

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE BEGINS MENTORING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT VISUALLY IMPAIRED JOB SEEKERS

MIAMI -- Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has launched a new program that pairs visually impaired adults seeking employment with visually impaired mentors who can help guide them toward job placement.

Mentoring Matters was conceived to provide visually impaired clients of Miami Lighthouse's Job Training Program with confidence and knowledgeable advice as they seek employment in their chosen fields. Mentors and mentees are paired based on a series of questionnaires that confirm their shared interests, traits and goals. Mentors provide helpful tips and assist clients through face-to-face meetings, email exchange and telephone conversations.

"Sometimes the best and most practical advice comes from someone who has been in the same situation as yours," said Virginia Jacko, President and CEO of Miami Lighthouse. "The goal of our Mentoring Matters program is to enable successful people who are visually impaired to share their experiences with peers who are pursuing personal fulfillment."

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