



Classes and Services

Braille and Adult Living Skills classes are available throughout the week by appointment. Call Lee for details.

Classes that we offer:

Braille
Typing
Writing Skills
Computer
Cooking
Ceramics
Adjustment to Blindness

Services that we offer:

Men's Support Group
Woman's Support Group
Individual Counseling
Family Counseling
Youth Program

The Valley Center for the Blind is committed to helping our visually impaired clients to become more independent. We achieve this by providing several classes and services.

**We are a Non-Profit,
501 (c)(3) Organization.**

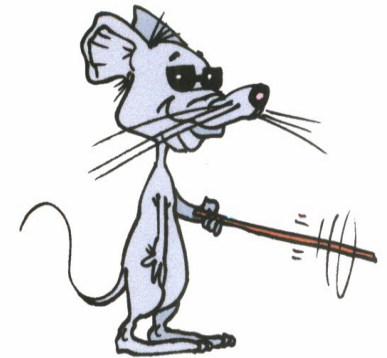
**Your financial support is
needed to continue
providing these vital
services.**

**We welcome donations,
and all contributions are
Tax Deductible.**

Mission Statement

*To empower the blind and
visually impaired, and to
expand their opportunities.*

Valley Center



for the Blind

Teaching Independence!!

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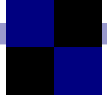
Fresno, CA 93721

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Center Hours

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Monday - Friday



WHAT: VCB is a special agency that provides services to the people of the Central San Joaquin Valley that are blind or visually impaired.

Established by Dr. Andrea Schwartz, on July 19, 1973.

WHY: We are here to meet the needs of the estimated 10,000 blind or visually impaired persons by providing a wide range of adaptive activities which will enable the blind and visually impaired to maintain maximum independence and remain in their homes.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: Counseling, and other services are provided under supervision of specially trained staff and volunteers.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: We can help link the person and their family with available services, acquainting them with other people that "have been there."

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING: Counseling provided to assist with personal and family adjustments to vision loss.

PEER SUPPORT GROUPS: conducted by our therapist and staff, including people that are interested in helping each other learn how to cope with sight loss.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES: such as learning how to cook again after the loss of sight. Ceramics: besides the social and fun projects, it teaches the fine finger & hand control needed. Typing, Braille, and Computer skills are available. Enrichment and Advocacy classes to ensure the quality of life are taught.

OUTREACH REHABILITATION SERVICES: teaching skills of Daily Living, Marking appliances and personal items, and using adapted equipment in the home and the community for everyone's safety and well-being.

FUNDING: is provided by grants, fundraising events, and private donations.

VOLUNTEERS: We have some of the best people who volunteer their time and skills. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us. We offer special training to all Clients, Family members, and volunteers of all ages.

LOW VISION CARE: Through referrals to local Low-Vision Clinics and Follow-up assistance with Special Equipment.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Speakers are available for in-service training for Senior Centers, Service Clubs, Nursing Home Staff, Hospitals, and Schools.

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