

April 17, 2012,

To Potential Participants of the BSVI/OSSB Summer Work and Learn Program:

The Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) and the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) have partnered again to provide a summer residential and educational program for young adults, ages 18-24, who are blind or visually impaired. This six week program which combines independent living and work experience for young adults will operate from June 18, 2012, through July 27, 2012.

During the first week of the program, participants will be: assessed in orientation and mobility skills to and from the worksite and surrounding community; shopping for food; reviewing use of technology; beginning online career exploration; learning the campus; and assessed in other activities related to independent living. This time will also provide BSVI and OSSB staff the opportunity to evaluate each participant's ability to proceed to the second phase of the program which will require working in the community.

During the final five weeks of the program, participants will work in the community for approximately five hours a day, Monday through Thursday. In the evenings and Fridays, participants will continue technology exploration and training as well as career development. Participants will also be responsible for preparing meals and necessary items for the next work day. Weekends will include recreation and leisure activities.

Attached are two documents:

1. Summer 2012 Work and Learn Program Application Form
2. Summer 2012 Work and Learn Program Information Questionnaire

Please complete both documents and send them to your BSVI/VRP3 counselor. If you do not currently have a BSVI counselor, please contact Ann Pilewskie at 614-728-1961.

Sincerely,
Ann Pilewskie, Transition Coordinator
OSSB

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