



SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
INDEPENDENT LIVING BLIND
REHABILITATION CENTER FOR THE BLIND
SD VOCATIONAL RESOURCES

Mission Statement

- ▣ To provide individualized rehabilitation services that result in optimal employment and independent living outcomes for citizens who are blind or visually impaired.
- ▣ The South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vocational Resources provides assessment and training to individuals who are blind, visually impaired or with other disabilities so they may enhance their independence in their home, work, and community.

Vision Loss/Eye Diseases

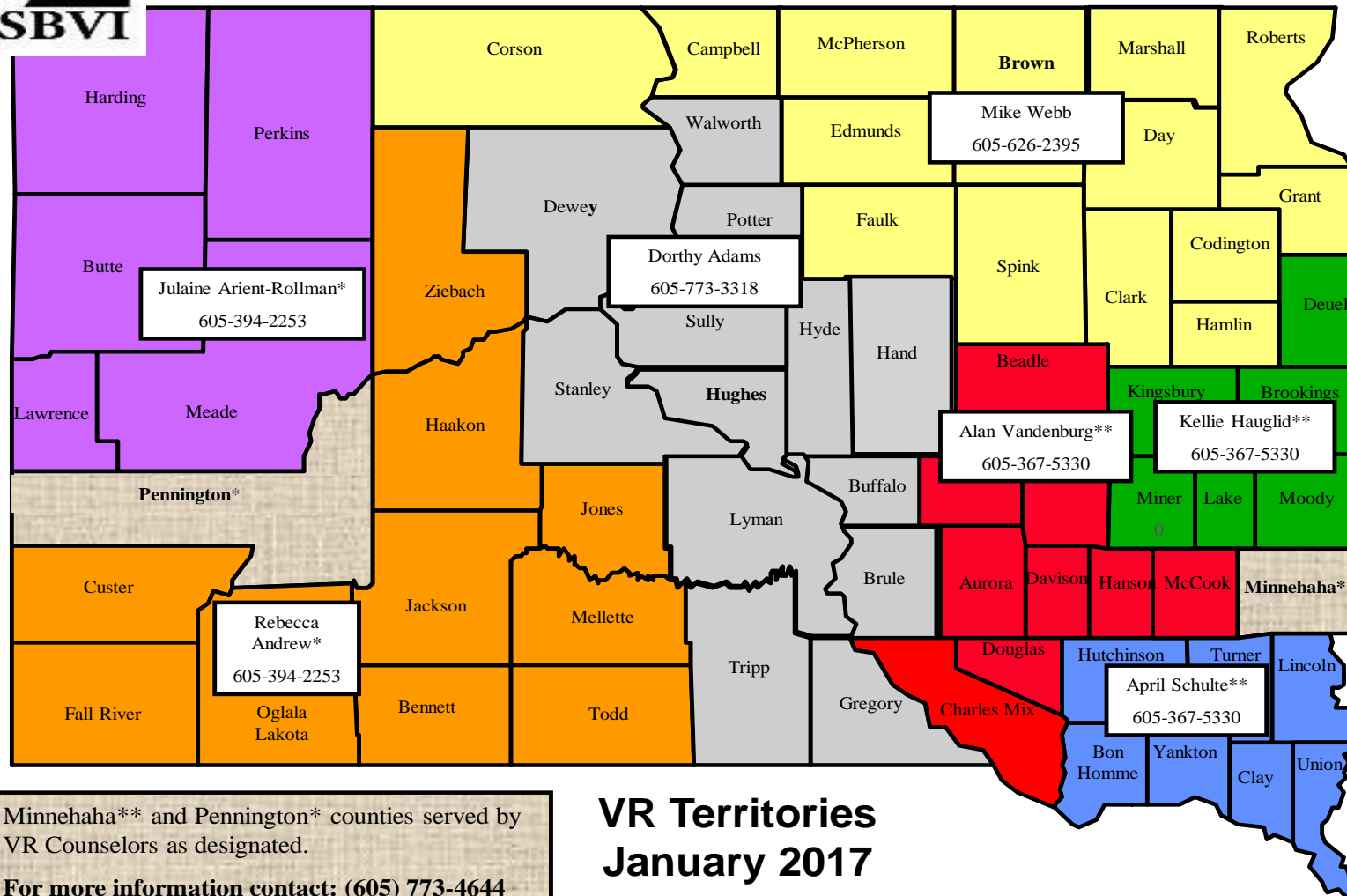
- ▣ Degrees of Vision Loss
 - Moderate to Severe Low Vision
 - Profound Low Vision/Legally Blind
 - Near Blindness
 - Totally Blindness
- ▣ Primary types of Eye Disease
 - Macular Degeneration
 - Glaucoma
 - Diabetic Retinopathy
 - Cataracts
 - Retinitis Pigmentosa

