

California Sound: The Visually Impaired Learn to Listen at Santa Rosa's Earle Baum Center

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People who are blind and visually impaired learn how to tap dance by sound at the Earle Baum Center of the Blind in Santa Rosa. *(Courtesy Earle Baum Center)*

Most people who are blind or visually impaired weren't born without vision. They lose it, often over time and in adulthood.

That can be an extremely difficult change, requiring you to embrace a new way of navigating and experiencing the world. For insight on making this transition, reporter Chris Hoff of the World According to Sound podcast visited the [Earle Baum Center of the Blind](#) in Santa Rosa.

Find the play button above to listen to what he discovered and heard on his trip there. This story, like all of the pieces in this series, is better with headphones.

This story is part of a series by Chris Hoff and Sam Harnett of the podcast [The World According to Sound](#). They're teaming up with the [LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#) in San Francisco to help us reimagine California in the rich ways blind people experience it every day. The project has additional support from California Humanities.