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Skills training program for young adults who are blind goes virtual

NewView Oklahoma hosts fifth annual Keys to Work transitions institute virtually

Oklahoma City, OK (July 6, 2020) – This year’s Keys to Work Institute looks a little different, but a global pandemic won’t stop these young adults who are blind from gaining independence skills through NewView Oklahoma’s annual training program. The fifth annual Keys to Work Institute begins July 6 and will include a variety of virtual group sessions, independence skills training, assistive technology instruction, and more. The goal is for every participant to gain the skills necessary to successfully enter the workforce or college environment.

“This year’s program may look different, but our goal is the same,” said NewView program director, Andrea Hamen. “We want to equip these young adults to live fully and independently with their vision loss.”

One way they’re shifting the program this year? Participants will receive goodie bags including home modification supplies like high contrast tape, tactile dots for appliances, and more. NewView’s therapists and staff will virtually guide participants on how to modify their home for safety and maximum independence.

The Keys to Work program runs from July 6-17. To learn more about Keys to Work, visit nvoklahoma.org/community-programs/keys-to-work.

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About NewView Oklahoma:

NewView Oklahoma is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower individuals facing vision loss, maximizing their opportunities to live life without limits through all stages of life. They achieve this mission through employment, low vision rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma and provides the only comprehensive low vision rehabilitative services in the state. Visit online at www.newviewoklahoma.org or follow on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).