

ABVI – September/October/November 2020
CLASS/EVENT UPDATES AND SCHEDULES



To sign up for classes, RSVP for client connections, or learn more about our programs, please call (843) 723-6915.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ABVI wanted to share the option of FREE TRANSPORTATION to vote early, submit an absentee ballot or on Election Day. Election information for your county is below but if you are interested, please contact Anne Reid at annesmith03@gmail.com or call 843-723-6915 and we will direct you to her .
 - We hope you will take advantage of this volunteer-based transportation offer if you need a ride to the polls. Again, it is completely FREE to ABVI clients.
 - *Please note: This volunteer program is in no way affiliated with the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC.*
- Our offices in Ladson and Charleston are open for in-person services by appointment only. We have new safety measures in place at both facilities, please call for details. ABVI continues to focus on virtual services.
- Tel-A-Ride & Tri-County Link transportation tickets are provided for clients who attend classes.
- Remember, **you must RSVP for all events and client connections** to ensure we have enough space and supplies available.

- For anything related to Client Services, please contact Ashton Parker or Ruthie Harman at 843-723-6915 or info@abvisc.org
- ABVI's *Peer to Peer Mentoring Program* is available. This program aims to empower clients to set goals, increase social engagements, and give back to the community while building friendships and gaining independence. If you are interested in participating, as a mentor or mentee, please call for more information.
- Please check the homepage of our website for the 2020 ABVI newsletter. Copies can also be mailed out upon request.
- For clients interested in Vocational Rehabilitation Services, please call for more information on ABVI's partnership with SC Works. SC Works provides employment training services in partnership with ABVI.

CLIENT CONNECTIONS

Call (843) 723-6915 or email or info@abvisc.org for details and to RSVP.

- **Virtual Client Connections:**
 - *Media Club:*
 - **Every Thursday at 10am via UberConference**
 - *Group Therapy:*
 - **2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month**
 - *Art Therapy:*
 - **1st and 3rd Friday of every month**
 - *Game Night:*

- **Last week of every month**

VISION REHABILITATION TRAINING

Vision rehabilitation training is available by appointment only at both ABVI locations. Scheduling is required prior to attendance. Please call (843) 723-6915 or email at info@abvisc.org.

Vision Rehabilitation Training - Virtual:

- **Activities of Daily Living (ADL):** Classes include personal self-care, medication management, laundry, home and kitchen safety, other topics as needed.
- **Assistive Technology Tutoring:** Instructor works with client to make sure they are using their smart phone, tablet, other low vision aids/devices to their fullest capability.
- **Braille Class:** No prior experience necessary, instructor mails materials to work on and/or uses a muffin pan to start.
- **Basic Computer Tutoring/Typing:** Must have some basic computer knowledge and specific tasks they wish to accomplish like checking email or ordering groceries online.

Vision Rehabilitation Training – In-Office:

- **Orientation and Mobility (O&M):** O&M is one to one training geared around independent traveling. It is now

available to all ABVI clients on a first come, first serve basis.

- If you are in need a new white cane or sunshades, ABVI can provide at no cost. The order of a white cane will also include 1 hour of O&M training.



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