OUR TOPIC AREAS

OIB-TAC training and technical assistance activities are designed to work with state OIB programs to improve administration, operation, and performance of OIB programs by addressing:

- Community outreach
- Best practices in provision and delivery of services
- Program performance, including data reporting and analysis
- Financial and management practices, including administrative compliance

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Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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For persons aging with vision loss

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Vision loss is one of the many challenges of aging. The ability to remain independent, productive, and involved need not change because of vision loss. Each state receives federal funding with the goal of developing an effective program to meet the needs for independence of older individuals with blindness and visual impairments (OIB). The OIB program is designed to help seniors age in place with dignity and independence. The OIB-TAC is a federally funded center designed to assist state OIB programs in becoming as effective as possible in meeting this goal.

OIB-TAC SERVICES

Intensive Training and Technical Assistance
• Individualized, year-long consultation helps state OIB programs to develop program improvement goals, and strategies to meet those goals, through training, technical assistance, and action plans. Contact the OIB-TAC to apply for this service.

Electronic Training
• With the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC), and Hadley Institute, relevant, online distance education opportunities for administrators and service delivery personnel are available at no cost. A variety of professional continuing education units are available.

OIB Collaborative
• Remain informed and engaged through targeted training and communications available through a special aging track at the AFB Leadership Conference, training opportunities through HKNC and Hadley, an active listserv, and opportunities to interact with other collaborative programs.

Community of Practice
• Our interactive learning community is designed for those serving OIB consumers to remain informed and engaged through shared resources, curricula, and instrumentation and a targeted communications forum. Create an account at www.oib-tac.org to access subject matter expertise; explore a toolbox of useful assessments and curricula, as well as up-to-date information on best practices and models of service delivery; and opportunities to mentor or be mentored by leaders in the field.