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Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind

The Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project is a federally funded project that works to provide technical assistance to individuals between the ages of birth and 21 years. The overall mission of the Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project is to collaborate and coordinate with state agencies and organizations in order to provide family support and cost-effective technical assistance to families and service providers of children/young adults with deafblindness.

Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

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Jackson, MS 39215-1698

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Website: <http://www.mdrs.state.ms.us/>

Contact Name: H. S. McMillan, Executive Director

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Mental Retardation, Visual Impairment / Blind

It is the mission of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS), to provide appropriate and comprehensive services to Mississippians with disabilities in a timely and effective manner. Programs and services assist individuals with disabilities to gain employment, retain employment and/or to live more independently. MDRS provides services and programs through the following offices: The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, The Office of Special Disability Programs, and The Office of Disability Determination Services. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provides services designed to improve economic opportunities for individuals with physical and mental disabilities through employment; The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind (OVRB) serves individuals who are blind or visually impaired; The Office of Special Disability Programs (OSDP) provides services to individuals with the most severe disabilities who do not necessarily demonstrate immediate potential for competitive employment; and The Office of Disability Determination Services (ODDS), funded entirely through the Social Security Administration, establishes eligibility for Mississippians with severe disabilities that apply for Social Security

Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income. The MDRS website also provides a vast amount of information on other services offered in Mississippi.

Mississippi Industries for the Blind

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To train and provide jobs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired who are willing and able to work so that they can become self supporting members of the community. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Mississippi Project START (Success Through Assistive Rehabilitative Technology)

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Contact Name: Dorothy Young, Project Director
Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The mission of Project START is to ensure the provision of appropriate technology-related services for Mississippians with disabilities by increasing the awareness of and access to Assistive Technology and by helping the existing service systems to become more consumer responsive so that all Mississippians with disabilities will receive appropriate technology-related services and devices.

T.K. Martin Center Provided Services

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visual impairments

The T.K. Martin Center specializes in the assessment of persons with visual impairments who require assistive devices to perform activities related to education, employment, and independent living. The exploration of solutions for the individual's needs is performed by a low vision assistive technology specialist utilizing an array of state-of-the-art devices and software applications. These services may result in specific recommendations for devices as well as the configuration and preparation of the devices when purchased by the client or referral source. Recommendations will be thorough and may include a wide spectrum of low vision assistive technology.