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OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND PROGRAM (OIB)

Ho`opono’s Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIB) program is a statewide program which assists elderly blind and visually impaired adults 55 years or older to adjust to their vision loss by maximizing use of their existing skills, while developing new skills. Rehabilitation Teachers meet with individuals in their homes to assess the need for and provide instruction in:

- personal care (hygiene, grooming, selection of clothing)
- home management (budgeting, organization, household care, safety, laundry)
- food management (simple cooking, meal planning and preparation, nutrition, special diets)
- communication (Braille, handwriting, money identification, phone dialing, telling time)
- mobility (home orientation, basic travel, using the white cane)
- socialization skills (leisure activities)
- peer support
- connecting with other community resources

Ho`opono has an OIB Support Group on Oahu which usually meets on the last Friday of the month and Hilo which meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. There are blind support groups on Maui, Kauai and Hawaii (Kona). For more information, please contact Ho`opono.

LOW VISION CLINIC (LVC)

The Low Vision Clinic provides assessments and evaluations to visually impaired individuals to determine whether they can benefit from special optical aids or devices. The optometrist and rehabilitation teacher assist the individual in selecting appropriate optical aids or devices to maximize the use of remaining vision.

The Low Vision Clinic is located on Oahu. Services are provided on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii (Hilo and Kona) by appointment only. Referrals are accepted via your eye doctor.