

THE NJ COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
INVITES YOU TO:
THE JANUARY 2026
COMMUNITY CONNECTION CALL

***“2026 Tuning Into Your Resource Mix;
New Year, New View, and How It Applies To You”***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 | 10:30AM TO 12:00PM

Hosted by Krystle Allen, CBVI Community Outreach Specialist

NJ CBVI's Community Connection Calls are evolving, and you're invited to be part of what's next. Beginning this month, these interactive Zoom sessions will focus on connecting you directly to community resources and services through live and comprehensive demonstrations designed with your daily living needs in mind.

Who's helping you to navigate online content and assistive technology live and in real time?
Which community connections make the biggest difference in your everyday life?
Where do you turn for trusted resources and support?

As the New Year begins, many of us are reflecting, setting intentions, and embracing fresh starts. It's the perfect time to explore new tools, strengthen community connections, and reimagine what's possible. Join NJ CBVI as we navigate a dynamic mix of:

- Live demonstrations of resources and technology
- Community services tailored to your needs
- January's 31 observances
- Interactive conversations and shared stories from the blind and low vision community

If any of these questions resonate with you or someone you care about, this is your opportunity to discover new ways to navigate daily living in 2026 and beyond.

Keynote Presenter:

- Maureen Clerc, Supervisor – Bureau of Energy Programs and Assistance, NJ Board of Public Utilities.

Resource Provider:

- Sarah Gerdes – Outreach and Development Specialist – Hadley School for the Blind
- Ian Matty, Director – Mountain Lakes Public Library
- Bianca Johnson, App Developer – No Limits App & Ms. Altruistic 2025

The benefits of networking and sharing information are the primary focus of the Community Connection Calls. This month's *"In Our Own Voices"* panelists will share their stories. All are members of New Jersey's blind, deafblind, and visually impaired community.

***"In Our Own Voices"* Panelists:**

- Omar Tzic
- Rhea Hood
- Corey Rainford

Here are the simple directions for participating in the CBVI Community Connections Call:

Option 1: Join via Zoom

1. Either Click the Zoom meeting link here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
2. Or Open the Zoom App and Enter the Meeting ID and Passcode

Meeting ID: 161 116 2134

Passcode: 1910

Option 2: Join on the phone via One Tap Mobile (click the link from your mobile device)

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1. Dial the conference phone number: **1-646-828-7666**.
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **161 116 2134** when prompted
3. When asked for a participant ID, simply press the pound key (#).
4. Enter the Passcode: **1910**

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If you have any questions, or would like to be a Community Connections Call panelist, please don't hesitate to email: Krystle.Allen@dhs.nj.gov or call: 973-648-4497