# Does Your Child Have A Visual Impairment?

The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services can help!

Please contact your local BBVS office

## ALTOONA BBVS

1130 12th Avenue - Suite 300  
Altoona, PA 16601  
814-946-7330 Voice • 866-695-7673 Voice  
814-949-7956 TTY • 866-320-7956 TTY

**Counts Served**  
Bedford  
Blair  
Cambria  
Centre  
Clinton

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## ERIE BBVS

4200 Lovell Place  
Erie, PA 16503  
814-871-4401 Voice • 866-521-5073 Voice  
814-871-4599 TTY • 888-884-5513 TTY

**Counts Served**  
Cameron  
Clarin  
Clearfield  
Crawford  
Elk

## PHILADELPHIA BBVS

444 North 3rd St. - 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
215-560-5700 Voice • 866-631-3892 Voice  
215-560-5725 TTY • 888-870-4473 TTY

**Counts Served**  
Bucks  
Chester

## PITTSBURGH BBVS

531 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
412-565-5240 Voice • 866-412-4072 Voice  
412-392-5921 TTY • 888-870-4474 TTY

**Counts Served**  
Allegheny  
Armstrong  
Beaver

## WILKES-BARRE BBVS

300 G Laird St.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
570-826-2361 Voice • 866-227-4163 Voice  
570-826-2023 TTY • 888-651-6117 TTY

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## CENTRAL OFFICE

1521 N. Sixth St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17102  
717-787-3201 • 800-622-2842  
866-830-7327 TTY

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**What is BBVS?**

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS) helps Pennsylvania children (birth to age 21) learn how to be as independent as possible in their homes, schools and neighborhoods.

The number of children who are blind or visually impaired is low. Parents do not always know where to turn. We are here to help parents find their way through this new experience and help their child excel in a sighted world.

The sooner BBVS becomes involved, the more likely it is that a child will be able to do his or her best in school now and in the future.

BBVS is a state agency. However, we work with the schools, intermediate units, and any other organizations working with the child. This help continues throughout the child’s school career.

Children’s Services are based on the needs of the child and the choices of his or her parents. A BBVS staff member will work with each child and his or her parents to set goals and identify services to reach those goals.

Specialized services for children offered can include, but are not limited to:

- Information and referral
- Advocacy
- Vision enhancement services
- Guidance and counseling for children and their families
- Summer instruction in daily living and travel activities
- Adaptive equipment and instruction
- Transition to vocational rehabilitation services for future employment
- Assistive technology equipment and instruction

For more information or to speak to a BBVS Social Worker, please contact your local BBVS office listed on the back of this brochure.