



Blind Frontiers Podcast Episode 7 Show Notes

Introduction to the VR Process

In this episode of Blind Frontiers, host Jessica Glasebrook takes listeners through the essentials of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) process, offering a clear and encouraging guide for anyone curious about how to begin their journey toward employment and independence. Jessica also shares community highlights from the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center (CCRC), from celebrating Braille Literacy Month to welcoming new staff (and a four-legged faculty member), showcasing the vibrant environment that helps students thrive.

Listeners gain practical insight into how VR works: from applying for services and establishing eligibility to collaborating with a counselor on a personalized plan that leads to meaningful employment. Jessica emphasizes that VR is not a one-time transaction but a collaborative process of discovery, training, and support, extending even after a job placement to ensure lasting success.

The episode also introduces “Tech Time” with instructor Dustin Boggus, who explores how smart speakers can enhance independence for blind and visually impaired individuals—transforming everyday technology into empowering accessibility tools.

Main takeaway: The path to employment through VR is not one you walk alone—support, technology, and community are all part of the journey to independence and opportunity.

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