SBVI Services/Programs

- ▣ Vocational Rehabilitation Services
 - Employment & Job Placement
 - ▣ Physical Restoration Services
 - ▣ Assistive Technology and Training
- ▣ Independent Living Blind program
 - Enhancing quality of life where they live
- ▣ SD Rehabilitation Center for the Blind
 - Training, Support & Counseling

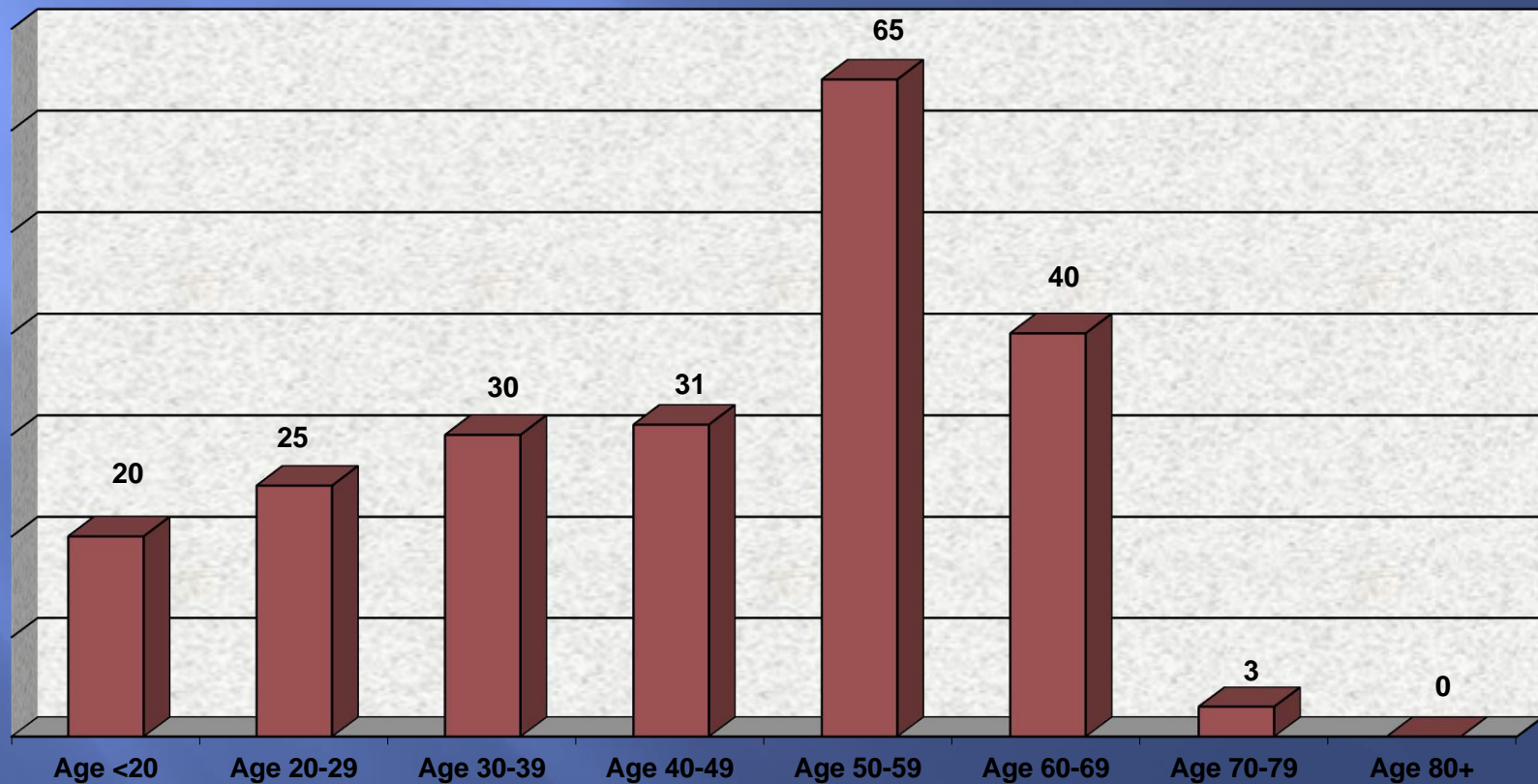


Division of SBVI – Rehabilitation Counselors



**VR Territories
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Age of Applicants in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program in 2016



