Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This is how we **thrive.**

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 BY THE NUMBERS

Iowa Educational Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired (IESBVI) is Iowa's provider of educational services for children aged birth – 21 who are blind or visually impaired.

We contract with the state's area education agencies and serve most of Iowa's school districts. We enable students to function as independently as possible in all aspects of life by providing appropriate educational opportunities. IESBVI services and programs are provided without charge to families and school districts.

2,487 ITEMS

from the American Printing House (APH) for the Blind were checked out and sent to schools to help students pre-learn academic lessons. IESBVI maintains the APH library. **Working ahead of the lesson, a tactile cell kit provides familiarity for students when the subject is taught.**

32 LEARNING EVENTS

were offered by IESBVI's Expanded Learning Program (ELP), and attended 430 times by 171 students. ELP provides after-school and weekend activities to address expanded core curriculum needs. **Independent living and social skills are practiced when the IESBVI statewide athletic and academic teams travel to competitions.**

70 PARTICIPANTS

attended IESBVI Low Vision Clinics, held throughout Iowa to address a child's functional vision. Sixteen follow-up on-site visits were made at schools by the low vision clinic coordinator.

88 BRAILLE READERS

became more confident and accurate with their braillers, due to one-on-one sessions between IESBVI teachers of the visually impaired and students. This number reflects current braille users or those who are learning braille with teachers of the visually impaired.

306 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

were checked out from the IESBVI Vision Resource Center. Loaning specialized equipment to schools helps students improve their ability to access the curriculum. **Talking measuring cups help students participate in a cooking class.**

783

STUDENTS SERVED

AT **494** SCHOOL BUILDINGS Plus home and preschool center services

296 STUDENTS RECEIVED ONE-ON-ONE SERVICES

7 INDEPENDENT FUTURES

pursued during the 2023-2024 school year in the 4PLUS (post-senior learning for ultimate success) boarding transition program. **4PLUS students hold competitive, paying jobs or have work experiences.**

50,000 MILES A WEEK

were traveled by IESBVI's itinerant staff, who average 30 hours a month in driving. One hundred and seventy-four school districts were served throughout Iowa.

158 EDUCATORS

attended IESBVI's free, two-day Summer Institute, a professional development event which provides resources and strategies for classroom teachers who work with students who are blind. **PE and art teachers and others learn to adapt their lessons and materials so all students can participate in learning.**

182 DEVICES

(both low- and high-tech) were loaned to schools from the IESBVI Assistive Device Center. **Schools can purchase the most appropriate braille notetaker for a student after trying different models.**

25 FAMILIES

engaged with one another and IESBVI professionals during the annual Spring Family Conference. **Dozens of breakout sessions offer hands-on solutions, such as tips when a child transitions to a new grade-level building.**

12 CAMPS

were held across Iowa. IESBVI offers a variety of camp structures, including some for students with multiple impairments. **This ensures all who want to may enjoy a camp experience.**