

## **10 Tips for Working with Individuals with Visual Impairments**

**By Jean Small**

- 1) Review the student or client's file, noting needed accommodations
- 2) Whenever meeting the client, introduce yourself. Please don't play the guessing game "Who am I?"
- 3) Describe in simple terms where you will go with the client.
- 4) Provide a schedule for the client.
- 5) If the client needs assistance getting around, offer them your arm.
- 6) Have the client use the same work area or table.
- 7) Organize the workspace and describe where everything is.
- 8) Use tactile or "real" object with low vision or totally blind clients.
- 9) Provide a workplace free of auditory distractions.
- 10) Be sure to let the client know when you are leaving the area.

*Find this full list online at:*

<http://www.perkinselearning.org/transition/10-tips-working-clients-students-visual-impairments>