O&M Training Offered by Guide Dog Schools

# Leader Dogs for the Blind Orientation and Mobility Training Program

Rochester Hills, MI

888-777-5332

<https://www.leaderdog.org/programs/orientation-and-mobility-training/>

* Free (includes lodging, meals, transportation to training center).
* One week of individualized O&M instruction based on client’s skill level and goals.
* At main location in Rochester Hills, MI or in-home training available for individuals who can’t be away from home for an extended period of time.
* Classes are held almost every week of the year except those with major holidays.
* Training provided by certified O&M instructors (COMS).
* Do not have to have a guide dog goal or previous O&M training.
* No vocational goal required.
* No upper age limit.
* No limit on number of service hours, therefore, clients can attend multiple weeks of O&M, if needed.
* No formal referral necessary.
* Open to residents of U.S. and Canada.
* Now serving Spanish speaking clients living in the US and Canada.
* Available to individuals who are DeafBlind.
* Other requirements for eligibility related to level of vision, independent living, medical needs, and other admission criteria.

# Guide Dogs for the Blind Orientation and Mobility Immersion Program

San Rafael, CA

800-295-4050

<https://www.guidedogs.com/get-a-guide-dog/o-and-m-immersion-program>

* Free (includes lodging, meals, and transportation to and from training location)
* 20 - 25 hours of individualized O&M instruction given in one or two weeks, (Sunday-Saturday). Limited number of in-home programs.
* At GDB campuses in CA or OR and at partner organization in Santa Rosa, CA.
* Classes held regularly throughout the year.
* Training provided by certified O&M instructors.
* For those with orientation and mobility or guide dog goals but don’t necessarily need to have a solid guide dog goal.
* Those with little or no O&M training considered on case-by-case basis; preferrable to have had some O&M training in the past and to have a long cane.
* No vocational goal required
* Open to residents of U.S. and Canada
* Other requirements for eligibility related to legal blindness, independent living skills, medical needs, and other admission criteria.