

About the BSBP Training Center

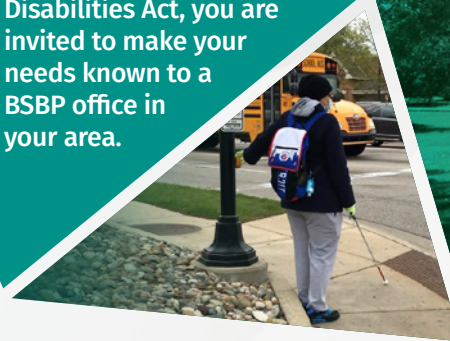
- ▶ In operation since 1969, the BSBP Training Center (BSBPTC) is the only comprehensive rehabilitation training center in Michigan specializing in assisting youth and adults who are blind or low vision.
- ▶ BSBPTC is open all year and can accommodate up to 29 participants in 27 private rooms and two training apartments.
- ▶ A length of stay can vary from a few weeks to several months, depending upon individual needs and goals.
- ▶ BSBPTC works to provide specialized / customized training and employment services to assist participants and businesses in addressing challenges that may pose barriers to achieving their goals and objectives.
- ▶ Work-based learning experiences and vocational training are provided when appropriate.
- ▶ A participant's skill level will be assessed, and instruction will be provided in adaptive low vision and non-visual techniques from professionally trained staff in various skill areas.

Contact the BSBP Training Center

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The Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living programs described in this press release are funded 78.7% through a VR grant from the U.S. Department of Education and 21.3% through State funding. Total Federal funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 was approximately \$20,746,569.00. The Pre-Employment Transition Services provided under the Vocational Rehabilitation program are funded 100 percent through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For federal fiscal year 2021, the total amount of grant funds used exceeded \$2 million.

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The Bureau of Services
for Blind Persons

Training Center



The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Training Center (BSBPTC) is a residential facility that has been in operation since 1969. It provides comprehensive instruction to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

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Classes Offered

- ▶ Adaptive Kitchen Skills & Nutrition
- ▶ Adaptive Technology
- ▶ Advanced Computers
- ▶ Android Core Education
- ▶ Braille
- ▶ Counseling/Career Planning
- ▶ Diabetes Education
- ▶ Employment Lab
- ▶ Essential Fundamentals of Employment
- ▶ Finer Diner
- ▶ Industrial Arts
- ▶ Introduction to Basic Computers
- ▶ IOS Core Education (iPhone/iPad)
- ▶ Job Seeking Skills
- ▶ Keyboarding
- ▶ Low Vision/OCR Class
- ▶ Medication Management/Health Ed
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Orientation & Mobility
- ▶ Personal Finance
- ▶ Personal Management
- ▶ Seminar

Not sure which classes to enroll in?

You will be assigned core classes based on the program assigned by your BSBP Field Counselor. Assessment Services are also available to help participants explore additional options and develop an attainable goal.

Campus Life

BSBPTC is located close to Western Michigan University and downtown Kalamazoo, on a public transit route, and sits on 26 acres of land. Its campus includes many features for participants to enjoy such as a paved track, disk golf and a courtyard.

- ▶ Fully accessible classrooms
- ▶ Private dormitory rooms
- ▶ Private apartments
- ▶ Cafeteria
- ▶ Technology lending library
- ▶ Recreation rooms with games
- ▶ Recording studio

Everything is located within the well-maintained building, making the BSBPTC campus an inviting community.

Who Attends BSBPTC?

Participants who are 14 years of age or older and who are referred by a BSBP Field Counselor.

Participants may also be referred by Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

Take a Tour!

Tours of BSBPTC are available upon request. Tours are routinely scheduled Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The tour usually takes 45 minutes. Special arrangements can be made for tours outside these days and times, if necessary.

For more information about scheduling a tour, please contact BSBPTC at:

Phone: 269-337-3848

Email: LEO-BSBPTTrainingCenter@michigan.gov

We look forward to helping you create your own unique and individual success story and supporting you every step of the way!

BSBP's Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons is to provide opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment, and/or achieve maximum and meaningful independence in life through comprehensive rehabilitative services.

