The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services' Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides people who are Deaf-Blind and their families with:

- Advocacy,
- Information and referral,
- Evaluation, guidance and counseling services, and
- Training in alternative skills for daily living.

Tactile, vibratory and other equipment which assists people in communicating and receiving environmental information is also available.

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An individual may be referred for Deaf-Blind services if he or she has both of the following:

- Legal blindness or progressive visual disabilities that will result in legal blindness, AND
- Severe to profound hearing loss or significant difficulties communicating in home or community settings.

There are no age requirements for services; however, this program primarily serves adults.

Deaf-Blind services staff work closely with other DRS programs to ensure that Oklahomans with dual sensory loss have equal access to all services and programs.

FREE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THOSE WITH LOW INCOME

Oklahomans with combined vision and hearing loss may now get the latest communications technology – including iPads and smart phones – free of charge through a program called iCanConnect.

iCanConnect, also known as the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, is managed in Oklahoma by the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

DRS was designated by the Federal Communications Commission to purchase equipment, assess individual needs, install, train and provide support to help eligible children, adults and seniors make the most of the communications equipment.

Products include those available to the general public and those that are adaptable through specialized equipment, such as screen enlargement software, screen readers or braille displays.

To qualify for iCanConnect, Oklahomans must be certified as Deaf-Blind by a medical, vision or hearing-related professional, educator or a community-based service agency.

Applicants' incomes must not exceed 400 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

For more information about iCanConnect in Oklahoma, contact 918-551-4900.