



VISION CENTER
OF EXCELLENCE

GUIDE TO NATIONAL RESOURCES

For the Visually Impaired,
their Families, and their
Health Care Providers

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INTRODUCTION

The Vision Center of Excellence (VCE) developed this guide to assist Service members, Veterans, and their families in seeking blind and low-vision resources. This guide is meant to be a compliment to the advice of your ophthalmologist, optometrist, and other eye care professionals. This resource is provided for your convenience and is by no means a complete listing of blind and low-vision resources available.

Each resource has a descriptive summary, list of services provided, and any contact information that was available at the time of publication. The guide is organized in alphabetical order.

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ABILITYONE PROGRAM

The AbilityOne® Program is among the largest sources of employment, on Federal contracts, for individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities in the United States. Established in 1938, the program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission®, an independent Federal agency, with assistance from National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and SourceAmerica®. At full complement, the Commission is composed of 15 Presidentially-appointed members: 11 who represent Federal agencies and four who are private citizens knowledgeable about the employment challenges faced by people who are blind or have significant disabilities. The Commission is supported by an Arlington, Virginia-based full-time staff, led by a career Senior Executive Service employee.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

AbilityOne Program
1401 South Clark Street
Suite 715
Arlington, VA 22202-3259

Phone: (703) 603-7740

Official Website: <http://www.jwod.gov>

Email/Contact: https://www.jwod.gov/contact_us/index.html

National Organizations

ACCESSTEXT NETWORK

The AccessText Network is a conduit between the publishing world and colleges and universities across the country, with a shared mission to ensure students with disabilities have equal access to their textbooks in an electronic format and in a timely manner. Founded and supported by the Association of American Publishers and leading textbook publishers, AccessText works with its members to ensure its services meet the needs of students, publishers, colleges, and other stakeholders. AccessText is administered by AMAC Accessibility at the Georgia Institute of Technology, under the auspices of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

SPONSOR: N/A

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

AccessText Network
512 Means Street NW
Suite 250
Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone: (866) 271-4968 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.accesstext.org>

Email/Contact: membership@accesstext.org

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Administration for Community Living
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 245-7459

Official Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY AND STRABISMUS

The American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus's goals are to advance the quality of children's eye care, support the training of pediatric ophthalmologists, support research activities in pediatric ophthalmology, and advance the care of adults with strabismus.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Information and Referral; Low Vision Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109-1336

Phone: (415) 561-8505 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.aapos.org/>

Email/Contact: aapos@aao.org

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF-BLIND

The American Association of the Deaf-Blind is a national consumer organization of, by, and for deaf-blind Americans and their supporters. “Deaf-blind” includes all types and degrees of dual vision and hearing loss. Our membership consists of deaf-blind people from diverse backgrounds, as well as family members, professionals, interpreters, and other interested supporters.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Association of the Deaf-Blind
3825 LaVista Road, W-2
Tucker, GA 30084

Phone: (301) 495-4403 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.aadb.org>

Email/Contact: AADB-Info@aadb.org

National Organizations

AMERICAN BLIND SKIING FOUNDATION

The American Blind Skiing Foundation (ABSF) was founded in 1971 and is a non-profit tax exempt (501-C3) national organization chartered in the State of Illinois. The purpose of ABSF is to provide an educational skiing program that is open to any blind or visually impaired person in the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value. In a world where “a picture is worth a thousand words” it’s easy to understand the barriers that confront a child ... who can see no pictures. So it is with the blind and visually impaired children and adults who ABSF serves. Having the spirit and fortitude to overcome the daily challenges of life is difficult enough if you have sight, but for the blind, those challenges can be overwhelming. Confidence in oneself is needed. The American Blind Skiing Foundation helps build that confidence. blind skier putting on boots ABSF helps the blind to focus on what they can do ... not on what they can’t see. This knowledge and confidence gives them some of the tools they need to successfully face challenges in other aspects of their lives.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Blind Skiing Foundation
609 Crandell Lane
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Phone: (312) 409-1605 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.absf.org/>

Email/Contact: ABSF@absf.org

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

The American Council of the Blind strives to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life, for all blind and visually-impaired people.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Council of the Blind
1703 N. Beauregard Street
Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22311

Phone: (202) 467-5081 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.acb.org>

Email/Contact: info@acb.org

National Organizations

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RURAL SPECIAL EDUCATION, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

The American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES) is a non-profit organization comprised of special educators, general educators, related service providers, administrators, teacher trainers, researchers, and parents who are committed to the enhancement of services to children and adults with exceptionalities living in rural communities. ACRES was founded in 1981 by a group of individuals interested in the unique challenges of rural students and individuals needing special services. ACRES is the only national organization devoted entirely to special education issues that affect rural America. The membership of ACRES is geographically diverse, and is representative of all regions of the country. This fact is especially important since rural issues are not only different from urban issues, but also may vary among specific rural areas.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Council on Rural Special Education, West Virginia University
509 Allen Hall, PO Box 6122
1500 University Drive
Morgantown, WV 26506-6122

Phone: (304) 293-3450 (Local)

Official Website: <http://acres-sped.org/>

Email/Contact: acres-sped@mail.wvu.edu

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

Expanding possibilities for people with vision loss

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Foundation for the Blind
Two Penn Plaza, Suite 1102
New York, NY 10121

Phone: (212) 502-7600 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.afb.org>

Email/Contact: afbinfo@afb.net

National Organizations

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND (ATLANTA)

The mission of the American Foundation for the Blind is to create a world of no limits for people who are blind or visually impaired. We mobilize leaders, advance understanding, and champion impactful policies and practices using research and data.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Foundation for the Blind (Atlanta)
739 West Peachtree Street NW
Suite 250
Atlanta, GA 30308

Phone: (404) 525-2303 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.afb.org>

Email/Contact: literacy@afb.net

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND CENTER ON VISION LOSS

Offers life-changing information on over 500 products and devices that can help the vision impaired read, use a computer, identify medications, use the telephone, move about your home independently and safely

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Daily Living Skills/ Independent Living Skills Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Foundation for the Blind Center on Vision Loss
11030 Ables Lane
Dallas, TX 75229

Phone: (214) 352-7222 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.afb.org/cvl>

Email/Contact: dallasreceptionist@afb.net

National Organizations

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND PUBLIC POLICY AND RESEARCH CENTER

Collaborates with policy makers in Congress and the Executive Branch to ensure Americans with vision loss have equal rights and opportunities to fully participate in society. AFB's advocacy strategy is backed by a team of experts who conduct and analyze research related to vision loss.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Foundation for the Blind Public Policy and Research Center
1401 S. Clark Street
Suite 730
Arlington, VA 22202

