

■ Employment

People who are DeafBlind are successfully employed in a variety of occupations, including these examples:

- ❖ Author/writer
- ❖ Computer programmer
- ❖ Document shredder
- ❖ Factory worker
- ❖ Florist
- ❖ Food service worker
- ❖ Health care worker
- ❖ Hotel housekeeper
- ❖ IRS tax examiner
- ❖ Janitor
- ❖ Laundry worker
- ❖ Medical records transcriptionist
- ❖ Phlebotomist
- ❖ Rehabilitation counselor
- ❖ Retail worker
- ❖ Teacher

For more information, call or write:

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and other reasonable
accommodations are
available upon request to
individuals with disabilities.

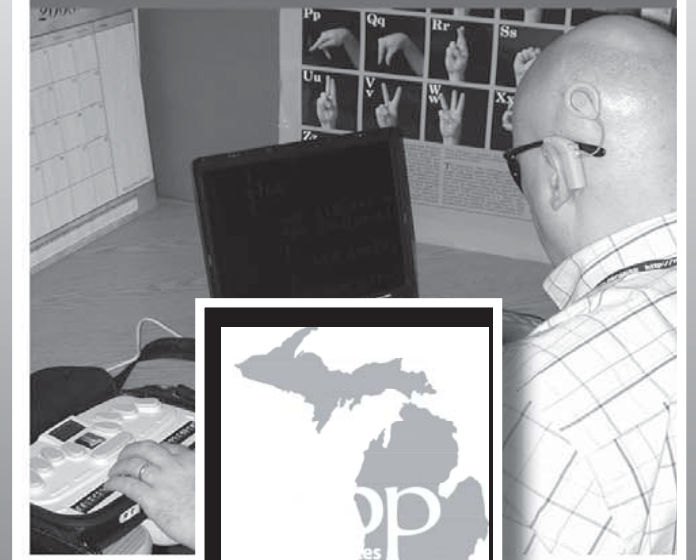
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DeafBlind Services

**Michigan Bureau of
Services for Blind Persons**

**Serving Individuals
who are BOTH
Deaf and Blind**



THE MICHIGAN BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR BLIND PERSONS provides DeafBlind services statewide including Vocational Rehabilitation services and/or Independent Living consultations to adults and high school students who are legally blind and have moderate to profound hearing loss.

Some of the more common causes for the dual-sensory impairment of DeafBlindness are:

- Usher syndrome, types I, II, or III
- CHARGE association
- Congenital deafness with later vision loss
- Congenital blindness with later hearing loss
- Congenital rubella syndrome
- Fetal alcohol syndrome
- Brain tumor or other serious illness or injury
- Aging process

DeafBlind individuals can contact the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons directly for services or be referred by family members, friends, physicians, employers, schools, or others.

Services that may be provided include:

- **Training**
 - ❖ Vocational Rehabilitation
 - ❖ Sign language
 - ❖ Activities of daily living
 - ❖ Orientation and mobility
 - ❖ Assistive technology



American Sign Language (ASL)

- **Consultation**
- **Job placement services**
- **Transition services and college accommodations**
- **In-service presentations to groups:**
 - ❖ Group homes
 - ❖ Families
 - ❖ Day Programs
 - ❖ Agencies

- ❖ Community service organizations
- ❖ Community rehabilitation facilities

- **Business services** for employers with DeafBlind employees, to keep experienced employees on the job after sight and hearing loss

- **The Intervenor Program**
An Intervenor works as an independent contractor providing direct, one-on-one services focusing on developing daily living skills and the greatest vocational potential possible. Intervenor Program services may be provided in the consumer's workplace, home environment, or other places in the community such as stores, restaurants, libraries, laundromats, etc. The Intervenor becomes a tutor, friend, advocate, mentor, and language role model to improve the DeafBlind individual's communication skills. The Intervenor Program is funded through a cooperative cash match agreement between the Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons and another agency such as Community Mental Health, an Intermediate School District (ISD) or Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), or another rehabilitation agency.

