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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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The Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation At A Glance

We get a great many inquires about Fidelco and our wonderful German shepherd guide dogs from orientation and mobility professionals as well as potential clients and their loved ones. For the times when your clients ask you “What about Fidelco?” we’ve put together “Fidelco at a Glance”, which contains some pertinent facts about our organization that can help you answer your clients’ questions.

- Fidelco is New England’s only guide dog school. We currently have clients in 32 states and four provinces in Canada.
- We are a 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a) (1) public charity.
- Fidelco is dedicated to promoting increased freedom and independence for people with visual disabilities by providing them with the highest quality German shepherd guide dogs.
- The Fidelco shepherd is a “breed-within-a breed” with the physical structure and temperament best suited for guide work.
- Fidelco pioneered “In Community Placement” in the U.S. Through this process, our clients are trained with their guide dogs in the communities where they live and work. In 2006, our instructor-trainers traveled more than 100,000 miles to conduct In-Community Placements and for client follow-up.
- Fidelco has more than 100 foster families who care for and socialize our pups. This on-going program means that we can meet the ever-growing demand for Fidelco guide dogs.
- Nearly half the dogs we place each year are successor dogs; dogs that follow in the footsteps of recently retired Fidelco guides or dogs from other schools.
- Fidelco is an accredited member of the International Guide Dog Federation.

To learn more about Fidelco, please visit www.fidelco.org. You’ll find a wealth of current information on our organization including “FidelcoNews”, our quarterly newsletter. You can also sign up for “Fidelco on Command”, our monthly e-newsletter. For a copy of “Share the Vision”, Fidelco’s new DVD, please e-mail jackhayward@fidelco.org. And if you have questions regarding our admissions process or suggestions on how we can better serve the O&M community, please e-mail us at admissions@fidelco.org.

Guide Dogs For The Blind Gains Momentum On National Level

National Federation of the Blind Convention

Row, row, row! If you attended the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) Convention in Atlanta this past month you may have seen champion rower and Guide Dog user Aerial Gilbert conducting stationary competitions that ignited several participants to experience rowing firsthand. Aerial, Outreach Manager at Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB), coordinated efforts with the NFB Sports and Recreation Division as well as the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children and hosted a three-hour rowing event and tournament. The event was a tremendous success with over 100 participants, including the president of the NFB, Dr. Marc Maurer, who raced against his son, David. Amidst cheering spectators, David emerged victorious against his dad. Dr. Mauer commented that this was a great opportunity to promote exercise and activity because

people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired can compete on an equal playing field.

GDB staff members discussed Guide Dog Lifestyle workshops with vision rehabilitation and education professionals at the all-day O&M Professionals meetings. Kristy Siefkin, manager of community resources at Guide Dogs, said, "During the course of the week's events at the NFB convention, our staff, alumni and volunteers introduced both youth and adult participants to the Guide Dogs Lifestyle by leading them on simulated Guide Dog walks. We enjoyed meeting interested family members at our information booth, and teaching youth and adults about the responsibilities and joys of dog ownership. We were delighted to make connections with so many individuals interested in the concept of mobility a Guide Dog."

American Council of the Blind Convention

One of the main highlights at the American Council of the Blind (ACB) Convention in Minneapolis, was a seminar on clicker training hosted by Guide Dog Users, Inc.(GDUI). GDB staff were honored to facilitate their first ever Clicker Clinic. Using clicker training, a handler can train a guide dog to locate specific objects they may need to find such as a bus stop kiosk, a vacant chair or bench, or poles with traffic signal buttons. Guide dogs are usually trained to maneuver around these objects, often without the handler even knowing the obstacles are there. Clicker Training allows the handler to further improve orientation and mobility skills, sharpen their dog's obedience responses, and teach their guide a new targeting behavior. Guide Dogs' Director of Research and Development, Michele Pouliot, said, "We feel that participants left with an increased awareness of the power of clicker training. We also want to thank all of the Guide Dog teams for their enthusiasm. GDB is confident that the use of clicker training will continue to expand throughout the entire guide dog industry in the months to come."

