



Newsletter should be directed to Martha Garber

With a strong enough passion and with the very best education, you will be able to pole vault over any barriers and achieve your employment dream!

For more information about Nancy Shugart, visit her website at <http://www.ProveThemWrong.com>

## Upcoming Conferences

[2008 National Employment & disAbility Conference](#),  
September 15-17,  
2008, Arlington, VA

[Louisiana Rehabilitation Association & Regional NRA Conference](#), October 1-3, 2008, Baton Rouge, LA

[Texas Rehab Action Network Conference](#),  
October 2-4, 2008,  
Dallas, TX

[2008 NRA National Training Conference](#),  
October 23-26, 2008,  
St. Louis, MO

[NCRE/RSA/CSAVR 2008 National Training Conference on Rehabilitation Education](#), November 5-7, 2008, Arlington, VA

[CSAVR Fall Conference 2008](#),  
November 16-19, 2008,  
San Diego, CA

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## Blindness & Low Vision in the US

Blindness or low vision affects 3.3 million Americans age 40 and over. Leading causes of blindness for Americans over 40 are age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy. A study released in 2004 sponsored by the [National Eye Institute](#) estimates this figure will reach 5.5 million by the year 2020.

## Comments

Send your comments and story ideas to e-News Bulletin Director & Editor, Martha Garber.

Common causes for blindness or low vision in children include congenital issues and trauma. In a prior issue of e-News, we discussed that many veterans are returning with visual impairments caused by the trauma. For more information, you can visit the following sites.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/visionimpairmentandblindness.html>

<http://www.preventblindness.org/index.html>

## Resources

The truth is, if you live long enough, you will probably experience low vision or blindness. Compensation strategies as well as assistive technology are in abundance for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. As always, our attitudes about being blind or visually impaired are the greatest barriers to employment and inclusion. We have provided a few employment-related resources to help you work with clients who find themselves in this position.

<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=7>

<http://www.abledata.com>

<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Resources.asp?SnID=1822763705>

## At Your Desktop

The months of September and October bring a combination of former (back by request) and new topics to your desktop. The UNTWISE Webinars are growing in demand and popularity, so be sure to register now to secure your place in the trainings of your interest! All Webinars are held on Fridays, starting at 10:00 am and range from 1 to 1.5 hours in duration. Continuing education credits are given for all Webinars. Click on the training title below for full details and registration information:

- September 5, [A Step-by-step Approach to Writing Great Business Plans](#), Cary Griffin
- September 12, [Depression & the Workplace](#), Dr. Theresa Vo

- September 19 & 26, [Blindness & Vision Impairment - the FACTS and More](#), Dr. Brenda Lightfoot
- October 3, 10, 17, [Diversity Intelligence for VR Providers](#), Timothy Owens
- October 24, [Customized Job Development](#), Cary Griffin

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