Physical Restoration Services

- ▣ Retinal detachment
- ▣ Cataracts
- ▣ Strabismus surgery



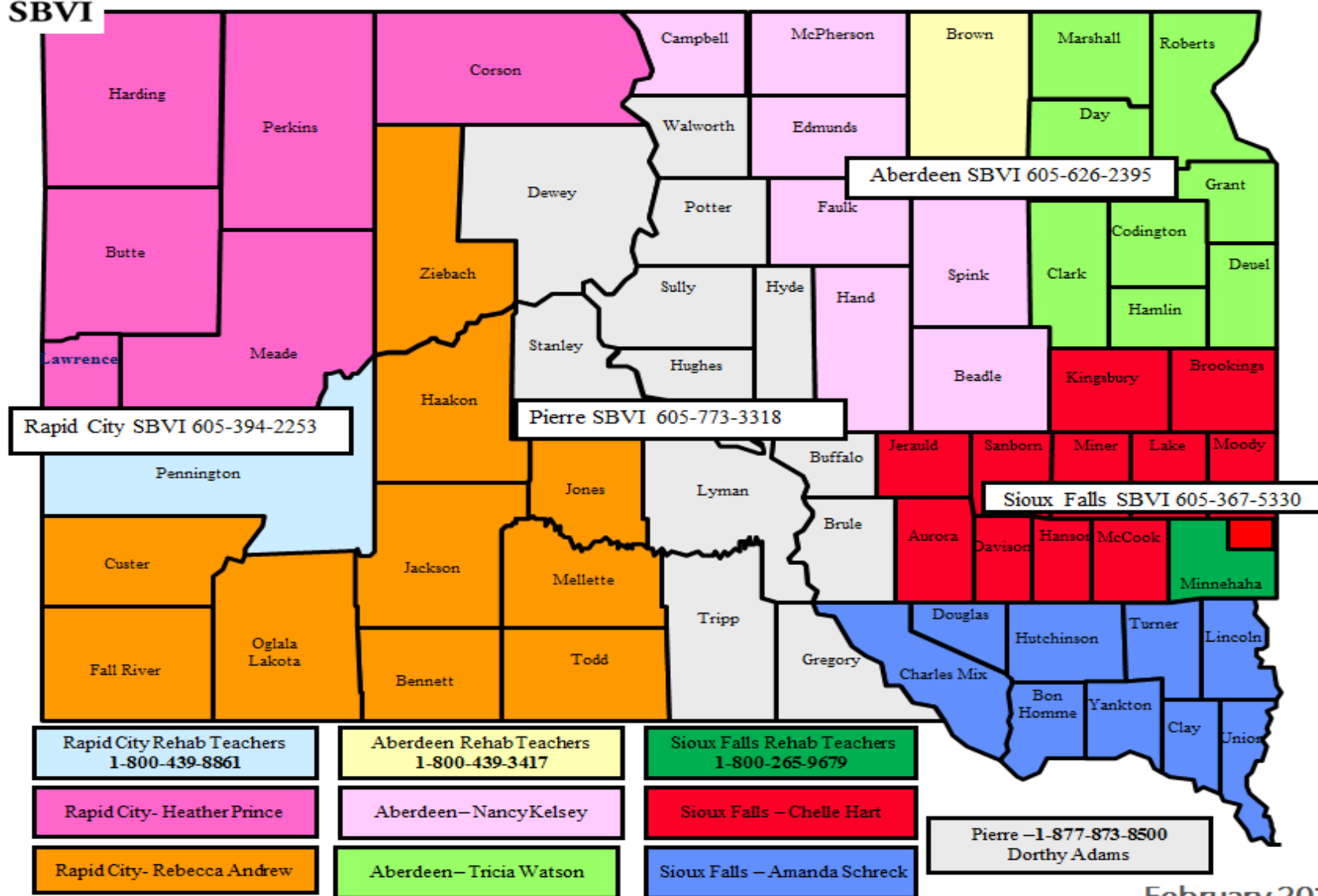
Assistive Technology & Training

- ▣ Video Electronic Magnifier
- ▣ Computers
- ▣ Zoomtext Keyboard
- ▣ Braille Plus
- ▣ iPhones and iPads (apps)
- ▣ Braille Pens





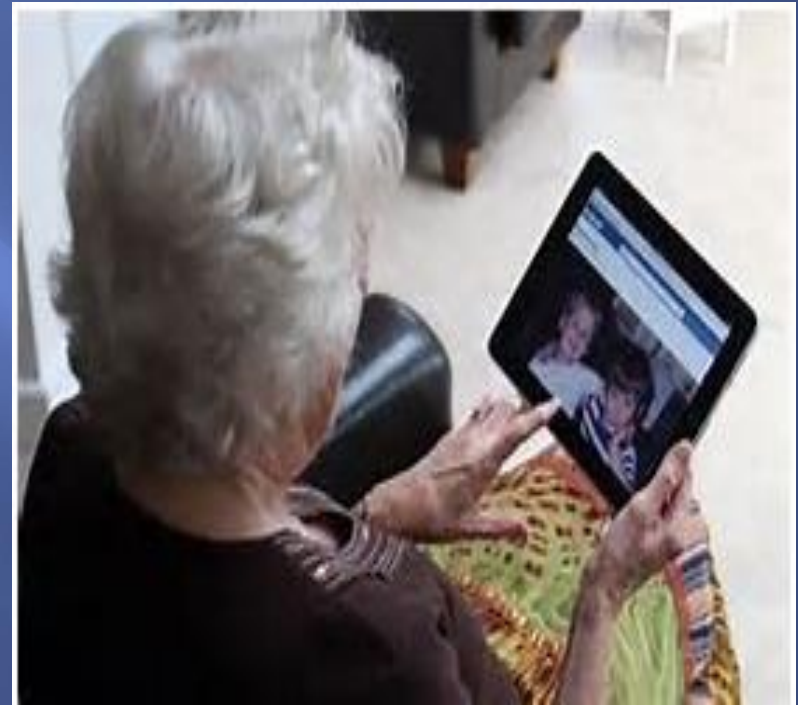
Division of SBVI – Rehabilitation Teachers



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Assessment

Assessment of an individual's skills and instruction on compensatory skills occurs in the home, assisted living facility or a long term care facility if the individual plans to return home.



Services

Rehabilitation Teachers provide training and devices to older individuals with vision loss to increase their independence in their home and community.