Phone: (202) 469-6831 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.afb.org/info/programs-and-services/public-policy-center/12>

Email/Contact: afbgov@afb.net

AMERICAN MACULAR DEGENERATION FOUNDATION

Helps learn about and live with Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), offering you healthy living tips, the latest information, and ways to honor those touched by macular disease, while supporting researchers working to prevent, treat and cure macular degeneration and Stargardt disease.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy; Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Macular Degeneration Foundation
P.O. Box 515
Northampton, MA 01061-0515

Phone: (413) 268-7660 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.macular.org/>

Email/Contact: amdf@macular.org

National Organizations

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CATARACT AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY

Mission is to advance the art and science of ophthalmic surgery and the knowledge and skills of ophthalmic surgeons by providing clinical and practice management education and by working with patients, government, and the medical community to promote the delivery and advancement of high-quality eye care.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
4000 Legato Road, Suite 700
Fairfax, VA 22033

Phone: (703) 591-2220 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.ascrs.org>

Email/Contact: ascrs@ascrs.org

ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD (ACCESS BOARD)

The U.S. Access Board is a federal agency that promotes equality for people with disabilities through leadership in accessible design and the development of accessibility guidelines and standards for the built environment, transportation, communication, medical diagnostic equipment, and information technology.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board)
1331 F Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111

Phone: (202) 272-0080

Official Website: <http://www.access-board.gov>

Email/Contact: (800) 872-2253 (202) 272-0082 (TDD/TTY) (800) 993-2822 (Toll-Free TDD/TTY)

National Organizations

ART EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND

Provide access, inclusion, and promising opportunities to empower and enrich through the benefits of art and culture.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Art Education for the Blind
589 Broadway
New York, NY 10012

Phone: N/A

Official Website: <http://www.artbeyondsight.org/>

Email/Contact: Coordinator@ArtBeyondSight.org

ASSOCIATION OF VISION SCIENCE LIBRARIANS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN KELLOGG EYE CENTER

Aims to develop mechanisms for improving access to vision information, develop services, particularly reference and bibliographic services, for all individuals having frequent vision information needs, promote standards for academic vision science libraries, and assist new vision science librarians

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy; Computer/Assistive Technology; NLS Libraries

MAILING ADDRESS:

Association of Vision Science Librarians, University of Michigan
Kellogg Eye Center
1000 Wall Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Phone: (212) 780-5089 (Local)

Official Website: <http://avsl.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

ASSOCIATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND DISABILITY

Delivers exceptional professional development opportunities through conferences, workshops, webinars, publications, and consultation; fosters community and member networking; informs members of emerging issues relevant to disability and higher education in the legislative and regulatory spheres; and disseminates data, promotes research, and furthers evidence-based practice.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Community Outreach Programs; Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Association on Higher Education and Disability
107 Commerce Center Drive, Suite 204
Huntersville, NC 28078

Phone: (704) 947-7779 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.ahead.org>

Email/Contact: ahead@ahead.org

BLIND JUDO FOUNDATION, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Helps blind and visually-impaired athletes achieve maximum independence through the pursuit of Judo

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Blind Judo Foundation, Administrative Office
24145 NE 122nd Street
Redmond, WA 98053

Phone: (425) 444-8256 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.blindjudofoundation.org>

Email/Contact: roncpeck@blindjudofoundation.org

BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE: GREATER LOS ANGELES VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Counseling; Low Vision Services; Professional Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Blind Rehabilitation Service: Greater Los Angeles Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
BLDG. 304 Room 2-107
Los Angeles, CA 90073

Phone: (310) 268-4654

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: jane.merrill@va.gov

CHARGE SYNDROME FOUNDATION

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation leads and partners to improve the lives of people with CHARGE syndrome locally, nationally, and internationally through outreach, education, and research. It provides a broad network of support to individuals, families and professionals, it engages in knowledge acquisition, development and dissemination, it promotes innovative scientific and clinical advancements, and champions the lifelong potential of people with CHARGE syndrome.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

CHARGE Syndrome Foundation
318 Half Day Road #305
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Phone: (516) 684-4720 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.chargesyndrome.org/>

Email/Contact: info@chargesyndrome.org

National Organizations

CHOROIDEREMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Choroideremia Research Foundation
23 East Brundreth Street
Springfield, MA 01109

Phone: (413) 781-2274 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.choroideremia.org>

Email/Contact: CRFPresident@aol.com

CHRISTIAN RECORD SERVICES, INC.

Service provides free subscription magazines, books, bibles, study guides, and plush animals to all who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: NLS Libraries; Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

Christian Record Services, Inc.
5900 S 58th St Ste M
Lincoln, NE 68512

Phone: (402) 488-0981 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.christianrecord.org/>

Email/Contact: info@christianrecord.org

CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER: LOW VISION CLINIC

The Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center has an Advanced Low Vision Clinic that serves Veterans.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Low Vision Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Low Vision Clinic
5000 West National Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53295-1000

Phone: (414) 384-2000 41832

Official Website: https://www.visn12.va.gov/locations/Clement_J_Zablocki_VA_Medical_Center.asp

Email/Contact: N/A

COMPUTERS FOR THE BLIND

Provides computers for the visually impaired

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technologies

MAILING ADDRESS:

Computers for the Blind
1201 S. Sherman Road
Suite 204
Richardson, TX 75081

Phone: (214) 340-6328 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.computersfortheblind.net/>

Email/Contact: info@computersfortheblind.net

National Organizations

CORNEA RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Gives each person the opportunity for the best possible vision by innovating solutions for vision impairment and sharing results through relevant educational channels to reach a global audience. We expand possibilities and enrich lives by optimizing sight.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Cornea Research Foundation of America
9002 N. Meridian Street, Suite 212
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Phone: (317) 844-5610 (Local)

Official Website: <http://cornea.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL

Advocacy membership organization for citizens with low vision

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
1703 N. Beauregard Street, Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22311

Phone: (800) 733-2258 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.cclvi.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

DESCRIBED AND CAPTIONED MEDIA PROGRAM

Educate students with sensory disabilities, along with their parents and teachers. Educational content is carefully customized to serve the needs of K-12 students, as well as adult students studying to meet the needs of blind and deaf students. Streaming TV and movies, DVDs, interactive media, resources, and more.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

Described and Captioned Media Program
1447 E. Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Phone: (864) 585-1778 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.dcmp.org/>

Email/Contact: info@dcmp.org

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO SERVICE: MEDIA ACCESS GROUP AT WGBH

Provides accessible media services to the 36 million Americans who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or visually impaired.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

Descriptive Video Service: Media Access Group at WGBH
One Guest Street
Boston, MA 02135

Phone: (617) 300-3600 (Local)

Official Website: <http://access.wgbh.org>

Email/Contact: mediaaccessgroupwgbh.org

National Organizations

DISCOVERY EYE FOUNDATION

The Discovery Eye Foundation supports research, education and advocacy related to sight-threatening eye diseases and their treatments, improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Discovery Eye Foundation
6222 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 260
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Phone: (310) 623-4466 (Local)

Official Website: <http://discoveryeye.org/>

Email/Contact: ContactUs@DiscoveryEye.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

The ECTA Center supports state Part C and Section 619 programs in developing high-quality early intervention and preschool special education service systems, increasing local implementation of evidence-based practices, and enhancing outcomes for young children with disabilities and their families.

