

Soliciting Potential Contractors for the Role of State Rehabilitation Services Braille Literacy Consultant

Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
Integrated Service Delivery Division

Rehabilitation Services (RS) is a state agency which provides vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to help people with disabilities achieve permanent, integrated, competitive employment consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities capabilities, interests and informed choice. VR services are customized according to each consumer's needs and goals.

Purpose: The primary purpose for providing a Braille Literacy Consultant is to insure that VR consumers who are blind or visually impaired obtain training from qualified teachers of Braille and that VR counselors have access to a professional for consultation related to learning, increasing or maintaining skills of competitive Braille literacy. This professional consultation will support VR consumer's successful movement toward employment skill development or employment stabilization.

Scope of Services

The Braille Literacy Consultant agrees:

- To develop qualification standards and testing for various levels of instruction to insure providers of Braille Instruction for KRS consumers demonstrate proficiency in writing, transcribing, proofreading, and interlining Grade II Braille and Nemeth Code Braille materials, the use of slate and stylus, braillewriter, including the appropriate use of computer technology in training individuals with visual impairments Braille literacy skills.
- Evaluate the proficiency of providers of Braille instruction to determine various levels of instruction qualifications.
- To provide Rehabilitation Services staff consultation and technical assistance regarding the instruction strategies and training to increase or maintain competitive Braille literacy skills which support successful movement of the VR consumer toward employment.
- To serve in an advisory capacity to staff members;
- To provide training for agency staff as mutually agreed upon in advance by both parties;
- To fulfill other duties as assigned which have been agreed to in advance by both parties;
- To pass a security clearance provided by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Qualifications

Providers of this contracted service must have:

Licensure as a Teacher for the Visually Impaired through the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE); please scroll to page 172 in the following KSDE document –

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=3wX%2fAJRzxIk%3d&tabid=295>

Rate

Contract for 100 hours of consultation for a 12 month period at a rate of \$50.00/hr.