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SUGGESTIONS FOR STARTING A LOW VISION REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN HEALTH CARE USING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Based on the writer's experience in developing one of the first outpatient rehabilitation programs in the United States using occupational therapists to provide low vision rehabilitation. The book provides a practical, comprehensive guide to starting a low vision rehabilitation program.

Topics include:

- **components of a low vision rehab program including the unique aspects of these programs**
- **determining the target population and program services**
- **marketing the program to potential referral sources**
- **establishing the rehab team: who should provide the service**
- **minimum staff competencies: evaluation and treatment techniques you should know**
- **documentation requirements: examples of forms, treatment plans and other necessary paperwork**
- **required equipment, supplies and clinic space**
- **reimbursement sources and billing**
- **working with referral sources to ensure satisfaction and continued referrals**
- **resources for equipment and staff education and training**

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