

# What is an SSP?

Living independently is the ability to productively examine alternatives and make informed decisions to direct one's own life. For individuals who are deaf-blind, it can be difficult to make informed decisions due to the absence of visual and/or auditory information. The Comprehensive Service Center's (CSC) Support Service Provider Program has been designed to bridge that gap and enable its consumers who are deaf-blind to exercise their own personal choices with the freedom to make decisions affecting their daily life.



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FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE  
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## Support Service Provider Program



FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO  
ARE DEAF-BLIND  
Empowering access to  
the community!



*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."*



*~Helen Keller*

Support service providers, commonly referred to as SSPs, provide many services including, but not limited to:

- human guide services
- provision of auditory/visual/environmental information in the consumer's preferred mode of communication
- access to printed material, such as reading mail, accessing bills, etc.
- transportation or assistance with public transportation

## *Role of the SSP*

It is critical to remember that the primary role of the SSP is to empower the Deaf-Blind person to make their OWN decisions. The SSP is not there to “help” you, but rather to empower you to make decisions on your own.

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