

## **NC Division of Services for the Blind Policies and Procedures Independent Living Older Blind**

### **Volunteers**

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Volunteers may be utilized in Mini Centers under the conditions described in this policy. The use of volunteers for instruction in settings other than Mini Centers is not approved.

Independent Living Rehabilitation Counselors should vet potential Mini Center volunteers for appropriateness to work with individuals who are visually impaired, blind or deaf-blind as well as for appropriate conduct in Mini Centers. Volunteers are not required to complete drug screens or criminal background checks, however, they must sign a confidentiality statement. See the "Confidentiality Statement for Mini Center Instructors and Volunteers" in the Appendix.

Volunteers are not allowed to be alone with consumers and must have either the ILRC, other DSB staff or paid Mini Center Instructors present while with consumers.