

ACVREP NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 16, 2007

ACVREP – Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals

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The Nuts Ands Bolts Of Low Vision Rehabilitation - Coming To Seattle/Tacoma, Las Vegas, Ft. Lauderdale, And Kansas City

This two-day seminar will help you learn practical tools and techniques to effectively evaluate and treat adults with low vision. Presented by Marshall Flax, COMS, CLVT, and Orli Weisser-Pike, OTR/L, CLVT, SCLV. Approved by ACVREP for 12 contact hours. For registration information, dates and locations, visit www.InTheZonule.com or www.LowVisionSeminars.com.

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Congratulations To Additional Individuals Who Were Certified Or Recertified For The Quarter Ending September 30, 2007!

In our last email newsletter, we congratulated 127 individuals who were certified or recertified. This time, we would like to congratulate the individuals listed below whose

applications were submitted to the board in a supplemental report. The **22** people seeking certification (1 in LVT, 20 in O&M, and 1 in VRT) and **3** people seeking recertification (2 in O&M and 1 in VRT) listed below were recently approved by the ACVREP Board of Directors. The ACVREP Directory of Certificants will be updated and all paper certificates will be mailed today.

CERTIFICATION

Low Vision Therapists

Jacqueline M. Britton

Orientation & Mobility Specialists

Alison Chapin
Bianca Ciebrant
Colleen Doermann
Lyla Dyer
Gale Delaney
Debbie Elledge
Hilda Flores
Lauren Goldsmith
Brynn Goodall
Carolyn Hogue
Karen Jamison
Sally Martin
Nancy Knight
Laura Koester
Katherine McCormick
Donna Scherl
Mary Shore
Adrienne Thompson
William Ward
Christine Wozniak

Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

Jorge Tarazon

RECERTIFICATION

Orientation & Mobility Specialists

Mary Eaton
Cheryl Baker

Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

Jackie Macy

Contacting ACVREP Committee Chairs

If you have any issues/concerns you would like to share with one of our certification committees, you can now contact the respective Committee Chair through his/her ACVREP email address. Those addresses are as follows:

Low Vision Therapy Committee

Marshall Flax – Co-Chair – mflax@acvrep.org

Margaret Tomasik – Co-Chair – mtomasik@acvrep.org

Orientation & Mobility Committee

John Ford – Chair – jford@acvrep.org

Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

Anita Arakawa – Chair – arakawa@acvrep.org

ACVREP Board Meeting – Certificant Feedback Requested

The ACVREP Board of Directors meets face-to-face twice a year. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 27-28, 2007 in Orlando, Florida. What concerns/issues do you have that you would like the board to consider/address? Now is the time to have your voice heard! Please share any concerns, issues, etc. you have with Sharon Mikrut at the ACVREP office (520-887-6816) by **October 22, 2007**. She will take them to the board on your behalf.

Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS) Or Dually Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) and COMS Job Opening – Smyrna, Georgia

Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia (BLVS) seeks an ideal candidate who has dual competency in Orientation & Mobility and Vision Rehabilitation Therapy as determined by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals. The successful applicant must demonstrate the ability to perform all the basic functions of the COMS/CVRT, including completing in-depth assessments of a client's abilities and instructional needs, development of a comprehensive instructional plan, and provide instruction in all areas related to the core competencies of a COMS/CVRT. An EOE employer, BLVS is a community-based agency, providing most of its services where people live, work or go to school. Please send resume to J.M. Stuart at jstuart@blvsgeorgia.org or 3830 South Cobb Drive, Suite 125, Smyrna, Georgia 30080.

President/CEO Job Opening – Portland, Maine

The Iris Network, a progressive non-profit organization providing service to people with vision loss throughout Maine, seeks an individual for the overall administration and leadership of the organization. The primary areas of the President's responsibilities include program planning and management, policy development and implementation, fiscal control, personnel management, community relations, and government relations. Demonstrated leadership and progressive management experience required. Experience in field of blindness a plus. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, current resume and salary requirements by October 29, 2007 to President Search, The Iris Network, 189 Park Avenue, Portland, Maine 04102 or email Alison Keegan, HR Manager, at akeegan@theiris.org.

Orientation & Mobility Instructor Job Openings – Ellsworth & Rockland, Maine

Class Code 3015, \$32,032.00 - \$43,576.00

Value of State paid health and dental insurance is \$322.97 bi-weekly.

Value of State's share of Employees' Retirement equals 18.46% of pay.

The Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired has two openings for Orientation and Mobility Instructors. Both positions are itinerant and will be working with children, transition students, individuals with employment goals, elders and residents of long term care facilities.

Typical duties include assessment, consultation and direct service instruction within the individual's home, school, employment site and/or the community. O&M instructors work as part of a regional service delivery team and meet regularly at statewide meetings with other O&M specialists for professional growth/development and collaboration opportunities.

The Ellsworth position is near Acadia National Park and the Rockland office is located on the beautiful coast of Maine.

For additional information please contact:

Andrea Bickford (207) 561-4023 or Andrea.B.Bickford@maine.gov - Ellsworth position

Carolyn Bebee (207) 624-5190 or Carolyn.O.Beebe@maine.gov - Rockland position

Minimum qualifications: Graduation from an accredited O&M program with ACVREP O&M certification or eligible for certification. Preference may be given to a candidate with dual certifications (CVRT, CLVT, CRC etc.).

