Governor's Council on Blindness and Visually Impairment
Strategic/Management Plan
2017-2021

GCBVI Mission

"To provide the leadership, advocacy, and guidance that promotes opportunities for Arizonans of all ages who are blind or visually impaired that result in increased dignity, respect and independence."

CATEGORY I: EDUCATION

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
1	Accessibilities standards are developed and implemented for instruction and testing for infants and toddlers through post-secondary education	- Legislation and Public Policy (lead) - Assistive Technology (AT) - Education	- Biannually - Biannually - Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
2a	Best practices are developed and implemented and available for all Arizona school districts to administer expanded core curriculum education	- Education (lead) - Legislative and Public Policy - Assistive Technology	- Biannually - Biannually - Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
2b	Develop and implement collaborative data collection mechanism to track test scores K-12 for all school districts in Arizona	- Education (lead) - Legislation and Public Policy - Assistive Technology	- Biannually - Biannually - Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.

CATEGORY II: EMPLOYMENT

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
1	VR services are funded by utilizing all methods available. All blind Arizonans are receiving services, and comprehensive programs are available to all blind consumers	• Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2a	BEP remains stable, protected by legislation, and continues to create opportunities for blind VR consumers	• Employment (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2b	Pre-ETS and comprehensive services preserve specialized quality training for blind VR consumers. Skill and employment growth outcomes are increased	• Employment (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2c	DES revises procurement process to be commensurate with purchasing technology that is subscription and cloud based	• Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2d	Implementation of an ongoing employer education campaign	• Employment (lead) • Public Information	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
2e	SBVID best practices are revised with collaboration with GCBVI and blindness stakeholders	• Legislative and Public Policy (lead) • Employment	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
3a	Implementation of mentoring program pairing successfully closed VR consumers with new VR consumers	• Employment	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
3b	Implementation of best practices for AIB and community partners using GCBVI and blindness stakeholders	• Employment	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.

CATEGORY III: INDEPENDENT LIVING (BLIND SERVICES)

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
1	ILB funding is increased and services to older blind consumers is stable and sustained	• Legislative and Public Policy (lead) • Potential ILB Committee	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2a	Under 55 ILB funding is established and sustained	• Legislative and Public Policy (lead) • Public Information Committee • Potential ILB Committee	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2b	ILB services to all populations are universally available statewide	• Potential ILB Committee (lead • Deaf/Blind Committee • Legislative and Public Policy	• Bi-Annually • Bi-Annually • Bi-Annually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
2c	SSP services to deaf/blind Arizonans is sustained across the state	• Deaf/Blind Committee (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.

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2d	ILB best practices are established for SBVID ILB unit with GCBVI and blindness stakeholders	• Potential ILB Committee (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
3a	Public service agencies receive regular feedback regarding accessibility	• Legislative and Public Policy (lead) • Assistive Technology • Public Information	• Biannually • Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
3b	Best Practices are established and implemented for ILB consumers who are deaf/blind	• Deaf/Blind Committee (lead) • Potential ILB Committee • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.

CATEGORY IV: COUNCIL INTEGRITY AND FUNCTION

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
1	GCBVI is recognized as a critical council in Arizona that is equal to that of the State Rehabilitation Council for blind services	• Executive Committee (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy • Public Information	• Biannually • Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
2a	All GCBVI members are engaged in committee work and produce work product	• Executive Committee	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
2b	GCBVI is staffed with 1 full-time equivalent position	• Executive Committee (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
2c	GCBVI is recognized as an information and referral resource for both consumers and agencies and businesses that serve blind consumers	• Executive (lead) • Public Information • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT DUE
3a	GCBVI has a budget line item to accomplish goals	• Executive Committee (lead) • Legislative and Public Policy	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.
3b	Public awareness of the GCBVI is raised and positive outcomes are common knowledge	• Public Information	• Biannually Committee will provide updates at each meeting.
3c	EyeKnowAZ includes an accessibility resource page	• Public Information (lead) • Assistive Technology	• Biannually • Biannually Committees will provide updates at each meeting.