In addition, Guide Dogs also had several people participate in a Guide Dog experience and hosted an Alumni Breakfast. "It is always nice to reconnect with graduates and give them the opportunity to meet each other for the first time," said Guide Dogs' Alumni Director, Theresa Duncan. "This was a great opportunity to network, keep alumni involved and build community. It was also a chance for Guide Dogs' staff to hear what kind of challenges our graduates are facing in their home environments and help them to remedy these situations in the best way possible."

No Barriers Event

For the first time, Guide Dogs participated in the No Barrier Festival 2007 last month at Squaw Valley, Ca. "The first thing I noticed when I arrived at No Barriers was a palpable feeling of inclusion and empowerment," said Guide Dogs' Senior Licensed Instructor, Jenna Bullis. "This was not a festival for 'disabled people,' this was a festival for people who enjoy experiencing exciting outdoor activities and who just needed technology to circumvent some physical challenges." The event offered a unique combination of educational and active opportunities, such as adaptive rock climbing,

scuba, kayaking, cycling, ropes course, and hiking excursions for people with various disabilities. Guide Dogs had an information booth and GDB staff offered several Guide Dog experiences and a Lifestyles Workshop, where participants learned about what it is like to have a Guide Dog. To promote the GDB Lifestyle, Guide Dogs' offered rowing machines with fixed and sliding seats, both of which had people of all ages laughing and competing at the same time. "It was incredible to be in this amazing environment around all of these enthusiastic athletes with disabilities," Guide Dogs' Outreach Manager, Aerial Gilbert, said. "There was just this explosive sense of adventure- it was not about what they couldn't do, it was about what they COULD do."

Congratulations to the Winner of our Drawing!

We would like to congratulate ACVREP member Linda Fuss for winning the Guide Dogs backpack drawing! We welcome you to visit our website at www.guidedogs.com/ACVREP to stay informed about upcoming events and access our latest news updates. On this page, you can also access our summer issue of Canes and Tails, an electronic publication that Guide Dogs produces specifically for vision rehabilitation and education professionals.

HumanWare Launches Victor Reader Stream

HumanWare launches Victor Reader Stream, a powerful, palm-size Daisy/MP3/Niso Player for playing books and music transferred from PC.

HumanWare would like to provide a correction and more information regarding our latest press release announcing the launch of our new Victor Reader Stream, issued on July 29, 2007.

In this press release, we stated that Victor Reader Stream users will be able to read digital talking books from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) on cartridges and through the online service.

First, we need to emphasize that HumanWare has currently no link or association with the NLS digital audio book service. HumanWare has no control over the future availability of NLS books and the compatibility between the Victor Reader Stream and the NLS digital audio book service. NLS will provide more information on the deployment of their future services in due course. Although the Stream player supports other digital talking book formats, such as Daisy 2.02 and BookShare, this means that, in the short term, NLS books may not be available for Stream users to read.

As well, only residents of the United States or American citizens living abroad who are unable to read or use standard print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual, physical limitation may receive NLS audio book services. In cases of blindness, visual impairment, physical limitations, or learning disability, eligibility in most cases can be certified by doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathy. In some cases, other

specialists are acceptable as a certifying authority, as defined by the Library of Congress. This means that only certified individuals can access the NLS audio book services.

Finally, please note that NLS has selected NISO Z39.86-2002 as the main standard for the distribution of its digital talking books. This standard defines the format and content of the electronic file set that comprises a digital talking book (DTB) and establishes a limited set of requirements for DTB playback devices.

HumanWare regrets any confusion that may have been generated by the original press release and wishes to clearly declare that HumanWare's Victor Reader Stream was designed independently of the Library of Congress NLS audio book service organization and does not grant any special access to NLS digital audio books.

HumanWare (www.humanware.com) is the global leader in assistive technologies for vision. HumanWare provides products to blind and low vision people and students with learning disabilities. HumanWare's many innovative products include BrailleNote, the leading productivity device for blind people in education, in business and in their personal lives; the Victor Reader product line, the world's leading digital audio book players; and SmartView Xtend, the first fully modular and upgradeable CCTV-based video magnifier.

