

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind Fact Sheet - FY 2009-2010

- The New Hampshire Association for the Blind was founded in 1912, in Hancock, NH.
- The mission of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind is **to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.**
- The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages who are blind or have severe vision impairments.
- The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation teaching, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, assistive technology, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.
- The Association's professional staff provided 26,999 hours of program service to 1,530 individuals. An additional 551 persons participated in group services.
- 68% of clients are women; 32% are men and 50% of clients are between the ages of 70 and 89, with 66% of our clients between the ages of 70-99.
- Volunteers provided 2,604 service hours.
- Of the major eye conditions, 39% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 15% from Cataract, 11% from Glaucoma, 8% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 2% from Retinitis Pigmentosa and 25% from all other eye conditions.
- This year, the Association received 541 new referrals averaging 45 per month.
- Public education presentations were made to 2,950 people.
- 28% of clients have incomes of less than \$10,000 and 36% have incomes ranging from \$10,000 - \$20,000.
- No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed.
- 78% of funding comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, private foundation grants, trusts, corporate grants, civic and service organizations.
- All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.