

CHAPTER 248

BLIND; EDUCATION, REHABILITATION

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[For text of subs 1 to 15, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 16. Adjustment-to-blindness training. (a) The commissioner of jobs and training shall enter into contracts or agreements to provide comprehensive adjustment-to-blindness training services to blind and visually handicapped persons. Services available must include, but not be limited to, instruction in Braille reading and writing, the use of the long white cane for independent travel, home management and self management, typing and computer technology, career exploration, and seminars on positive adjustment to blindness. In entering into contracts or agreements to provide adjustment-to-blindness services, the commissioner shall, when in the best interests of the client, utilize services available from qualified nonprofit agencies or organizations who:

(1) are administered by a governing board composed of a majority of individuals who are blind;

(2) substantially involve individuals who are blind in policy direction and management; and

(3) employ individuals who are blind at all levels of operation.

(b) This subdivision does not limit the commissioner's authority to enter into contracts or agreements for any service with other qualified agencies or organizations.

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