SPONSOR: N/A

SERVICES: Advocacy; Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
Campus Box 8040-UNC Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040

Phone: (919) 962-2001 (Local)

Official Website: <http://ectacenter.org/>

Email/Contact: ectacenter@unc.edu

National Organizations

EARLY CHILDHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

The ECTA Center is a program of the FPG Child Development Institute of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, funded through cooperative agreement number H326P170001 from the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance; Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
Campus Box 8040-UNC Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040

Phone: (919) 962-2001

Official Website: <http://ectacenter.org/>

Email/Contact: ectacenter@unc.edu

ENRICHMENT AUDIO RESOURCE SERVICES, INC.

Provide free audition lessons that teach adaptive daily living skills to the vision impaired and their caregivers.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Enrichment Audio Resource Services, Inc.
1202 Lexington Avenue
Suite 316
New York, NY 10028

Phone: (800) 843-6816 (Toll-Free)

Official Website: <http://www.earsforeyes.org>

Email/Contact: info@earsforeyes.org

National Organizations

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Their four strategic goals are to: increase academic achievement; include more students; involve families in their child's success; and prepare students for college and the workforce. Their four strategic goals are to: increase academic achievement; include more students; involve families in their child's success; and prepare students for college and the workforce.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
131 M Street, NE
Washington, DC 20507

Phone: (202) 663-4900

Official Website: <http://www.eeoc.gov/>

Email/Contact: info@eeoc.gov

EYE CANCER FOUNDATION

Aims to find cures for patients with ocular tumors and related eye diseases, provide eye cancer specialists for unserved and underserved countries, coordinate international cooperative evaluation of new methods of diagnosis and treatment, support family and patient support programs to ease emotional stress and real-life adjustment issues related to eye cancer, promote transparency related to doctors and patient outcomes, promote quality assurance and education for eye cancer specialty centers, and empower patients to find the resources to improve their lives.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Eye Cancer Foundation
115 East 61st Street
Suite 5B
New York, NY 10021

Phone: (212) 832-8170 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.eyecancer.com/foundation>

Email/Contact: contactus@eyecarefoundation.org

National Organizations

EYECARE AMERICA

EyeCare America offers two public service eye examination programs: 1) The Seniors program connects eligible seniors 65 and older with local volunteer ophthalmologists who provide a medical eye exam at no out-of-pocket cost, and up to one year of follow-up care for any condition diagnosed during the initial exam, for the physician services, and 2) The Glaucoma program provides a glaucoma eye exam at no cost to those who are eligible and uninsured. Those who are eligible and insured are billed normal office procedure, and responsible for any co-payments. (This is an awareness program to provide a baseline glaucoma eye exam to those who may not be aware they are at increased risk).

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Low Vision Services; Referrals

MAILING ADDRESS:

EyeCare America
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109-1336

Phone: (877) 887-6327 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.eyecareamerica.org/eyecare/>

Email/Contact: eyecareamerica@aao.org

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU DISABILITY RIGHTS OFFICE

The Disability Rights Office addresses disability-related matters, including access to telecommunications services and equipment; hearing aid compatibility; access to advanced communications services and equipment; access to Internet browsers built into mobile phones; telecommunications relay services; the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program; accessible video programming and video programming apparatus (access to televised emergency information, closed captioning on television and television programs on the Internet, video description, and accessible user interfaces, text menus, and program guides). The Disability Rights Office provides expert advice and assistance to other Commission bureaus and offices, consumers, industry and others on issues relevant to persons with disabilities. The Disability Rights Office initiates rulemaking where appropriate. The Disability Rights Office also reviews relevant agenda items and other documents and coordinates with Bureaus and Offices to develop recommendations and propose policies to ensure that communications are accessible to persons with disabilities, in conformance with existing disability laws and policies, and to ensure that they support the Commission's goal of increasing accessibility of communications services and technologies for persons with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

National Organizations

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Federal Communications Commission: Consumer and Governmental
Affairs Bureau Disability Rights Office
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Phone: (202) 418-2517 (DRO)

Official Website: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/disability-rights-office>

Email/Contact: DRO@fcc.gov

FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Supported and inspired eye and vision research by providing initial funds to promising scientists early in their careers.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Fight for Sight
381 Park Avenue South
Suite 809
New York, NY 10016

Phone: (212) 679-6060 (Local)

Official Website: <http://fightforsight.com/>

Email/Contact: info@fightforsight.com

National Organizations

FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT AND SOUND

Mission to enhance quality of life for men, women, and children with vision and/or hearing challenges. Provides opportunities for constituents to be active participants in society through innovation programs.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Foundation for Sight and Sound
P.O. Box 1245
Smithtown, NY 11787

Phone: (631) 366-3461 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.foundationforsightandsound.org>

Email/Contact: info@foundationforsightandsound.org

GLAUCOMA FOUNDATION

Works to encourage and support basic and applied research in glaucoma, to gain and disseminate new information about the causes and treatment of glaucoma, and to further efforts to identify and develop novel approaches to preserve visual function and reverse blindness caused by glaucoma.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Glaucoma Foundation
80 Maiden Lane
Suite 1206
New York, NY 10038

Phone: (212) 285-0080 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.glaucomafoundation.org/>

Email/Contact: info@glaucomafoundation.org

National Organizations

GLAUCOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Glaucoma Research Foundation is a national non-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for glaucoma. The foundation funds glaucoma research world-wide.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Glaucoma Research Foundation
251 Post St Ste 600
San Francisco, CA 94108

Phone: (415) 986-3162 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.glaucoma.org>

Email/Contact: question@glaucoma.org

HADLEY INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The mission of Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired is to create personalized learning opportunities that empower people to thrive – at home, at work and in their communities.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Daily Living Skills/Living Skills Training; Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093

Phone: (847) 446-8111 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.hadley.edu>

Email/Contact: info@hadley.edu

National Organizations

HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS

Fosters self-empowerment for the deaf-blind community. Provides services for individuals who are deaf and/or blind.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050

Phone: N/A

Official Website: <http://www.helenkeller.org/hknc>

Email/Contact: N/A

INSTITUTE FOR FAMILIES

Provides counseling, support, information and advocacy for families of children with vision loss during time of diagnosis and medical treatment. Connects families to community programs and resources when they are ready to return to daily activities.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Counseling; Information and Referral; Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Institute for Families
1300 N. Vermont Avenue
Suite 1004
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Phone: (323) 361-4649 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.instituteforfamilies.org>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

INTANDEM CYCLING, INC.