Interested persons must complete the new Direct Hire Application. Applications are available at Career Centers, Security and Employment Service Center, Office of Human Resources Office in Augusta, or online at:

http://www.maine.gov/bhr/state_jobs/how_to/direct.htm. A completed application,

including a copy of O&M certification and copies of post-secondary transcripts, are required. The completed application must be postmarked on or before October 26, 2007 and sent to the Security and Employment Service Center, Office of Human Resources, 45 Commerce Drive, State House Station #108, Augusta, Me 04333-0108. Telephone: 207 623-6738, TTY 1-800-794-1110 or can be emailed to: Sandra.m.Chivington@maine.gov

Vision Rehabilitation Coordinator Job Opening – Cincinnati, Ohio

The Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is looking for a Vision Rehabilitation Coordinator. Responsibilities: Coordinate the development, promotion, provision and outreach for agency youth and adult programs. Plan, develop, promote and identify programs for youth and adults with blindness/visual impairments. Identify and build relationships with referral sources for Clovernook programs. Assist in providing information regarding programs (i.e. statistics, program details, and budget) to Clovernook's grant writer. Assist with the development and management of program budgets specific to vision rehabilitation services. Assist with the hiring and supervision of additional program staff, as needed. Work cooperatively with other staff towards Clovernook Center's philosophy of promoting the consumer's maximum potential for community living. Provide training/education on topics related to activities of daily living, recreation, hygiene/grooming, etc. in established programs for youth and adults. Provide education to the professional and non professional community, including Clovernook employees, in topics related to blindness, visual impairment and rehabilitation. Competitive salary and benefits. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Mike Walsh at 513-522-3860 or mwalsh@clovernook.org.

Orientation & Mobility Specialist Job Opening - Memphis, Tennessee

Work cooperatively with other staff to achieve Clovernook Center's philosophy of promoting the consumer's maximum potential for community living by providing evaluation and instruction of orientation and mobility skills to clients aged 10 to 80+. Document and maintain necessary records and reports in a timely and accurate manner, consistent with accreditation and quality standards. Provide blindness awareness education to the community, including Clovernook. Works cooperatively with other staff toward Clovernook's philosophy of promoting the consumer's maximum potential for community living. Competitive salary and benefits. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Mike Walsh at 513-522-3860 or mwalsh@clovernook.org.

Vision Rehabilitation Therapist Job Opening – Memphis, Tennessee

Work cooperatively with other staff to achieve Clovernook's philosophy of promoting the consumer's maximum potential for community living by providing assessment, instruction and evaluation of personal management, home management, communication and education skills to persons who are visually impaired, aged 10 to 80+. Evaluate and instruct in the use of adaptive technology. Provide basic academic remediation as needed. Document and maintain necessary records and reports in a timely and accurate

manner, consistent with accreditation and quality standards. Work cooperatively with other staff toward Clovernook's philosophy of promoting the consumer's maximum potential for community living. Competitive salary and benefits. Competitive salary and benefits. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Mike Walsh at 513-522-3860 or mwalsh@clovernook.org.

Employment Specialist Job Opening – Memphis, Tennessee

Responsible for the development of community-based employment opportunities for individuals with visual impairments involved in community employment services. Develop community-based employment opportunities which meet the specifications outlined in the individual service plan (ISP). Distribute information through personal contact to local companies regarding the employment of individuals who are visually impaired. Establish working relationships with local companies for the purpose of promoting the employment of individuals who are visually impaired. Build and maintain professional, working relationships with consumers involved in job development. Assist consumers through the application and interview process. Instruct in job seeking skills, including but not limited to: interview skills, resume writing, application completion strategies, appropriate dress, and manners and maintaining employer contact. Complete job analysis documentation prior to the acceptance of any job offer. Competitive salary and benefits. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Mike Walsh at 513-522-3860 or mwalsh@clovernook.org.

Consultant for People with Visual Impairment Job Openings – Cheyenne & Riverton, Wyoming

The Wyoming Department of Education has two positions open for Educational Program Consultants - Services for the Visually Impaired. Information on specific job descriptions, salary range, and applications can be found at <http://statejobs.state.wy.us/>. Job position numbers are 12584 and 12512.

The Wyoming Department of Education – Services for the Visually Impaired is the lead agency in programming for individuals, of all ages, with visual impairments in the State of Wyoming. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing technical assistance to early intervention programs, preschools, schools and agencies who serve individuals with low vision or who are blind; conferring with and advising school district officials and staff as to appropriate procedures, standards and practices required in educational programs for individuals with visual loss; working with governmental agencies and other organizations to inform them of services for individuals with visual loss provided by the state; educating clients, school districts and organizations in the proper use of adaptive materials and equipment; participating in child study committee and Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings; and assisting in developing statewide programs to benefit individuals with visual impairments.

Candidates must have any combination of training and experience equivalent to a master's degree in an educational area, and three years of professional work experience as a classroom teacher, school administrator or managing an educational program.

If you are looking for a position with a great deal of variety and enjoy working with a strong and supportive team, the beautiful, wide open spaces of Wyoming may be perfect for you. The views are spectacular and the people are friendly. Enjoy living and working in a small town with limitless recreational, educational and cultural opportunities.

For additional information, contact either Janine Cole, Supervisor for Services for the Visually Impaired, at 307-777-6376 or jcole@educ.state.wy.us or Leslie Bechtel Van Orman, Lead Consultant for Services for the Visually Impaired, at 307-777-2567 or lvanor@educ.state.wy.us.

Quote Of The Day!

“Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.” – Sophia Loren