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Glitch In ACVREP's Database – PLEASE READ

A few weeks ago, we encountered a problem when updating our database. As a result, we lost all information entered since May 1, 2007 (about two months of data entry). Once we found the problem, we fixed it immediately. We have since re-entered information on every individual who submitted some type of payment since May 1st as well as information on all individuals who were approved by the ACVREP Board of Directors for certification or recertification in June. However, if you called in or submitted a change in physical address, email address, phone number(s), etc. since May 1st, please contact us immediately, as we may have lost this information. Or, if you were certified or recertified in June and your name is not appearing in the Directory of Certificants, please contact us.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

New VRT Exam To Be Beta Tested In The Fall – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

ACVREP is in the final stages of completing a new Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) exam. After we host four technical workshops this month (to ensure that the questions written for the new exam are technically and structurally correct), we will be ready to beta test the new VRT exam. Beta testing will probably take place in October. Beta exam dates and locations will be announced at a later time.

We will need 100 people to take the VRT beta exam. Twenty-five (25) of the 100 people should be individuals who would fail the exam; these should be individuals who don't work in the vision rehabilitation and education field. **Twenty-five (25) people should be individuals who would definitely pass the exam. The remaining 50 people should be individuals who might pass or fail the exam (our borderline candidates).** This group might consist of VRT students, O&M specialists, low vision therapists, teachers of the visually impaired, VRTs without a degree in VRT, etc.

For ACVREP certificants who take the beta exam, you will receive ten (10) points for recertification under "Category 4 – Professional Service" of the new recertification criteria. For individuals not currently certified, but who would like to seek certification in VRT, you can use the beta exam (if you pass it) for certification purposes. In other words, if you pass the beta exam and want to use it to get certified, you would pay \$25.00 versus the normal \$100.00 exam fee.

If you would like to take the VRT beta exam, please contact Sharon L. Mikrut at 520-887-6816 or smikrut@acvrep.org.

ACVREP Exam Administration On The Increase

Since 2005, ACVREP has seen an increase in the number of individuals taking one or more of our exams. The following information contains exam statistics since January 1, 2005. However, please note that these numbers don't include individuals who took the O&M beta exam or Low Vision Therapy beta exam.

In 2005...

171 ACVREP exams were administered: 15 individuals took the Low Vision Therapy (LVT) exam, 124 took the O&M exam, and 32 took the Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) exam.

Of the 15 LVT exams that were administered, 8 people passed the exam, 5 people failed the exam, and 2 people passed after re-taking the exam.

Of the 124 O&M exams that were administered, 70 people passed the exam, 15 people failed the exam, and 39 people passed after re-taking the exam.

Of the 32 VRT exams that were administered, 21 people passed the exam, 3 people failed the exam, and 8 people passed after re-taking the exam.

In 2006...

289 ACVREP exams were administered: 17 individuals took the Low Vision Therapy (LVT) exam, 197 took the O&M exam, and 75 took the Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) exam.

Of the 17 LVT exams that were administered, 14 people passed the exam, 0 people failed the exam, and 3 people passed after re-taking the exam.

Of the 197 O&M exams that were administered, 116 people passed the exam, 27 people failed the exam, 51 people passed after re-taking the exam, and there were 3 no-shows.

Of the 75 VRT exams that were administered, 43 people passed the exam, 14 people failed the exam, 16 people passed after re-taking the exam, and there were 2 no-shows.

In 2007 (as of July 27, 2007)...

149 ACVREP exams have already been administered: 10 people have taken the Low Vision Therapy (LVT) exam, 117 people have taken the O&M exam, and 22 people have taken the Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) exam.

Of the 10 LVT exams that have been administered, 8 people have passed the exam, 1 person failed the exam, and 1 person passed after re-taking the exam.

Of the 117 O&M exams that have been administered, 81 people have passed the exam, 9 people failed the exam, 26 people passed after re-taking the exam, and there has been 1 no-show.