Provides accessible opportunities for people with disabilities to exercise and socialize.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

InTandem Cycling, Inc.
P.O. Box 7238
New York, NY 10116

Phone: (347) 974-3321 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.intandembike.org/>

Email/Contact: info@intandembike.org

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AUDIO INFORMATION SERVICES

IAAIS is a volunteer-driven membership organization of services that turn text into speech for people who cannot see, hold or comprehend the printed word and who may be unable to access information due to a disability or health condition.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

International Association of Audio Information Services
P.O. Box 847
Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone: (800) 280-5325 (Toll-Free)

Official Website: <http://www.iaais.org>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS (LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL)

Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Indeed, sight is one of Lions defining causes. Through professional training, healthcare system development and wide spread drug treatment distribution, Lions have gained worldwide recognition for their work to improve sight and prevent blindness.

Lions around the world are also actively involved in:

- Recycling eyeglasses at 18 centers worldwide
- Supporting Lions Eye Banks that provide eye tissue for sight-saving surgeries.
- Screening the vision of hundreds of thousands of people every year.
- Preventing blindness by providing treatment to those at risk of losing their vision.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Low Vision Services; Information and Referral; Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

International Association of Lions Clubs (Lions Clubs International)
300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Phone: (630) 571-5466 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/who-we-are/index.php>

Email/Contact: N/A

INTERNATIONAL BRAILLE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE BLIND

Shows new users what technology may be helpful to them, compares software and devices, gives advice on how to comply with accessibility standards, advises employers and employees on workplace accommodations, provides information on where to get training and equipment

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind
200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230

Phone: (410) 659-9314 (Local)

Official Website: <https://nfb.org/ibtc1>

Email/Contact: access@nfb.org

National Organizations

JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER, VICTORS PROGRAM

The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center consists of a 200-bed acute care facility and four community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs). Jesse Brown VAMC provides care to approximately 62,000 enrolled veterans who reside in the City of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois, and in four counties in northwestern Indiana. In FY10, the medical center had over 8100 inpatient admissions and 560,000 outpatient visits. A budget of over \$355 million supports approximately 2,000 full-time equivalent staff, including 200+ physicians and 450 nurses, with 500+ volunteers providing service and care at Jesse Brown VAMC and CBOCs.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Low Vision Services; Professional Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, VICTORS Program
820 South Damen
Chicago, IL 60612

Phone: (312) 569-7531

Official Website: <http://www.chicago.va.gov/>

Email/Contact: N/A

LEARNING ALLY

Advancing the use of accessible and effective educational solutions to reading barriers to promote personal achievement. The Learning Ally's College Success Program supports the needs of those blind or visually impaired during their college journey. This program provides mentorship, curriculum, audiobooks, and community events.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Daily Living Skills/ Independent Living Skills; Community Outreach

MAILING ADDRESS:

Learning Ally
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

Phone: (866) 732-3585 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.learningally.org/>

Email/Contact: Custserv@LearningAlly.org

National Organizations

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

National Library Service (NLS) is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by postage-free mail or instantly downloadable.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Employment/Job Training; Information and Referral; NLS Libraries; Professional Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1291 Taylor Street, NW
Washington, DC 20542

Phone: 1-888-657-7323

Official Website: <http://www.loc.gov/nls>

Email/Contact: nlsref@loc.gov

LIGHTHOUSE GUILD

Aims to help people achieve and maintain the highest possible level of function and independence. Integration of vision + healthcare services, expansion of access through education, and community outreach.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Community Outreach Programs; Low Vision Services; Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

Lighthouse Guild
15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023-6601

Phone: (212) 769-6200 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.lighthouseguild.org>

Email/Contact: info@lighthouseguild.org

National Organizations

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL USA

Empowers people with disabilities to achieve their human rights through international exchange and development.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy; Community Outreach; Daily Living Skills/ Independent Living Skills Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Mobility International USA
132 E. Broadway, Suite 343
Eugene, OR 97401

Phone: (541) 343-1284 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.miusa.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

MUSC MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN SC DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Seek to advance the science of ophthalmology and meet the eye care needs of the public by committing to care, to teach, to serve, to discover.

SPONSOR: Educational Institution

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

MUSC Storm Eye Institute
167 Ashley Avenue MSC 676
Charleston, SC 29425

Phone: 843-792-2020

Official Website: <http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/eyes/>

Email/Contact: throckml@musc.edu

National Organizations

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, INC.

Volunteer health agency dedicated solely to the fight against myasthenia gravis

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc.
1821 University Ave W
Suite S256
St Paul, MN 55104

Phone: (651) 917-6256 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.myasthenia.org>

Email/Contact: mgfa@myasthenia.org

NATIONAL BEEP BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Facilitates and provides the adaptive version of baseball for the blind, low-vision, and legally blind.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Beep Baseball Association
1501 41st Street, NW
Apt. G1
Rochester, MN 55901

Phone: N/A

Official Website: <http://www.nbba.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

NATIONAL BRAILLE ASSOCIATION

Provide education to teachers of the visually impaired and braille transcribers through conferences, tailored training experiences, publications, and web-based learning.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Braille Association
95 Allens Creek Road
Building 1, Suite 202
Rochester, NY 14618

Phone: (585) 427-8260 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.nationalbraille.org>

Email/Contact: nbaoffice@nationalbraille.org

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

NCHS collects, compiles, and disseminates data related to health and vital statistics, including information on prevalence of vision defects, based on household interview surveys.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Center for Health Statistics
1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

Phone: (301) 458-4000

Official Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

NATIONAL CENTER ON ACCESSIBLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Provides resources and technical assistance for educators, parents, students, publishers, conversion houses, accessible media producers, and others interested in learning more about AEM and implementing AEM and the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS).