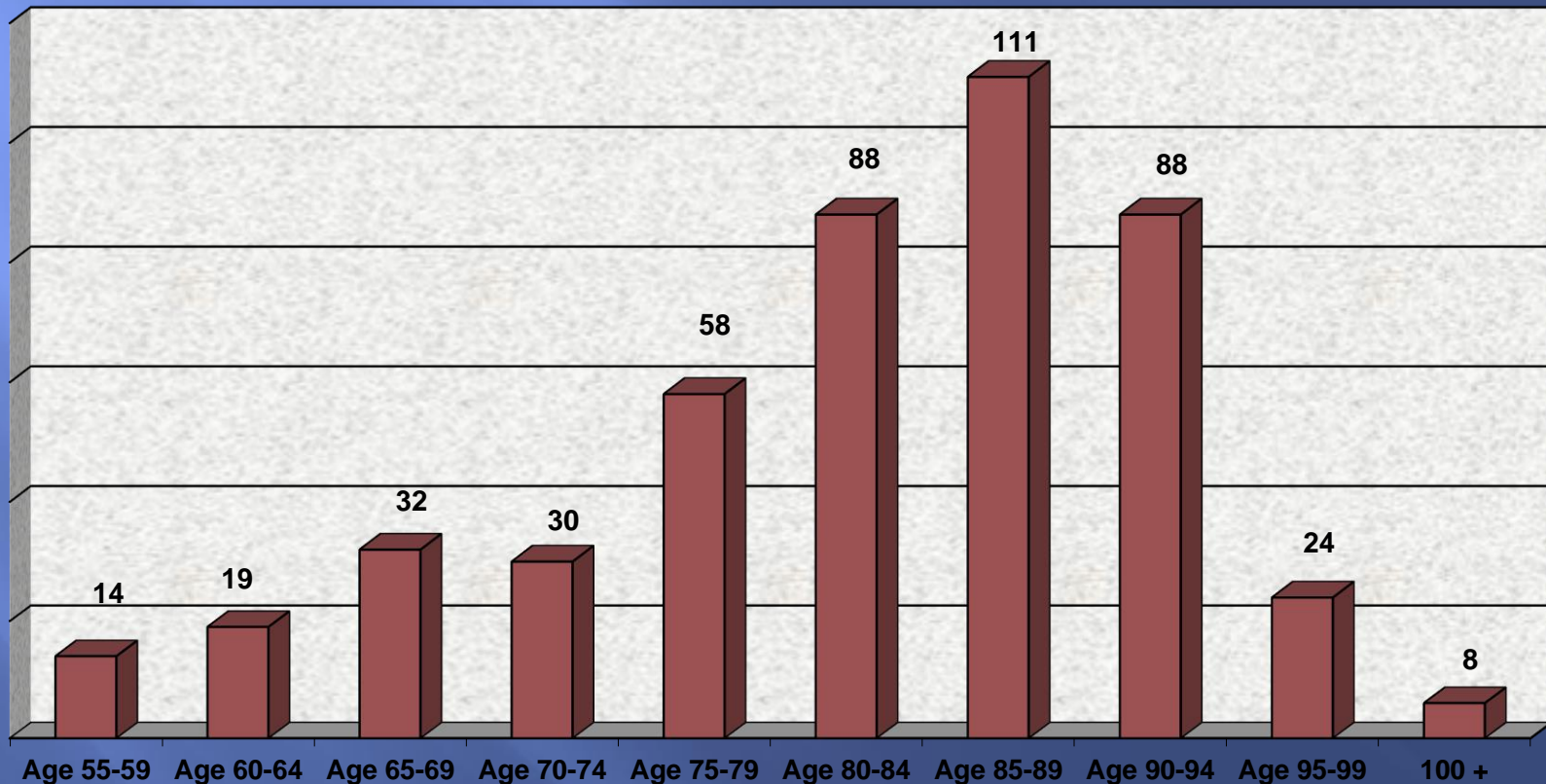


Services Continued:

- Skills to resume leisure activities
- Skills and techniques for home management
- Orientation & mobility training
- Referral Services



Age Range of ILB Individuals Served in 2016



SD Rehabilitation Center for the Blind



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Purpose

Breaking down fences, erasing the visible & invisible barriers,
reconnecting us with the rest of creation !



