

# BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE

## BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER (BRC)

The mission of Blind Rehabilitation Service (BRS) is to assist eligible Veterans and active duty Service members with a visual impairment in developing the skills needed for personal independence and successful reintegration into the community and family environment.

### ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of prospective patients to receive BRS care is determined by the review of 3 key criteria:

1. Veteran is eligible for VA health benefits (or is an active duty Service member) **and**
2. Possesses a visual impairment **or**
3. Has received a designation of excess disability (impact on functional abilities).

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A BRC provides inpatient, intensive interdisciplinary rehabilitation programs to Veterans with visual impairment within a VA medical facility support system.

- BRC residential settings maximize the opportunity for peer-to-peer interactions, which help Veterans strive to achieve their best level of independence and envision a positive future.
- Veterans receive a comprehensive individualized treatment plan based on their expressed goals and unique needs.
- Therapeutic instruction is provided on a one-on-one basis or group setting.
- Length of BRC program will vary depending on the Veteran's treatment plan.
- Family members, included as members of the treatment team, are provided with education and training that allows them to understand visual impairment and provide support for goal achievement.

### BRC Assessment and Therapeutic Instructional Areas

- Orientation and Mobility
- Adaptive Vision Skills
- Assistive Technology
- Manual Skills Therapy
- Low Vision Optometry
- Activities of Daily Living
- Adaptive Recreation Therapy
- Adjustment to Sight Loss Counseling
- Rehabilitation Nursing

### LOCATIONS

- American Lake, WA
- Augusta, GA
- Biloxi, MS
- Birmingham, AL
- Cleveland, OH
- Hines, IL
- Long Beach, CA
- Palo Alto, CA
- San Juan, PR
- Tucson, AZ
- Waco, TX
- West Haven, CT
- West Palm Beach, FL

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