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Center on Accessible Educational Materials
40 Harvard Mills Square, Suite 3
Wakefield, MA 01880-3233

Phone: (781) 245-2212 (Local)

Official Website: <http://aem.cast.org/>

Email/Contact: aem@cast.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. NCD is comprised of a team of Presidential and Congressional appointees, an Executive Director appointed by the Chair, and a full-time professional staff.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Council on Disability
1331 F Street, NW
Suite 850
Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 272-2004

Official Website: <http://www.ncd.gov>

Email/Contact: ncd@ncd.gov

National Organizations

NATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF-BLIND

Empower families of individuals who are deafblind and advocate for their unique needs. Provides community support, parent education, and leverages partner relationships to collaborate on projects, provide referrals, and share valuable resources with families.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy; Community Outreach; Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind
141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050

Phone: (800) 255-0411 (Toll-Free)

Official Website: <https://nfadb.org/>

Email/Contact: NFADB@aol.com

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

The National Federation of the Blind can help you:

- Find hope and move forward after vision loss.
- Access local and nationwide networks of blind people who can provide information and support about all aspects of living, working, learning, and thriving as a blind person.
- Work with other blind people to change misconceptions about blindness, policies and laws that affect the blind, and the individual lives of people who are blind or who are losing vision.
- Meet and make friends with blind people who share your profession, hobbies, interests, or goals.
- Learn about and select the right technology for your active and productive life as a blind person.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Federation of the Blind
200 East Wells Street
at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230

Phone: (410) 659-9314 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.nfb.org>

Email/Contact: nfb@nfb.org

National Organizations

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY, INDEPENDENT LIVING, AND REHABILITATION RESEARCH (NIDILRR)

NIDILRR's mission is to generate new knowledge and to promote its effective use to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community, and to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 205-8134

Official Website: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/about-national-institute-disability-independent-living-and-rehabilitation-research>

Email/Contact: nidilrr-mailbox@acl.hhs.gov

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH: NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

The National Eye Institute (NEI) was established by Congress in 1968 to protect and prolong the vision of the American people. As one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health (NIH), the NEI conducts and supports research that helps prevent and treat eye diseases and other disorders of vision. Part of the NEI mission is to develop public and professional education programs that help prevent blindness, reduce visual impairment, and increase awareness of services and devices that are available for people with low vision. NEI finances and conducts research on the eye and vision disorders; supports training of eye researchers; and publishes materials on visual impairment.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Institutes of Health: National Eye Institute
31 Center Drive
MSC 2510
Bethesda, MD 20892-2510

Phone: (301) 496-5248

Official Website: <http://www.nei.nih.gov>

Email/Contact: 2020@nei.nih.gov

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH: NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

NIA sponsors research on aging through extramural and intramural programs. The extramural program funds research and training at universities, hospitals, medical centers, and other public and private organizations nationwide. The intramural program conducts basic and clinical research in Baltimore, MD, and on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Institutes of Health: National Institute on Aging
31 Center Drive
Building 31, Room 5C27
Bethesda, MD 20892-2292

Phone: (301) 496-1752

Official Website: <http://www.nia.nih.gov>

Email/Contact: webmaster@nia.nih.gov

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

National Library Service (NLS) is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by postage-free mail or instantly downloadable.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542-4962

Phone: 1-888-NLS-READ (1-888-657-7323)

Official Website: <http://www.loc.gov/nls>

Email/Contact: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/contact-us/>

National Organizations

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ALBINISM AND HYPOPIGMENTATION

Acts as a conduit for accurate and authoritative information about all aspects of living with albinism and to provide a place where people with albinism and their families in the U.S. and Canada can find acceptance, support and fellowship

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation
PO BOX 959
East Hampstead, NH 03826-0959

Phone: (603) 887-2310 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.albinism.org>

Email/Contact: info@albinism.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN

National membership organization of parents and friends of blind children reaching out to each other to give vital support, encouragement, and information.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Phone: (410) 659-9314 (Local)

Official Website: <https://nopbc.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR BLIND MUSICIANS NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIOS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Provides information and referral services for visually impaired students of all ages, their parents and teachers. Help locating visually impaired musicians willing to share their expertise in braille music, technology and coping strategies. Music study at the college level. Other activities of the resource center include developing programs for visually impaired people living near Neighborhood Studios and teacher training.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Resource Center for Blind Musicians Neighborhood Studios
of Fairfield County
391 East Washington Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Phone: (203) 366-3300 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.blindmusicstudent.org/>

Email/Contact: info@blindmusicstudent.org

NORTHPORT VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

The Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center is always improving the health of the men and women who have proudly served our nation. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs in any way we can. Services are available to veterans living in the Long Island area of New York.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Information and Referral; Low Vision Services; Support Groups

MAILING ADDRESS:

Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center
79 Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768

Phone: (631) 261-4400 2038

Official Website: <http://www.northport.va.gov/>

Email/Contact: N/A

OFFICE OF AVIATION ENFORCEMENT AND PROCEEDINGS: AVIATION CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION

The Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, including its Aviation Consumer Protection Division, monitors compliance with and investigates violations of the Department of Transportation's (Department) aviation economic, consumer protection, and civil rights requirements. The Office also provides legal review and support on aviation economic licensing matters.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings: Aviation Consumer Protection Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room 4107
Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (202) 366-2220

Official Website: <http://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer>

Email/Contact: airconsumer@ost.dot.gov

OKLAHOMA DEAF-BLIND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

The Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (OKDBTAP) provides technical assistance and training to children (birth to 21) who have both a hearing and vision impairment. Services are offered at no cost to families, educators, administrators, related service providers, and early intervention providers. This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project
820 Van Vleet Oval
Room 321
Norman, OK 73019

Phone: N/A

Official Website: <http://www.ou.edu/okdbp/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

OREGON DEAFBLIND PROJECT WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY (TRI)

The Oregon Deafblind Project is a federally-funded Technical Assistance and Dissemination project. The Project provides technical assistance, training, and information to enhance services for children in Oregon who are deafblind. The project serves children from birth through age 21 years. Technical assistance and support to IEP teams serving students who are deafblind enables the teams to implement the highly specialized services needed in the provision of a free, appropriate, public education for learners who are deafblind, residing in Oregon

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Oregon Deafblind Project Western Oregon University (TRI)
345 North Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361

Phone: (503) 838-8328

Official Website: <http://www.oregondb.org/index.htm>

Email/Contact: hearingj@wou.edu

PEDIATRIC RETINAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The mission of the Pediatric Retinal Research Foundation (PRRF) is to support the community of families impacted by blinding pediatric retinal diseases and champion the quest for cure.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Pediatric Retinal Research Foundation
39650 Orchard Hill Place
Novi, MI 48375

Phone: (248) 319-0161 (Local)

Official Website: <https://www.vrrf.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

PERKINS INTERNATIONAL PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Accessible reading to the blind

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; NLS Libraries

MAILING ADDRESS:

Perkins International Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: (617) 972-7447 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.perkins.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

