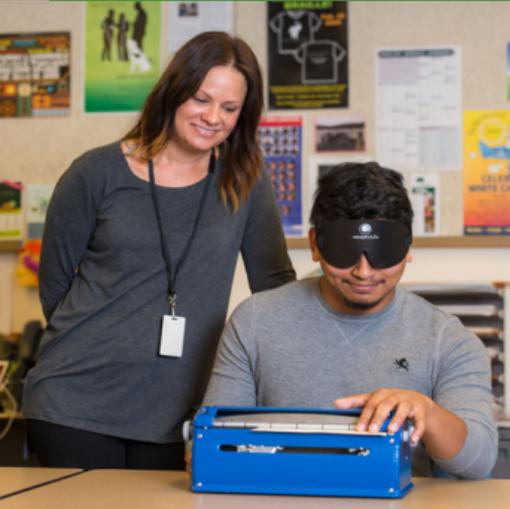


# Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center



**Confidence**

**Independence**



**Competence**

**Texas Workforce Solutions  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

*Texas Workforce Solutions is comprised of the Texas Workforce Commission, 28 local workforce development boards and our service providing partners. Together we provide workforce, education, training and support services, including vocational rehabilitation assistance for the people of Texas.*



The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center (CCRC) was named in honor of Judge Criss Cole, who lost his sight while serving as a Marine during World War II. As a member of the Texas House of Representatives from

1955 to 1962 and the Texas Senate from 1963 to 1970, he was instrumental in improving services for all people with disabilities.



CCRC is a state-of-the-art adult residential training facility located in the heart of Austin, the capital city of Texas. It is the largest vocational training facility in the United States.

Criss Cole works in partnership with consumers to help them achieve employment and personal independence by providing training programs focused on individual consumer needs.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Persons who are blind have the right to actively participate in employment, community and society. We are committed to providing assessment and training services for each individual in a manner that promotes the integration of basic blindness skills into everyday life. We will actively support and encourage consumers as they strive to achieve competence and confidence in reaching their work and independent living goals.

## **TRAINING**

CCRC provides training in skill areas including Orientation & Mobility, Daily Living Skills, Braille, Technology, Career Guidance, Industrial Arts, and Adjustment to Blindness.

Criss Cole offers two distinct training paths for the consumer to choose from - Proficiency Training and Career Focus Training.

### **Proficiency Training Program (PTP):**

- Offers a variety of individually targeted skill training classes that prepare students for employment
- Customized training that supports student's employment goal

## PTP Objectives:

- To explore and plan for achievable vocational goals
- To develop skills that enable the consumer to be job ready

## Career Focus Training (CFT):

- CFT is for those consumers who have a plan in place for training and/or employment.
- Students are independent, motivated to work, and are able to take the initiative to follow through with appointments, interviews, and prerequisites for training or employment.
- Students refine and apply the skills they have learned.



## Five Customizable Tracks:

1. Competitive employment
2. Self-employment
3. Supported employment
4. College preparation
5. Business Enterprise of Texas

## Program Guidelines:

To participate in CCRC programs and services, consumers must: 1) be legally blind, 2) be referred by a vocational rehabilitation counselor, 3) be independent with administering medications and self-care and 4) have a permanent residence in Texas. For more information about CCRC call 512-377-0300 or email [ccrc.admissions@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:ccrc.admissions@twc.state.tx.us)

## Location:

CCRC is located at 4800 N. Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78756. To reach the center:



- **By Bus:**  
CCRC is served by Capitol Metro bus route #5-Woodrow & the #803. Exit the bus on Sunshine Drive at Criss Cole.
- **By Car:**  
Going north on Lamar Boulevard, pass 45th Street. Turn left into the circular drive (marked 4800 North Lamar), and proceed to the parking garage. You may park in any unreserved spot in the parking garage, or along Sunshine Drive (directly west of the CCRC building), or in the visitor spaces of the CCRC parking lot.



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