

# The Swedish support system for children with visual impairment

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- "To ensure that children, young people and adults – regardless of functional ability - have adequate conditions to fulfill their educational goals"
- Provides regional and national support




# Overview

Students with visual impairment and the school system

The present support provision for children with visual impairment or blindness:

- The municipalities
- The counties
- The government



# The municipality's responsibility

- Responsibility for making sure that a student with blindness or VI receives the same educational possibilities as sighted students on all educational levels
- School management along with the classroom teachers are responsible for adapting the teaching to suit the needs of every student.
- School management in each school decide how to organize extra support

# The county's responsibility

- There are 20 county councils in Sweden
- The regional low vision clinics are responsible for the habilitation and rehabilitation for individuals with blindness or VI
- Local habilitation clinics and pediatric clinics provides support to the families if the child has additional disabilities besides the VI






# The governmental responsibility

- Provide education and counselling to teachers
- Provide education to parents
- Special educational assessments of children with visual impariments
- Governmental assignment regarding braille reading students



# Some of our challenges

- Equality
- Unclear responsibilities
- Lack of early interventions



# Thank you for your attention!

Hope to see all of you again in two years (or sooner)!

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