



# INDEPENDENCE & CONFIDENCE



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## **We offer training in...**

Daily living, customer planning, transportation and mobility, personal advocacy, organization, apartment search, college readiness, and volunteer work experience.

## **Who is eligible to apply?**

Students interested in applying for the Postsecondary Program (PSP) must:

- Be legally blind and 18-22 years of age
- Have received a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have been accepted as a student at Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center
- Be able to secure funds to participate
- Be able to manage personal and health needs independently

## Work Experience

All persons attending PSP are expected to complete at least 80-100 hours of volunteer work experience. Staff will assist the student in locating a suitable work training site and assess transportation needs. Staff will also provide job support as needed. Students receive an hourly stipend when they work at least 4 hours per day at a worksite.

## Community Experiences

Persons enrolled in PSP are encouraged to participate in weekly community outings that offer practical ways to demonstrate social skills, enhance personal life experiences and discover one's interests.



## Our Facilities

Each apartment is equipped with furniture appropriate for a studio model and all basic kitchen equipment. PSP staff are present for instruction and supervision. There is no overnight staff, but security is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



## Training Time

Students must commit to participating in PSP for a minimum of 5 1/2 months. Students may extend their stay if attending college or working. We offer PSP in both the Fall and Spring school semesters.

# EXPLORE OPTIONS

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (TSBVI), in collaboration with Texas Workforce Commission and Criss Cole, seeks to provide students with realistic, meaningful, school and community-based work experiences to better prepare them as independent adults in their future environments. We strive to maximize students' abilities and employability opportunities by partnering with community businesses and organizations for mutually beneficial volunteer work experiences.



## **Contact Us**

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## **Your Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services Office**

To locate your Texas Workforce  
Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation  
Services (TWS-VRS) office,  
visit:[www.texasworkforce.org/  
find-locations](http://www.texasworkforce.org/find-locations)

For purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation program, the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation grant pays 78.7 percent of the total costs of the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency anticipates receiving \$287,666,847 in Federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds. Funds appropriated by the State pay 21.3 percent of the total costs (\$77,856,466) under the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

For purposes of the Supported Employment program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the Vocational Rehabilitation agency received \$1,446,266 in Federal Supported Employment funds. State appropriated funds paid 10 percent (\$80,348) of the total costs under the Supported Employment program.

For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program, Federal funds paid 90 percent of the total costs incurred under the program. In Federal fiscal year 2020, the agency received \$2,159,283 in Federal grant funds for this program. Funds appropriated by the State paid 10 percent (\$239,920) of the total costs incurred under the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind program.



**Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational  
Rehabilitation Services**

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