

Founded in 1875, our program serves children, birth to 21 years of age, who are blind, visually impaired including multiple disabilities. Our talented staff members offer their expertise and specialized skills in residential, day and outreach settings. Services can be provided for students, families, teachers, support staff, school districts, and Educational Service Units.

Mission Statement

The mission of NCECBVI is to improve the learning of children who are blind or visually impaired through a commitment to communication, accountability, and leadership.

We believe, as advocates for children who are blind or visually impaired, that...

- Communication is key to effectiveness.
- Honest, accurate, and accessible communication enables quality statewide services.
- Effective partnerships between families and professionals ensure accountability.
- All children must have meaningful experiences and appropriate services.
- Local, state, and national leadership is essential in developing and providing educational best practices.

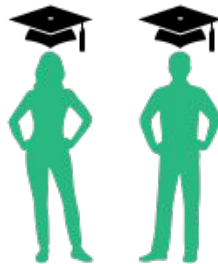


Proudly Providing Services Statewide



164

Schools Served

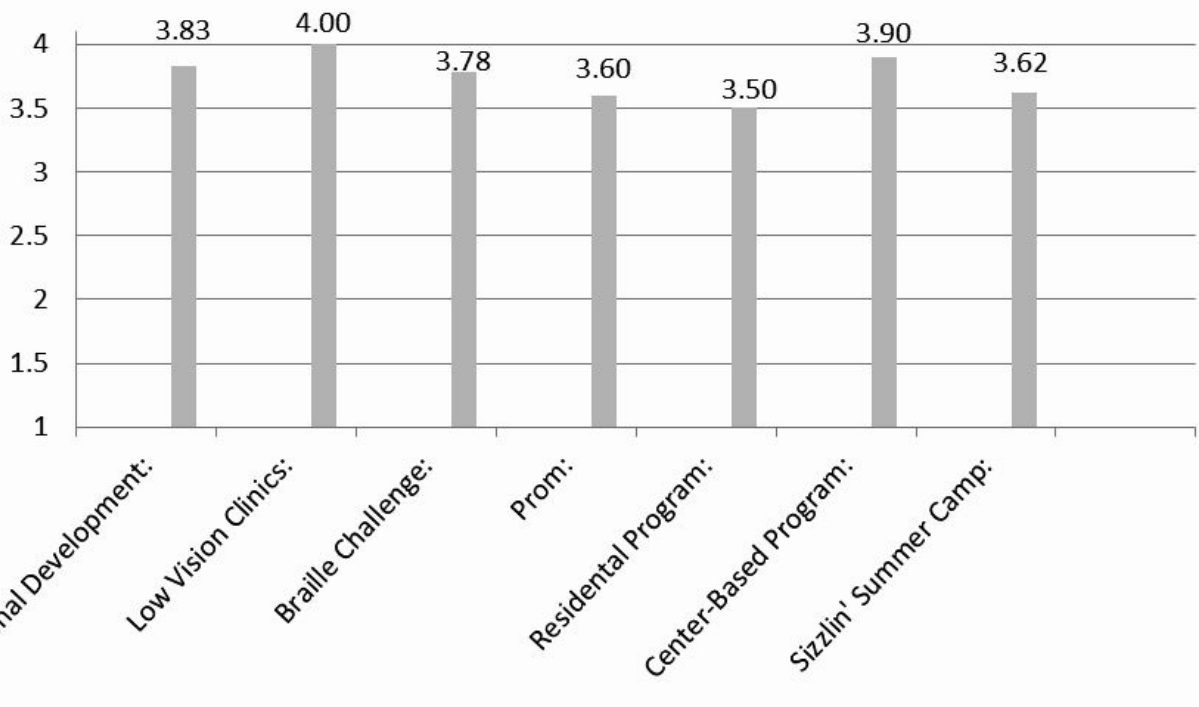


870 Students

42 Employees

"Not just a living, but a life..." -- Motto created by Samuel Bacon, the School's Founder

Overall Rating of NCECBVI Services 2017-2018





CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

School-aged students receive instruction in academics, functional skills, and transition planning.

- NCECBVI works closely with local school districts to determine course credit, assessments, and individual student programs.
- Residential Services provide a comprehensive program with extended training opportunities for social skills and independent living.
- NCECBVI offers expertise in the Expanded Core Curriculum which is a framework for educational planning for students with vision loss.
- Students are given opportunities to participate in classes, activities and events with non-disabled peers at Nebraska City Public Schools and Nebraska City Lourdes Catholic Central Schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS & TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The Nebraska Instructional Resource Center (NIRC) is housed at NCECBVI, and supports local education agencies providing students with instructional materials and technology statewide.

- There were 870 students registered with the NIRC from 164 school districts.
- The NIRC is the center of expertise in locating and distributing textbooks in braille and large print, as well as a variety of instructional tools and aids.
- NCECBVI partners with the American Printing House for the Blind and serves as Ex Officio Trustees for the federally funded program.



STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

A variety of offerings are provided throughout the school year and summer. These services include:

- Braille Challenge
- Sensory Safari
- Prom
- Sizzlin' Summer Camp
- Parent Training Workshops
- ACT Test Facilitation



ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION SERVICES

These are provided by outreach staff to assist local education agencies serving students who are blind or visually impaired. These services include:

- Nebraska Children's Low Vision Clinic
- Psychological Evaluations
- Transition Assessments
- Expanded Core Curriculum Assessments
- Functional Vision Assessments
- Learning Media Assessments



CONSULTATION SERVICES

NCECBVI provides consultation, advisory, and technical assistance for students, families, educators, school districts and Educational Service Units statewide. These services include:

- Mentoring Program
- Transition Consultation
- Outreach Direct Services
- Classroom Observation and Consultation



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

NCECBVI provides and coordinates staff development opportunities statewide for educators, related service providers, support staff, parents, and agency personnel. In addition, NCECBVI partners with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in training teachers and staff. These services include:

- Regional Conversations
- Work Groups Focusing on Various Content Areas
- Fall Foliage and Spring Fling Statewide Conferences
- Salus University O/M Certification Program
- Nebraska Deaf Blind Grant/UNL Summer Institute



NDE/ESU 4/NCECBVI Partnership

Since 1999, the Nebraska Department of Education has contracted with the Educational Service Unit 4 to lead and operate NCECBVI and implement the Nebraska State Plan for Vision Services. The statewide plan of programs and services was developed in 1998 by a group of stakeholders including parents, teachers, school administrators, agency representatives, and additional interested parties.

