

Expanding Access to Orientation and Mobility

Presenters



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O&M at Leader

- 22 years of O&M
- 1500 O&M clients
- 12 COMS on LDB Team
- 3 to 4 month wait time



Service Delivery Options

- Residential

- Peer support
- Additional learning opportunities
- Limited distractions

- In Home

- Community support
- Purposeful routes
- Maintain home responsibilities

Individualized Instruction

25-35 Direct Hours

Free

O&M Program Options

- Teen O&M
- Teen Summer Camp
- Spanish
- DeafBlind



Supporting Gaps in Services

- Limited Knowledge of Services
- Shortage of Professionals/Lack of Funding
- Extensive Waitlists
- Service Qualification Barriers

Removing Barriers

- No Vocational Goals
- No Upper Age Restrictions
- No Limit on Number of Service Hours
- No Formal Referral Necessary

How to Partner with Leader

- Meetings with your team
- Collaborative approach to O&M
- Refer to Leader
- Share resources

Case Study

- North Carolina
 - 81 years old
 - 10 hours of O&M through state
 - Referred to Leader on last day of training
 - One week of Leader's O&M Program
 - Applying for second week after losing more vision.

Case Study 2

- Colorado
 - 37 years old
 - Working with Voc. Rehab.
 - Referred to Leader at beginning of training
 - One week of Leader's O&M Program
 - Currently working with Leader Dog

Next Steps

- Meeting with Leader Dog and Agency Team Members
- Discuss Collaboration
- Referrals for Service



The Power of Partnership



CONFIDENCE &
INDEPENDENCE



FAMILY &
COMMUNITY



EMPLOYMENT



HEALTH &
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