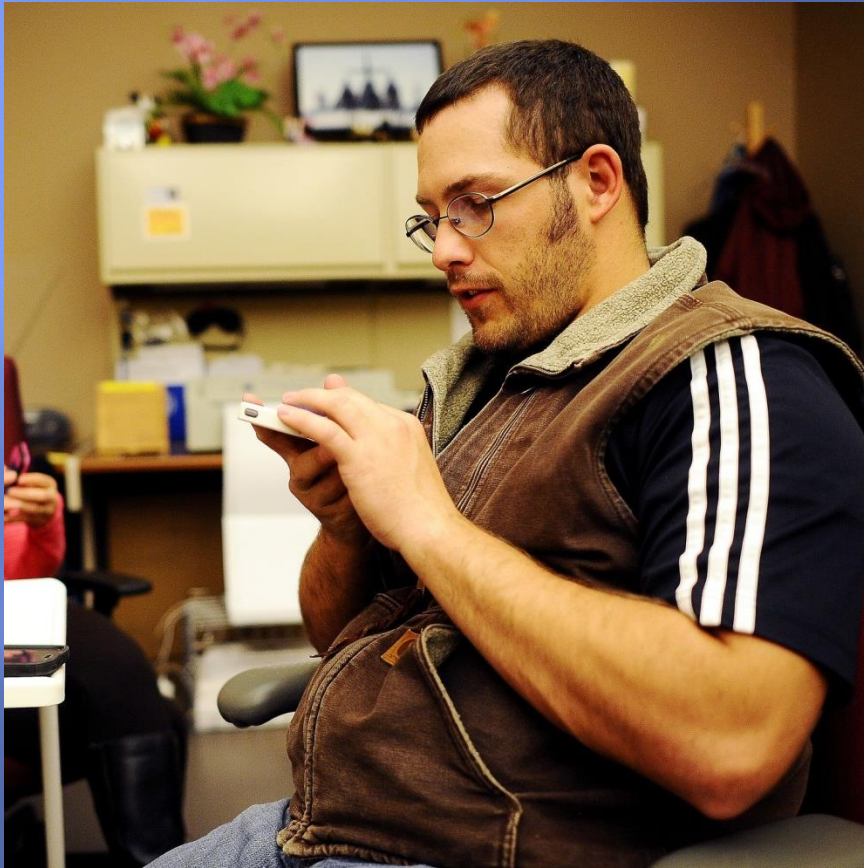
Skills of Blindness Program



Communications



Computers & Assistive Technology



Home Management



Orientation and Mobility



Home Mechanics/Creative Arts

- ▣ Simple indoor/outdoor home repairs
- ▣ Ceramics
- ▣ Leather
- ▣ Woodworking
- ▣ Knitting
- ▣ Sewing



Low Vision Clinic



- ▣ A low vision examination picks up where your doctor leaves off
- ▣ The Low Vision Clinic has a complete inventory of optical devices
- ▣ Wide range of electronic high tech equipment to the latest magnifying products

SD Vocational Resources

Specialized employment unit within the Center. This unit works closely with rehabilitation counselors from SD Rehabilitation Services and Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Job Placement

The Employment Specialists work with individuals who are blind or visually impaired as well as with all disability groups in matching the individual's abilities to the needs of prospective employers.



Diabetic Resources

- Referral to local diabetic educator
- BID- (Blind Independent Diabetes Group) on-line Peer Support and resources.
<http://nfb.org/diabetes>

Diabetic Resources

- American Foundation for the Blind- A Guide to Living with Diabetes and Vision Loss- www.afb.org
- YouTube Videos- Managing Diabetes if your Visually Impaired- Count-a-dose, Prodigy Voice
- Vision Aware.org- A Guide to Living with Diabetes and Vision Loss

QUESTIONS

Thank you!

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