

Who We Serve

ACBVI serves adults throughout Maricopa County who have experienced vision loss due to accident or illness, as well as individuals who are DeafBlind or living with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss (CVHL). Many participants are navigating sudden life changes, including job loss, reduced independence, and social isolation.

Each year, ACBVI supports nearly 300 adults on their journey toward independence, stability, and community reintegration.

What We Do

Independence

- Orientation & Mobility Training- Supporting safe and confident navigation in home and community environments.
- Life Skills Training- Teaching essential daily living skills for independent living.
- Assistive Technology - Providing tools and training to increase access to communication and information.

Vocational Rehabilitation

- Employment Services - Providing tools and training to increase access to communication and information.

Whole Person Wellness

- Support groups - Creating a space for connection, shared experiences, and emotional support.
- Social Recreation (ACBVI Adventures) - Expanding access to community engagement through adaptive recreation.

Leadership

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Steve Tepper,
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Chief of Rehabilitation Services

Megan Viesselman,
Chief of Staff

Our Mission

The mission of Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ACBVI) is to facilitate independence and promote full participation in all spheres of life for individuals who are blind, visually impaired, DeafBlind, or living with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss.



300

individuals served annually

Hundreds of individuals receive the tools, resources, and support they need to live with greater confidence, independence, and purpose.



17,000

meals provided to individuals experiencing food insecurity

Nutritious meals help ensure participants can focus on skill development, employment, and independence.



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ACBVI Adventure Series Trips

Indoor and outdoor rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, a day at the theater, and more-building confidence and connection.



Expanded Access

More opportunities to explore, participate, and thrive in inclusive environments.



Ongoing Support

Resources and guidance to build skills, find meaningful work, and achieve greater independence.

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