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APH's National Prison Braille Program Celebrates 20 Years of Continuous Impact, Accessible Textbooks and Apprentices Program

Louisville, Ky. (July 22, 2022) – For 20 years, American Printing House for the Blind (APH) has developed partnerships between vision professionals and prison officials to create the National Prison Braille Program (NPBN). The NPBN is a growing and essential group of professionals working in the fields of vision and corrections. This program enables young braille readers to receive accessible educational materials.

Through this partnership, much-needed quality braille textbooks are created in prisons across the U.S. for students who are blind or low vision in grades K-12. To date, there are 44 programs operating in 31 states.

“Prison Braille Programs throughout the country transcribed 56.2% of all textbooks that APH produced,” said Jayma Hawkins, APH National Prison braille Network, Senior Director.

Continued growth in the number of participants in the National Prison Braille Network is the clear result of an increased demand for braille textbooks. The NPBN plays a significant part in helping to provide the high level of preparation inmates are receiving to be productive citizens upon their release.

“We know we need transcribers, and this is a pool of well-trained individuals who are dedicated to their craft of producing high-quality large print and braille,” said Paul Schroeder, Vice President of Impact and Outreach.

The [National Prison Braille Network website](#) is made possible by a generous grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Fund.

Learn more about Braille [Transcriber Apprentices Program \(BTAP\)](#).

About American Printing House for the Blind

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