PREVENT BLINDNESS

Patient advocate for healthy vision

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Prevent Blindness
211 West Wacker Drive, #1700
Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: (312) 363-6001 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.preventblindness.org>

Email/Contact: info@preventblindness.org

National Organizations

RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS

Supports eye research directed at the prevention, treatment or eradication of all diseases that threaten vision

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Research to Prevent Blindness
360 Lexington Avenue FL 22
New York, NY 10017

Phone: (212) 752-4333 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.rpbusa.org>

Email/Contact: inforequest@rpbusa.org

RESNA (REHABILITATION ENGINEERING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA)

Organization dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through increasing access to technology solutions. RESNA advances the field by offering certification, continuing education, and professional development; developing assistive technology standards; promoting research and public policy; and sponsoring forums for the exchange of information and ideas to meet the needs of our multidisciplinary constituency.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

RESNA (Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America)

1700 North Moore Street

Suite 1540

Arlington, VA 22209-1903

Phone: (703) 524-6686 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.resna.org/>

Email/Contact: info@resna.org

RHODE ISLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS PARTNERSHIP OFFICE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP) is designed as a statewide partnership of organizations, each with a targeted assistive technology focus, working together to improve access to and acquisition of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy; Consultation/Technical Program Assistance; Employment/Job Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership Office of
Rehabilitation Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 2903

Phone: (401) 421-7005 373

Official Website: <http://www.atap.state.ri.us>

Email/Contact: melanie.sbardella@ors.ri.gov

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SBA administers the Small Business Act, including small business loans to disabled individuals. SBA maintains local offices throughout the country.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Suite 5900
Washington, DC 20416

Phone: (202) 401-8200

Official Website: <http://www.sba.gov/>

Email/Contact: answerdesk@sba.gov

National Organizations

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

SSA administers old age, survivors, and disability insurance programs under Title II of the Social Security Act. Also administers the federal income maintenance program (Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind, and disabled) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. SSA maintains a network of local and regional offices nationwide.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Assessment/Evaluation

MAILING ADDRESS:

Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235

Phone: (800) 772-1213

Official Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>

Email/Contact: <https://secure.ssa.gov/emailus/>

SOURCEAMERICA

Creating jobs for people with disabilities. Connects customers to a national network of nonprofits who hire talented people with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

SourceAmerica
8401 Old Courthouse Road
Vienna, VA 22182

Phone: (888) 411-8424 (Local)

Official Website: www.sourceamerica.org

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

SPACE CAMP FOR INTERESTED VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS C/O WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Space camp for the visually impaired

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students c/o West
Virginia School for the Blind

P.O. Box 1034

Romney, WV 26757

Phone: (304) 822-4883 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/space/index.htm>

Email/Contact: scivis@atlanticbb.net

TALKING BOOK

Talking Books are recorded materials—most often books or magazines—in audio formats provided by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped that are available on free loan to people who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise unable to read or use standard printed materials. Talking Book cassettes have to be played on special playback equipment, which is supplied at no cost by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; NLS Libraries

MAILING ADDRESS: N/A

Phone: 888-NLS-READ (888-657-7323)

Official Website: www.loc.gov/nls

Email/Contact: nls@loc.gov

National Organizations

TASH

TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates. The inclusive practices TASH validates through research have been shown to improve outcomes for all people.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

TASH
1001 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 235
Washington, DC 20036

Phone: (202) 540-9020 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.tash.org>

Email/Contact: info@TASH.org

THE HATLEN CENTER, A PROGRAM OF JUNIOR BLIND

Adults 18 and older who are blind or visually impaired learn to live independently in Wayfinder's Hatlen Center for the Blind in San Pablo in Northern California. In this immersive residential rehabilitation program, students receive training in their own Hatlen apartment and learn to live on their own. They pay their own rent, plan and cook meals and travel to school, work or recreation. Each client pursues individualized goals that lead to a confident transition to a life of their own. Students may attend school or work part time while attending the Hatlen Center.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training;
Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

The Hatlen Center, A Program of Junior Blind
2430 Road 20 #B112
San Pablo, CA 94806-5005

Phone: (510) 234-4984 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.juniorblind.org/web/index.php/programs/south/youth-and-adult-services/the-hatlen-center>

Email/Contact: efoley@juniorblind.org

National Organizations

THE MARFAN FOUNDATION

Research, patient support, and education for those affected by Marfan syndrome and related disorders

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

The Marfan Foundation
22 Manhasset Avenue
Port Washington, NY 11050

Phone: (516) 883-8712 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.marfan.org>

Email/Contact: staff@marfan.org

THE SMITH-KETTLEWELL EYE RESEARCH INSTITUTE: REHABILITATION ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER

The Center's research goal is to develop and apply new scientific knowledge and practical, cost-effective devices to understand and address better the real-world problems of blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind consumers. The RERC has many ongoing R&D projects and collaborative relationships, both internal and external to Smith-Kettlewell. Primary funding for the RERC comes from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, with other important sources of support, including the National Eye Institute, and The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute: Rehabilitation
Engineering Research Center
2318 Fillmore Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Phone: (415) 345-2110 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.ski.org/center/rehabilitation-engineering-research-center>

Email/Contact: RERC@ski.org

National Organizations

UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES (USABA)

Empowers Americans who are blind and visually impaired to experience life-changing opportunities in sports, recreation and physical activities, thereby educating and inspiring the nation.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone: 719-866-3224

Official Website: usaba.org

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

OCR guarantees access to an equal and appropriate elementary and secondary education and educational services and auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Education: Office for Civil Rights
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100

Phone: (202) 205-5413

Official Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

Email/Contact: OCR@ed.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) understands the many challenges still facing individuals with disabilities and their families. Therefore, OSERS is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. OSERS supports programs that serve millions of children, youth and adults with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Education: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 245-7468

Official Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html#Asrc=mr>

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Education: Office of the Secretary
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-0498

Phone: (202) 401-2000

Official Website: <http://www.ed.gov>

Email/Contact: www.ed.gov/answers

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Our mission — to provide leadership and resources to assist state and other agencies in providing vocational rehabilitation (VR) and other services to individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment, independence and integration into the community and the competitive labor market.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Education: Rehabilitation Services Administration
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 245-7488

Official Website: <https://rsa.ed.gov/people.cfm>

Email/Contact: <https://rsa.ed.gov/people.cfm>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. We promote the economic and social well-being of children, families, individuals and communities with leadership and resources for compassionate, effective delivery of human services.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families
370 L'Enfant Plaza Promenade, SW
Washington, DC 20447

Phone: (202) 401-9215

Official Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

The Administration for Community Living was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people with disabilities of all ages should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
Administration on Aging
330 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 619-0724

