

BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE

BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER (BRC)

The mission of Blind Rehabilitation Service (BRS) is to assist eligible Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers 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 Servicemember) 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 Area

- Orientation and Mobility
- Adaptive Vision Skills
- Assistive Technology
- Manual Skills Therapy
- 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Insert local contact information



For more information at: www.rehab.va.gov/kt/

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