We have had a busy year at our Agency. Serving more clients than ever before, and launching a pilot program to assess the needs of our clients in training them to use the many adaptive features in their IPads and IPhones. Thanks for your continued support in helping your friends and neighbors to stay independent and active in their communities!

-Steve Pouliot, Executive Director

Statistics

Overview of Services

**Adult Services:** VABVI offers rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired, helping them to continue performing daily living tasks and activities that may have become difficult. Services are provided in a group, at a central training site, or in the home.

**Children’s Services:** VABVI employs licensed Teachers of the Visually Impaired to work with children from birth through high school graduation, teaching daily living skills, Braille, socialization, assistive technology, use of adaptive equipment, career educations, visual efficiency skills, recreation skills, self-determination, orientation, and mobility skills. These licensed Teachers of the Visually Impaired work in the home and school environments. Each summer, children can practice independent living skills and meet with friends in a supportive “camp” environment as part of the Intensive Residential Life Experiences (IRLE) program.

**Adaptive Equipment:** Specialized devices can make all the difference for a person living with a visual impairment. Equipment such as swing arm lamps with magnifiers and Closed Circuit TVs can help maintain an independent lifestyle. VABVI also provides assistive technology, support and training.

**Volunteer Services:** VABVI’s Transportation Program provides statewide transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and a limited number of personal trips for Vermonters who are blind or visually impaired. Volunteers also record materials on tape or into Braille, go into the home to assist with paperwork and reading mail, or help in our offices.
Support & Counseling: As part of our agency’s Information and Referral Service, each staff member is specially trained and experienced in guiding individuals through all of the resources available to them. The cornerstone of VABVI’s adult support services are the Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups that meet monthly across the state. Members listen to an educational speaker, and then have an opportunity to share their frustrations and achievements with their peers.

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Our Mission:

“To enable Vermonters whether blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, to cultivate adaptive skills and to improve their quality of life.”

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<th>2018 Stats at a Glance</th>
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<td><strong>115 clients</strong></td>
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<td>participated in Peer Assisted Learning and Support Group (PALS) across <strong>14 counties</strong> in VT.</td>
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<td>supported VABVI by providing <strong>$29,919.00</strong> in donations.</td>
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<td>VABVI provided services to 350 children and 1,420 adults – totaling <strong>1,770 clients served in 2018!</strong></td>
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