Official Website: <https://aoa.acl.gov/>

Email/Contact: <https://www.acl.gov/contact>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

CMS administers the Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Insurance Programs. CMS helps pay the medical bills for more than 75 million beneficiaries.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Phone: (410) 786-3000

Official Website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp?N/Afromhcfadotgov=true>

Email/Contact: AskCMSquestions@cms.hhs.gov

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Through appropriated funds, BHP supports education programs, credentialing, analysis, and development of human resources needed to staff the U.S. health care system.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau
of Health Professions
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Phone: (301) 443-5794

Official Website: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/>

Email/Contact: Administrator@hrsa.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) provides leadership, in partnership with key stakeholders, to improve the physical and mental health, safety and well-being of the maternal and child health (MCH) population which includes all of the nation's women, infants, children, adolescents, and their families, including fathers and children with special health care needs.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal
and Child Health Bureau
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Phone: (301) 443-2170

Official Website: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>

Email/Contact: ctibbs@hrsa.gov

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

It is the mission of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Americans. We fulfill that mission by providing for effective health and human services and fostering advances in medicine, public health, and social services.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:
Office of the Secretary
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 619-0257

Official Website: <http://www.hhs.gov>

Email/Contact: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/contact-us/index.html>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION

The Disability Rights Section works to achieve equal opportunity for people with disabilities in the United States by implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Through its multi-faceted approach toward achieving compliance with the ADA, this Section works to make this goal a reality. The Section's enforcement, certification, regulatory, coordination, and technical assistance activities, required by the ADA, combined with an innovative mediation, provide a cost-effective and dynamic approach for carrying out the ADA's mandates. The Section also carries out responsibilities under Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, and Executive Order 12250.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Justice: Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Phone: (202) 307-2227

Official Website: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/disability-rights-section>

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Education for Blind or Visually Impaired Children/School-Age Students and Schools for the Blind; Employment/Job Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Labor: Employment and Training Administration
200 Constitution Avenue, SW
Suite S-2307
Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 693-2700

Official Website: <http://www.doleta.gov>

Email/Contact: etapagemaster@dol.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION, WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

Monitors compliance with sub-minimum wage requirements for disabled workers in work centers, community rehabilitation programs, sheltered workshops, competitive industry, and hospitals and institutions under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Act of 1938.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Labor: Employment Standards Administration,
Wage and Hour Division
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Room S3510
Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 693-0072

Official Website: <http://www.dol.gov/whd/>

Email/Contact: <https://webapps.dol.gov/contactwhd/default.aspx>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) provides national leadership by developing and influencing disability employment-related policies and practices affecting an increase in the employment of people with disabilities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Labor: Office of Disability Employment Policy
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 376-6200

Official Website: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

Email/Contact: odep@dol.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

OFCP monitors compliance with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 providing for affirmative action in the employment of qualified disabled workers by contractors with the federal government, as well as similar provisions of law regarding disabled veterans (38 U.S.C. 2012); also investigates complaints.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Labor: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Room S2321
Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 693-0200

Official Website: <http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/>

Email/Contact: OFCCP-Public@dol.gov

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Department of Labor is responsible for the administration and enforcement of over 180 federal statutes. These legislative mandates and the regulations produced to implement them cover a wide variety of workplace activities for nearly 10 million employers and well over 100 million workers, including protecting workers' wages, health and safety, employment and pension rights; promoting equal employment opportunity; administering job training, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation programs; strengthening free collective bargaining and collecting, analyzing and publishing labor and economic statistics.

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Labor: Office of the Secretary
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Suite S2018
Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 693-6000

Official Website: <http://www.dol.gov/>

Email/Contact: [https://webapps.dol.gov/contactus/contactus.aspN/
Agency=DOL](https://webapps.dol.gov/contactus/contactus.aspN/Agency=DOL)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Office of the Secretary (OST) oversees the formulation of national transportation policy and promotes intermodal transportation. Other responsibilities range from negotiation and implementation of international transportation agreements, assuring the fitness of US airlines, enforcing airline consumer protection regulations, issuance of regulations to prevent alcohol and illegal drug misuse in transportation systems and preparing transportation legislation.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (202) 366-4000

Official Website: <http://www.dot.gov>

Email/Contact: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION EAST BUILDING

FTA administers federally assisted mass transit programs. FTA maintains regional offices throughout the country.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Transit Administration East Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (866) 377-8642

Official Website: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>

Email/Contact: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/contact/contact-us>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: AMERICAN LAKE BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER VA PUGET SOUND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

VA Puget Sound Health Care System offers outpatient vision rehabilitation services at both its Seattle and American Lake Divisions through its Visual Impairment Services teams and low vision clinics. The American Lake facility is home to one of the nation's 13 national inpatient Blind Rehabilitation Centers. Visually impaired Veterans from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are referred to the American Lake Blind Rehabilitation Center for comprehensive vision rehabilitation services. Both divisions have teams of VIST Coordinators (case managers) and BROS (Blind Rehab Outpatient Specialists). VIST and BROS from around VISN 20 and elsewhere refer up to 120 to 130 Veterans a year from around the northwest.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Assessment/Evaluation; Community Outreach Programs; Computer/Assistive Technology; Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: American Lake Blind Rehabilitation Center VA Puget Sound Health Care System
9600 Veterans Drive, SW
Building 5 (A-112-BRC)
Tacoma, WA 98493

National Organizations

Phone: (253) 583-1287

Official Website: <https://www.pugetsound.va.gov/services/blindrehab.asp>

Email/Contact: Walter.Werkhoven@VA.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: AUGUSTA BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Recreation Services; Support Groups; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Augusta Blind Rehabilitation Center
1 Freedom Way
Augusta, GA 30904-6285

Phone: (706) 733-0188 6661

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE

VA Blind Rehabilitation Service provides a full range of vision rehabilitation and blind rehabilitation services to Veterans and active duty Servicemembers. Each Blind Rehabilitation Center (BRC) provides comprehensive and individualized adjustment programs in a therapeutic atmosphere. BRCs are located at VA Medical Centers in: Birmingham, Alabama; Palo Alto, California; West Haven, Connecticut; West Palm Beach, Florida; Augusta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Waco, Texas; Tacoma, Washington; Tucson, Arizona; San Juan, Puerto Rico, Long Beach, CA; Cleveland, OH and Biloxi, MS. Fifty-four outpatient blind and vision rehabilitation clinics are located nationally as well. Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinators, located at VA facilities nationwide, act as case managers to ensure that severely disabled blind Veterans receive appropriate benefits and services. Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialists provide assessment and training in the home and community to complement the training in the inpatient and outpatient programs, and they provide blind rehabilitation training for Veterans who do not require a comprehensive BRC program or are physically unable to attend a clinical program. Aids and appliances are provided, appropriate to the needs and eligibility of the clients.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

