor environment, and use of low vision devices and training techniques.
* Teaching problem solving and resource use.
* Facilitating the individual and family's psychosocial adjustment to impaired vision.
* Being available for monthly meetings with referring counselor and consumer (as requested)
* Generating monthly reports and invoicing for the referring counselor.

## Minimum Qualifications:

1. High school diploma with three years of relevant experience or a Bachelor’s degree in a related field.
2. Reliable means of transportation.
3. Ability to pass background check.

## Application Materials required:

* Anyone interested in providing services for DORS consumers as a private vendor will complete the [DORS Vendor Application](https://dors.maryland.gov/crps/Pages/vendors.aspx) which can be found on the DORS website.
* Copy of personal resume demonstrating education and work experience relevant to teaching adaptive skills needed for independent living in areas of personal management, household management, communication, education, leisure activities, orientation and movement in the indoor environment, and use of low vision devices and training techniques.
* Copy of any relevant certifications if available (e.g., CVRT).

## Application Review:

* OBVS will review the application materials provided and request any additional documents, as needed.
* OBVS Program Manager or Staff Specialist will make a recommendation to the OBVS Director regarding vendor approval.
* OBVS Director will review recommendation and forward to the DORS Director, as appropriate.

## Vendor Responsibilities:

* Maintain updated contact information with OBVS main office (410-554-9277).
* Provide monthly reports and invoices by the 10th of the month following service provision.

## Rates of Pay:

* Non-CVRT teachers – $60 per hour.
* Certified Rehabilitation Teachers (CVRT) and Certified Low Vision Therapists (CLVT) – $90 per hour
* Occupational Therapist, Registered, Licensed (OTR/L) – $48 per quarter hour ($42 per quarter hour for assessment – 4 hour maximum).
* Approved vendor travel – $35/hour (prorated each 15 minutes).
* Missed Appointment/No Show – Not to exceed 25% of the cost of examination/evaluation.

## For More Information

* Contact Muttasim Fadl at elmuttasim.fadl@maryland.gov or 410-554-9104.