



**THE BLIND
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IMPAIRED
CENTER**
OF MONTEREY COUNTY INC.

ENVISIONING INDEPENDENCE

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55-B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901-2902

Dear Stefania,

During the first two quarters of 2018-19, BVIC has the following information to report.

In October 2018, our new full time Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Esmeralda Ortiz, started work. We purchased IT and office equipment for her use. At start, there was a waiting list of 43 names for O&M services. Esmeralda's first task was to call each client on the waiting list, introduce herself, discuss services, assess the urgency of need, and begin scheduling clients according to urgency. A total of 131 phone calls, lasting from 10 to 30 minutes occurred. An additional 31 phone calls were made to 24 clients by other O&M staff to schedule services.

A total of 44 clients received direct O&M services from three instructors (1 PT staff, 2 contractors and 1 FT staff). These included purchase of equipment (cane, tip or other assistive devices), and referral and linkage to other services (RIDES, other), and O&M instruction. After an initial O&M assessment, each client received individualized goals for instruction and a plan to complete the goals. Instructions ranges from 2 (for experienced cane user learning a new route) to 10+ for a new learner to master basic skills.

Clients receiving direct services live in: Carmel (3); Carmel Valley (1), Greenfield (3), King City (1), Marina (4), Monterey (2), Pacific Grove (11), Prunedale (1), Salinas (12), Seaside (3), Soledad (3). Of these, 8 are under age 55 and 32 are age 55+, with the oldest being 98.

If you require additional information, please let me know.

Thank you


Diana Trapani, Executive Director

Please remember us in your will or trust.

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