Of the 22 VRT exams that have been administered, 13 people have passed the exam, 3 people failed the exam, and 6 people passed after re-taking the exam.

ACVREP Seeks Nominations For Three New Board Members

The Nominations Committee of the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals (ACVREP) Board of Directors is seeking nominations for three positions on the ACVREP Board. These positions will be open January 1, 2008. The ACVREP Board elects each position by ballot. For consideration, a completed nomination packet must be received no later than September 27, 2007.

Current ACVREP Board Openings

There are three (3) director positions open on the ACVREP Board of Directors. Board members normally serve three-year terms and may be elected to a second three-year term. The selection of board members is a competitive process and one that also helps us to identify potential candidates for future board positions.

The three open positions for the year 2008 must be filled by two ACVREP certificants and one non-certificant. The non-certificant position must be filled by an individual who is blind or visually impaired and is not a vision professional.

Conflict of Interest Policy

ACVREP officers, directors, committee chairpersons, committee members, staff, and designated representatives shall undertake full disclosure of any actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest.

ACVREP is an organization that values diversity in background, perspective, beliefs, and traditions, in order to better serve its certificants and to assist them in the provision of quality services. ACVREP does not discriminate against any individual because of race, ethnicity, gender, age, creed, disability, or national origin.

All expenses for attendance at official ACVREP board meetings are reimbursed.

Completed nomination packets must be received no later than September 27, 2007 to be considered. All nominators and nominees will be notified upon receipt of the nomination packet submitted. Elections will be conducted at the annual meeting of the ACVREP Board of Directors on October 27, 2007. Notification of the results of the selection will be made following the board meeting.

2007 Nomination Application Form

Please complete this application. It will be used by the ACVREP Nominations Committee to review candidates for ACVREP Board of Director positions.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

ACVREP certificate(s) held: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

ACVREP certificate(s) held: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Current position with a brief description of duties:

Certifications/licensures held: _____

What is the profession and professional title with which you most identify yourself?

Are you aware of any matters that present you with any actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest in your service to ACVREP? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain in detail on a separate sheet.

Experience

Please list additional professional and life experiences that you believe will benefit the Board in its policy-making duties. Use additional space if necessary.

Education:	Degree	Month/Year	Major	Name of Institution
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Baccalaureate				
Master's				
Advanced				

Name and telephone numbers (day) of two ACVREP certificants who may be contacted as references:

1. _____ Telephone number _____
2. _____ Telephone number _____

How does the ACVREP credential affect your professional life now? What are your hopes for the future direction of ACVREP?

Signature

Date

Thank you for your interest in serving ACVREP.

In order for this nomination to be considered, the following must be submitted in the nomination packet:

1. Application Form.
2. Nominee's resume or vita.
3. Nomination letter of endorsement from an ACVREP certificant.

PLEASE SUBMIT MATERIALS TO:
ACVREP Nominations Committee
3333 N. Campbell Ave., Suite 11
Tucson, AZ 85719

Materials must be received in the ACVREP office no later than September 27, 2007. Late applications will not be accepted.

AFB - DirectConnect Alert! -- Congress Moves To Amend The ADA!

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Today, on the 17th anniversary of the signing into law of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), key leadership and members of the House and Senate are introducing measures in both chambers to amend the landmark disability civil rights law. The twin pieces of legislation are aimed at "restoring" the ADA's protections for all people with disabilities, protections which have been severely impaired by an array of wrongly-decided Supreme Court cases. These cases, which include rulings with considerable direct impact on people who are blind or visually impaired, essentially hold that employees who are in fact discriminated against on the basis of disability may nevertheless not be deemed by the courts to be disabled enough to sue their employers for such discrimination.

