

# Washington State School for the Blind

Statewide Service Delivery Model  
Thousands served through effective partnerships

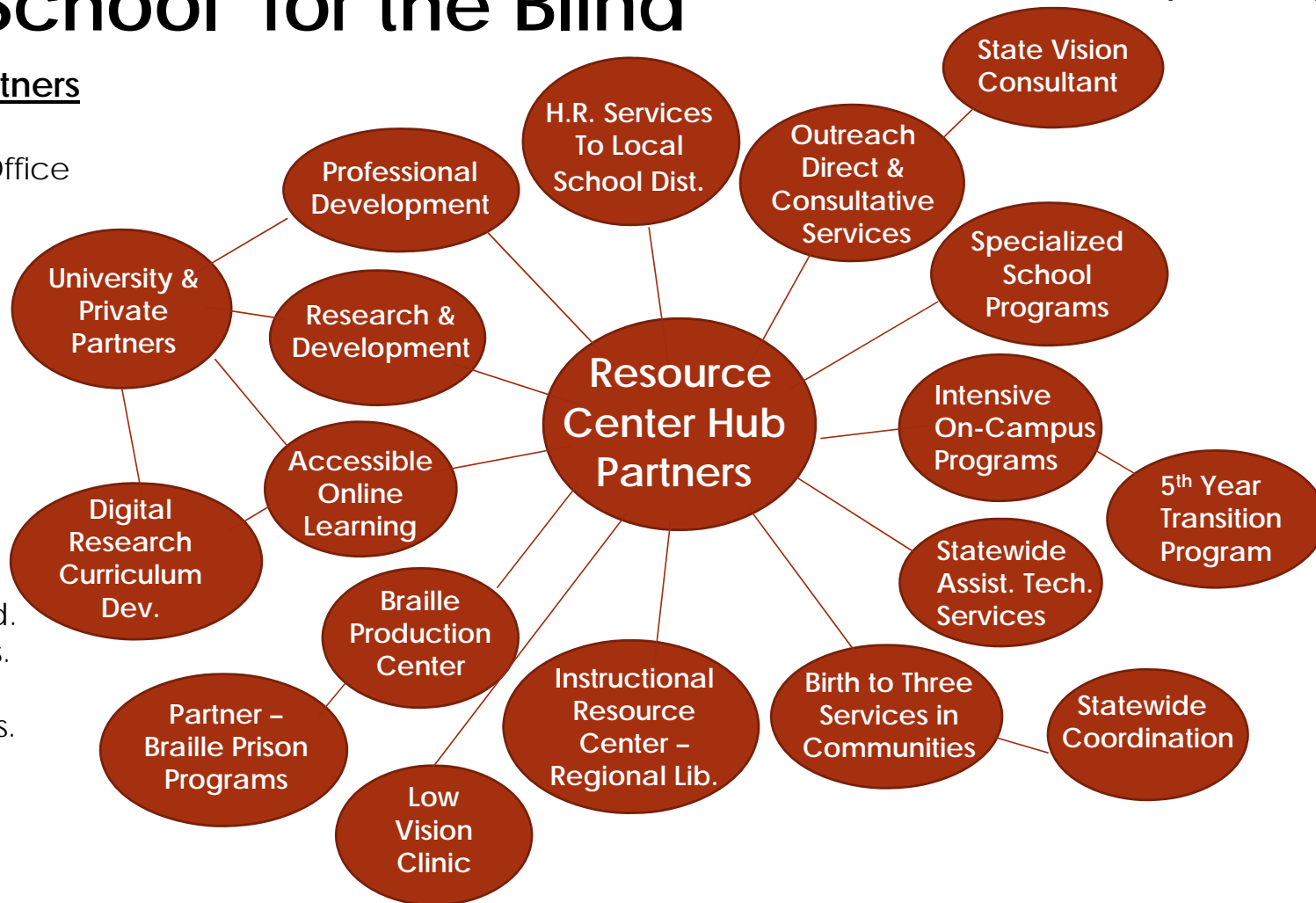
## Quality Indicators

- Student outcomes
- Survey stakeholders
- National Accreditation
- Follow-up studies
- Customer yearly feedback

## Example of Partners

[not all inclusive]

- Governor's Office
- WSDS
- OSPI
- ESDs
- LEAs
- DSB
- CDHL
- Universities
- DOC
- C.I.
- Consumers
- DEL
- Private Found.
- Private Corps.
- PFBC
- National Orgs.
- COSB
- Parents



## **Washington State School for the Blind - Service Delivery System (additional information)**

Thousands of services per year

**Outreach Services:** Provides direct and consultative services to approximately 1/5 of the school districts in the state. Provide support to all districts. (Director of Outreach is also the State's Vision Consultant – partnership with WA Sensory Disability Services and Dept. of Educ.) (Serves 250-300 students per month)

**Intensive On-Campus Programs:** 24/5 services for students in Washington, Oregon and at times from other states and countries. Grades 6-12+ including the LIFTT (Learning Independence for Today and Tomorrow) 5<sup>th</sup> year program, full range of services with up to 42% turnover per year with on-campus students, students on a 24 hour IEP to intensify time on campus, wide range of recreational opportunities, sports, music, etc. All teaching staff are not only Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI's), but also meet federal definition in the area of highly qualified in specific disciplines. (Serves 60-75 students on campus at any one time)

**Specialized School Programs:** Summer School Programs, Youth Employment Solutions (career development and readiness), Outdoor School, etc.

**Statewide Assistive Technology Center:** Provides training in Assistive Tech. direct and consultative services to LEAs and on campus. (Serves approximately 1100 per year)

**Birth to Three Services:** New area of responsibility to WSSB. Statewide Coordinator based out of WSSB and works in partnership with numerous organizations and agencies in the improvement of statewide service delivery. (Program started in 2013 – 120+ served and anticipate this doubling within the next two years)

**Ogden Resource Center (ORC):** Multiple departments under the ORC (1,798 blind and visually impaired students registered and/or receiving services):

**Instructional Resource Center (IRC):** Statewide material/resource center based at WSSB in partnership with OSPI (Dept. of Education).

**Braille Access Center (BAC):** Braille Transcription Services [production of over 600,000 pages of braille per year and often over 100 new textbooks]

**Braille Prison Program:** 12-18 women employed in partnership with Correctional Industries – Nationally Certified Transcribers in Literary, math, music braille and tactile graphic specialists.

**Accessible and Usable Online Learning Programs:** both synchronous and asynchronous. Highly qualified TVI/specific disciplines providing options for students – open to anyone world-wide.

**Digital Access to curricular materials/resources:** [e.g. Video Clips on Blindness Tips – accessed by over 50,000 people per year]

**Research and Development:** Research projects continually in place with major universities throughout the U.S. and other countries. Great partnerships [university connection along with private sector].

**Professional Development Programs:** Facilitates professional development options for over 300 TVIs, para-professionals, families, etc. per year. [On-campus, throughout the state and on-line.]

**Human Resource Services to LEAs:** Assist LEAs in recruitment of TVIs and O&M specialists.

**Student teaching options:** (full range of options on-campus, through outreach services, etc.). Free on-campus housing provided to up to four student teachers per quarter/semester.

**Lions Low Vision Clinic:** Partnership with Lions, Pacific University College of Optometry. Free low vision evaluations and practicum site for Pacific University.