

# PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS



# BSBP

**will provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to students who meet the following criteria:**

- ❖ The student has a vision impairment.
- ❖ The student is age 14-26.
- ❖ The student is currently enrolled in a secondary, post-secondary or other recognized education program.

Pre-ETS services are available statewide to all students in need of services regardless of whether or not a student has applied for VR services. Pre-ETS services may begin once a student requests or is recommended for one or more service and documentation of a disability is provided. These services can be provided in a group setting or on an individual basis.

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS Services) are provided in collaboration with local educational agencies and community partners. Pre-ETS services are designed to be an early start at job exploration and will assist students with identifying career interests to be further explored through additional VR services.

# What BSBP Can Do for You:

## 5 Pre-employment Transition Service Categories

**1) Job Exploration & Counseling:** Counseling and guidance to help students explore career options. Examples include:

- ❖ Job clubs
- ❖ Career exploration
- ❖ Job shadowing
- ❖ Workshops and presentations

**2) Work-based Learning:** An educational approach that uses the workplace or real work to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities. Examples include:

- ❖ Work experiences
- ❖ Internships
- ❖ Work-site tours
- ❖ Community service and/or volunteering

**3) Post-secondary Exploration:** Exploration of both post-high school transition programs at institutions of higher education, trade and vocational schools, as well as two and four-year colleges. Examples include:

- ❖ Campus visits
- ❖ College prep/Reading skills
- ❖ Study skills
- ❖ Exploring career and tech options

## **4) Workplace Readiness Training, Including Social Skills and Independent Living:**

Designed to develop independent living and social skills necessary for a student to be successful in employment. Workshops/job clubs on social skills, workplace behavior and interaction, multicultural awareness and problem-solving skills. Examples include:

- ❖ Skills of blindness training
- ❖ Adaptive computer skills training
- ❖ Budgeting
- ❖ Soft skills training
- ❖ Travel training

## **5) Self-Advocacy Instruction:**

Opportunities to learn about rights, responsibilities and how to request accommodations, services or supports students may need to successfully complete the transition from secondary to post-secondary education and/or employment.

- ❖ Mentoring
- ❖ Youth leadership programs
- ❖ Time management, organization and balanced life planning
- ❖ Disability awareness classes and groups
- ❖ Self-advocacy, peer support, and mentoring groups



# Contact Information:

Contact your local BSBP VR Counselor or Blind Rehabilitation Teacher. Call **1-800-292-4200** to get started, or visit **[michigan.gov/bsbp](http://michigan.gov/bsbp)**.

Students may be eligible for additional services through BSBP's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. Information on the VR program can be obtained by contacting your BSBP counselor or local BSBP office.

## Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

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## Detroit

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## Esanaba

906-786-8602

## Flint

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## Grand Rapids

616-356-0180

## Kalamazoo

269-337-3875

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517-373-6425

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