If not reversed by the legislation being proposed today, this trend in jurisprudence would leave people with low vision, for example, at risk for employment discrimination because of their vision loss but deny them a legal remedy if they happen to use low vision aids. In such a case, an employer could refuse to hire or retain a person with low vision on the basis of that disability alone, and the employee's case against such an employer might very well be dismissed or otherwise fail because judges applying the high court's rationale may see the employee's ability to read or perform other tasks with low vision aids or other assistive technology as proof that the employee doesn't really have a disability under the ADA. In short, one can currently be disabled enough to be discriminated against but not disabled enough to sue successfully.

The bills being introduced by leading Members of the House and Senate, including Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), will ensure that the ADA is interpreted as broadly as originally intended by Congress. **Advocates are being urged throughout the disability community to tell their Representatives and Senators to support this important legislation and to push for its prompt passage.**

In addition, many within the disability community with particular interest in vision loss have also been concerned about an array of lower court rulings that are limiting the applicability of the ADA to commercial retailers or other public accommodations when they conduct business only via the Internet. Inclusion of provisions addressing this issue within the legislation being introduced today has been hotly debated among groups working on ADA restoration. For now, the consensus is that we are eagerly awaiting the publication of proposed regulations by the U.S. Department of Justice in the next few months which, we understand, are to include provisions resolving this matter. In the event that such proposed rules do not, advocacy will be undertaken as part of ADA restoration in Congress to clarify the law's coverage of Internet-only public accommodations.

O&M Specialist Job Opening – Anchorage, Alaska

The Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired is looking for a certified O&M Specialist who would like to help build confident lives for people with visual disabilities in magnificent, livable Alaska. The position is headquartered in Anchorage. Half of this professional's time will be providing center-based O&M instruction. Half-time will be rural outreach and community-based training with travel to unique town and village locations "off the road system." Beginning salary for a certified O&M instructor is \$43,260, with fully paid health and dental and generous leave and holidays. We are a small organization with a wonderful staff (great team) and room for creativity and variety.

Required qualifications: O&M certification (or impending certification; we can help with supervised internship and will pay certification fees). Desirable qualifications: Low vision certification and/or experience, TVI, successful experience working with people of Alaska Native/American Indian heritage.

Please call with questions about the position or whether you might meet qualifications, 907-248-7770, Karen or Karla, info@alaskabvi.org, www.alaskabvi.org.

Assistive Technology Specialist Job Opening – Boise, Idaho

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind (ISDB) is seeking an Assistive Technology Specialist. Candidates should be knowledgeable and experienced with assistive technology for the blind/visually impaired. Qualified candidates should possess considerable knowledge of screen enlargement and speech access software, electronic note takers, scanners, Braille translation software, Braille displays, speech synthesizers and Braille embossers. Responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to, researching new assistive technology and formulating recommendations, facilitation and coordination of staff training, collaboration with local education agencies, technical support, outcome reporting, and grant writing. Minimum qualifications: BA/BS degree plus 3 years experience with B/VI technology in an education or rehabilitation setting, and demonstrated knowledge and application of educational accommodations for blind/visually impaired students. Certification is preferred, but is not required. This position requires state-wide travel. Pay range depends upon experience and education. This position will be based in Boise, ID.

To apply: Contact Shelley Comstock, Personnel Technician, at Shelley.comstock@isdb.idaho.gov or Jeff Woods, Director of Financial Services, at jeff.woods@isdb.idaho.gov, with a letter of interest, resume and contact information (name, phone, e-mail) of three (3) references.

Regional Consultant For The Blind And Visually Impaired Job Opening – Gooding, Idaho

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind has a job opening for a Regional Consultant for the Blind and Visually Impaired, beginning in August of 2007.

The consultant's duties include, but are not limited to, providing home intervention programs for parents of blind and visually impaired children from birth through three and providing educational and consultative services to students from birth through 21 who are blind or visually impaired on an itinerant basis.

Qualifications: Idaho Exceptional Child certificate with Teacher of the Visually Impaired endorsement and experience working with parents and infants, school districts, and related service providers. Minimum of a Bachelor's degree; Master's degree preferred.

A comprehensive fringe benefit package is included. Employees and spouses receive reduced tuition at state universities (\$5 per credit hour).