National Organizations

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Blind Rehabilitation Service
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Phone: (202) 461-7317

Official Website: <http://www.va.gov/blindrehab/>

Email/Contact: Kathleen.Dziak@va.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: CENTRAL BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Distance Education; Employment/Job Training; Low Vision Services; Professional Training; Radio Reading Services; Recreation Services; Support Groups; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Central Blind Rehabilitation Center
Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital
Hines, IL 60141

Phone: (708) 202-2272

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: EASTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Administration, Regional Consultant, Visual Impairment Service Team Coordinator, Blind Rehabilitation Outreach Specialist, Recreation, Optometry, Nursing, Blind Rehabilitation Specialists, Computer Access Training Instructors.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Information and Referral; Low Vision Services;

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center VA Connecticut Healthcare System
124950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 6516

Phone: (203) 932-5711 2175

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: MAJ. CHARLES R. SOLTES, JR. O.D. BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER VA LONG BEACH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Low vision specialist, social worker, O&M instructors, rehabilitation teachers, psychologist, manual skills instructors, computer access training instructors and specialist, recreation therapist. Allied staff: Optometrist, optometry students and residents, audiologists, Kinesiotherapists, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Low Vision Services; Recreation Services; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Maj. Charles R. Soltes, Jr. O.D.
Blind Rehabilitation Center VA Long Beach Health Care System
5901 East 7th Street
Building 166
Long Beach, CA 90822

Phone: (562) 826-8000 6037

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: SOUTHEASTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

The mission of the VA Blind Rehabilitation Service is to coordinate a healthcare service delivery system that provides a continuum of care for blinded veterans extending from their home environment to the local VA facility and to the appropriate rehabilitation setting.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center
700 South 19th Street
VA Medical Center
Birmingham, AL 35233

Phone: (205) 558-4706

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: SOUTHWESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER SOUTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Orientation & Mobility Specialists, Rehab Teachers, Low Vision Specialists, Computer Instructors, Manual Skills Instructors, Optometrist, Psychologist, Nursing, Recreation Coordinator, Dietician, Physician, Research, Diabetic Educator

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Community Outreach Programs; Computer/Assistive Technology; Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Information and Referral; Low Vision Services; NLS Libraries; Recreation Services; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
3601 South Sixth Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85723

Phone: (520) 629-4643

Official Website: N/A

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

VBA furnishes compensation and pensions for disability and death to veterans and their dependents. Provides vocational rehabilitation services, including counseling, training, and assistance toward employment, to blinded veterans disabled as a result of service in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era; also provides rehabilitation services to certain peacetime veterans. Offers and guarantees loans for the purchase or construction of homes, farms, and businesses.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Benefits Administration
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Phone: (202) 530-9340

Official Website: <http://www.vba.va.gov/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

VHA provides hospital and outpatient treatment as well as nursing home care for eligible veterans in Veterans Administration facilities. Services elsewhere provided on a contract basis in the United States and its territories. Provides non-vocational inpatient residential rehabilitation services to eligible legally blinded veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Health Administration
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20420

Phone: 1-877-222-VETS (8387)

Official Website: <https://www.va.gov/health/>

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: WEST PALM BEACH BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Counseling; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Recreation Services; Support Groups; Training in the Use of Low Vision Devices; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: West Palm Beach Blind Rehabilitation Center
7305 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33410

Phone: (561) 422-8426, (800) 972-8262

Official Website: <http://www1.va.gov/blindrehab/>

Email/Contact: N/A

National Organizations

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: WESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER VA PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The Western Blind Rehabilitation Center serves Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers with vision impairment through a comprehensive evidence-based rehabilitation program that promotes independence and community reintegration through excellence in clinical care, education, and research as integral components of the Blind Rehabilitation Services Continuum of Care.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Daily Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Training; Low Vision Services; Recreation Services; Travel/O&M Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Western Blind Rehabilitation Center VA Palo Alto Health Care System
795 Willow Road
Building T-365
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Phone: (650) 614-9952

Official Website: <http://www.paloalto.va.gov/services/wbrc.asp>

Email/Contact: N/A

U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT: FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Establishes policy for employment of disabled persons within the federal service. Administers a merit system for federal employment that includes recruiting, examining, training, and promoting people on the basis of knowledge and skills, regardless of sex, race, religion, or other factors.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management: Federal Employment of People with Disabilities
1900 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20415-1000

Phone: (202) 606-1800

Official Website: <http://www.opm.gov/disability>

Email/Contact: disability@opm.gov

National Organizations

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

USPS provides for free mailing matter for blind and other disabled persons.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

Phone: (202) 268-2000

Official Website: <http://www.usps.gov/>

Email/Contact: <https://www.usps.com/help/contact-us.htm>

UNITED STATES BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION

Encouraging and enhancing opportunities for blind and visually impaired golfers to compete in the game of golf.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

United States Blind Golf Association
c/o Membership Chair Person
125 Gilberts Hill Road
Lexington, PA 18235

Phone: N/A

Official Website: <http://www.blindgolf.com/>

Email/Contact: info@usblindgolf.com

National Organizations

UNITED STATES BRAILLE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Accessible chess programs and sets

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

United States Braille Chess Association
c/o Alan Schlank, Treasurer
1881 N. Nash St. Unit 702
Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: (305) 273-7874 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.americanblindchess.org/>

Email/Contact: N/A

VISION COUNCIL OF AMERICA/THE VISION COUNCIL

Mission to position members for success by promoting growth in the vision care industry through education, advocacy, research, consumer outreach, strategic relationship building and industry forums.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Vision Council of America/The Vision Council
225 Reinekers Lane
Suite 700
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: (703) 548-4560 (Local)

Official Website: www.thevisioncouncil.org

Email/Contact: info@thevisioncouncil.org

WESTED CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

The Center for Prevention & Early Intervention (CPEI) provides training and technical assistance in policy development, translation of research to practice, systems evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based practices in support of children and youth (birth through age 22) with, or at risk for, disabilities and their families. CPEI partners with state and local education and human service agencies to promote a comprehensive approach to improving developmental, academic, and behavioral outcomes for children and youth. Strategies and tools include effective practices to build the capacity of systems and educators and other providers as they implement and support successful outcomes for diverse populations.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention
730 Harrison Street
Sacramento, CA 94107

Phone: (415) 565-3000 (Local)

Official Website: <http://www.wested.org/cpei>

Email/Contact: customerservice@wested.org