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**OF THE BLIND**  
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**NFB-NEWSLINE®**

# NFB-NEWSLINE®

- provides free access to hundreds of different media
- via the telephone and online
- Available to the blind and those with print disabilities
- newspapers, magazines, Spanish language publications, local TV listings, jobs and more

Contact Liz Wisecarver for more information

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# NFB-NEWSLINE® Numbers

Use (888) 882-1629 or a local number below

- Amarillo - 806-318-0365
- Austin - 512-318-2776
- Beaumont - 409-234-9993
- Corpus Christi - 361-444-2675
- Dallas - 214-347-4445
- El Paso - 915-255-1709
- Ennis - 469-256-6006
- Fort Worth - 682-200-2410
- Houston - 713-338-2777
- Irving - 972-215-7773
- Laredo - 956-508-2769
- Longview - 430-558-5630
- Lubbock - 806-319-6299
- San Antonio - 210-853-2700
- Shepherd - 936-483-9111
- Sherman - 903-487-4100
- Waco - 254-304-7694

NFB-NEWSLINE® cannot be responsible for any long distance charges.

# Silver Bells

- Teaches seniors who are losing vision
- Covers NFB-NEWSLINE® and ways to access it
- Alternative skills of blindness
- Provides an opportunity for networking with successful blind people
- Taught by all blind instructors

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# NFB-Newsline® @ School & Work

- Teaches children K-12 and young adults how to use NFB-NEWSLINE®
- introduces new assistive technology and nonvisual techniques Alternative skills of blindness
- Provides an opportunity for networking with successful blind people
- Taught by competent blind role models
- Weekend-long regional events are scheduled throughout the state
- Opportunities at State Convention and Student Summit

# **NFBTX CAREER Mentoring Program**

Changing Attitudes Regarding  
Education, Employment &  
Rehabilitation

# CAREER Mentoring

- Started in 2007
- Pairs a successful blind adult with a blind student
- matches a program and a mentor that best meets individual needs
- Mentees are aged 14-22
- Program works on Pre-ETS (Pre-employment and transition services)
- 4 hours a month of contact with their Mentor
- Group activities



# Past CAREER Mentoring group activities

## Pre COVID

- Training weekends
- Conferences
- Team building activities

## During Covid

- ZOOM calls with blind employment coaches, small business owners and other leaders

# NFB BELL<sup>®</sup> Academy

Braille Enrichment for Literacy  
and Learning

# NFB BELL<sup>®</sup> Academy

[www.nfb.org/bell](http://www.nfb.org/bell)

- Nationwide summer program for blind kids age 4-12
- 2 weeks long
- Focuses on braille and nonvisual skills
- Features blind instructors and certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired
- Fun with a concentration on games and crafts
- Online in 2020 and 2021
- Online applications available in 2022

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# **BEST Saturday School**

Braille Education and Skills Training

# BEST Saturday School

- Texas Statewide monthly Saturday program
- 1 hour a month on Saturdays
- Focuses on expanded core curriculum
- Taught by blind instructors and certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired
- Fun with a concentration on games and crafts
- Online via Zoom
- Applications open now

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# Government Advocacy

# NFBTX advocates for you

- Active participant in state and federal legislation
- Scheduled visits to the State capitol to speak to legislators
- Annual appointments to speak with Congress in Washington D.C.
- Grassroots activities including phone calls, door-to-door, school meetings and more

# Student Summit



# Bringing students together

- Weekend conference for blind students planned by students
- Includes 3 tracks for students of different levels; high school, college and career
- Opportunity to network with successful blind adults
- Supports and is supported by other programs such as CAREER mentoring and Newline @ School and Work

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# State Convention

# The event of the year

- Annual Weekend event for NFBTX members and others who are interested in our work.
- Packed full of speakers, meetings, workshops and learning activities
- Opportunity to meet and engage with blind adults, parents of blind children and professionals from across the state
- NFBTX's governing body, the convention sets the priorities for the year
- Awards scholarships to the next generation of successful blind adults

For more information about our state convention or our scholarship program, contact the NFBTX office at 281-968-7733, weekdays, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

# GET INVOLVED

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