Interested persons are to submit a letter of application, resume, official transcripts, copies of certification and three letters of recommendations to:

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind
ATTN: Human Resources
1450 Main St
Gooding, ID 83330

Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Vision Rehabilitation Therapist, And Low Vision Therapist Job Openings – Charlotte, North Carolina

The Metrolina Association for the Blind in Charlotte, NC is recruiting for the above three positions. You would work with a rehabilitative team of 25 in a county area primarily serving adults in a community based setting. Salary is based on experience. Benefits include 4 weeks paid vacation (5 after ten years of service), 10 paid holidays, sick, retirement, health, dental and eye insurance, disability, and a cafeteria plan for unpaid medical and child care.

We are 2 hours from the mountains and 3.5 hours from the beach. If you like sports, museums, fantastic weather and friendly people, we are the city and agency for you!

If you are interested, please contact:

Laura Park-Leach
Metrolina Association for the Blind
704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
704-887-5111 - office
704-372-3872 - fax
lparkleach@mabnc.org

Orientation & Mobility Specialist Job Opening - Columbus, Ohio

Independent, self-starter needed for dynamic, 80 year old agency in Central Ohio. Join a dedicated staff of rehabilitation professionals who are honored to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Competitive wages and benefits.

Requirements: Graduate from an accredited O&M program and ACVREP certification in Orientation and Mobility (O&M). Three years of experience in the O&M field. Sound judgment, decision-making and analytical skills. Flexible to meet the scheduling needs of the agency and clients served. Reliable transportation to provide services in the community. Ohio driver's license and proof of insurance.

To be considered, send resume, salary requirements and names of three references to:

Human Resources
Vision & Vocational Services
Vision Center
1393 N. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43201
614-294-5576 - fax
Email, if preferred, at rmelton@visioncenter.org

Itinerant Vision Rehabilitation Therapist Job Opening – Allentown, Pennsylvania

Agency: Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Qualifications: Current or pending ACVREP certification in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy. Candidates dually certified in Orientation and Mobility and/or with knowledge in adaptive technology will be given preference.

Duties: Assess clients' knowledge and skills in all areas of Vision Rehabilitation Therapy including personal and home management, communication skills, and medication management, and develop individualized plans of instruction to meet clients' needs. Carry out programs of instruction including food preparation, money management, diabetes management, house cleaning, clothing care and identification, personal grooming, eating skills, and communications. Conduct small group classes. Work as part of a team that includes case workers and other rehabilitation professionals to achieve the highest level of independence for each individual.

Salary: Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience. Benefits package. Annual stipends for relevant certification and continuing education are available. May be required to provide own transportation with mileage reimbursement.

Contact: John Ford
(610) 433-6018 ext 32
jfordabvi@verizon.net

Vision Rehabilitation Therapist Job Opening – Warwick, Rhode Island

Duties/Responsibilities: To provide assessment and instruction to adults who are blind or visually impaired; to instruct in the areas of communications, home management, and personal management; and to support and assist adults who are blind and visually impaired to become vocationally and personally adjusted to their disability

As a member of the Rehabilitation team, the Vision Rehabilitation Therapist will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the consumer's current skills' levels; assist the consumer to develop reasonable goals through the creation of an Individualized Rehabilitation Plan; provide instruction in adaptive techniques to increase independence and integration in the community; and to perform other duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in the areas of Vision Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation, Education, Occupational Therapy, or a related field; and Experience in vision rehabilitation, including low vision therapy, orientation and mobility, independent living skills training (either residential or community based), adult education or special education, or any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

Candidates should possess excellent oral and written communication skills, be able to problem-solve, have excellent interpersonal skills, work effectively as a member of a team, and be willing to pursue professional training toward certification as a Vision Rehabilitation Therapist.

Send resume and cover letter to Vision Rehabilitation Search, IN-SIGHT, 43 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 or via e-mail to rconnor@in-sight.org. For more information, go to www.in-sight.org.

Quote Of The Day!

“Play is a vital part of life” – Dinah Shore