

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 complement 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 designated nonprofits 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 representing people who are blind or have significant disabilities.

MISSION: To tap America's underutilized workforce of individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities to deliver high quality, mission-essential products and services to Federal agencies in quality employment opportunities.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

AbilityOne Program 355 E St. SW Suite 325 Washington D.C. 20024

Phone: (703) 603-2100

Official Website: https://www.abilityone.gov

Email/Contact: info@abilityone.gov

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: Georgia Institute of Technology

SERVICES: Education Resources

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (866) 271-4968 (Toll-free)

Official Website: https://www.accesstext.org Email/Contact: membership@accesstext.org

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

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

SPONSOR: Community-Based Organization Networks

SERVICES: Housing advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Administration for Community Living 330 C St. SW Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 401-4634

Eldercare Locator (to find local resources): (800) 677-1116

Official Website: https://acl.gov

Email/Contact: https://acl.gov/contact

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: The Children's Eye Foundation

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

AAPOS 1935 County Rd, B2 W, Suite 165 Roseville, MN 55113

Phone: (952) 646-2045 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.aapos.org/ Email/Contact: https://aapos.org/contactus for general questions: info@aapos.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. Their membership consists of deaf-blind people from diverse backgrounds, as well as family members, professionals, interpreters, and other interested supporters.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit 501(c)(3)

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Association of the Deaf-Blind PO BOX 12222 Silver Spring, MD 20908

Phone: N/A

Website: http://www.aadb.org/ Email/Contact: info@aadb.org

AMERICAN BLIND SKIING FOUNDATION

The American Blind Skiing Foundation (ABSF) was founded in 1971 with the purpose of providing 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. 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 tax exempt (501-C3) national organization chartered in the State of Illinois.

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Blind Skiing Foundation 609 Crandell Lane Schaumburg, IL 60193

Phone: (312) 409-1605 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.absf.org Email/Contact: contactus@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 by being guided by its members and advocating for equality, inspiring community, and connecting education, resources and support.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit (National Office) American Council of the Blind Inc

SERVICES: Advocacy, Education

MAILING ADDRESS:

1703 N. Beauregard Street Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22311

Phone: (202) 467-5081 (Local)

Phone: (800) 424-8666

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

Email/Contact: info@acb.org

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; Special Education

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (304) 293-3450 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.acres-sped.org Email/Contact: acres-sped@mail.wvu.edu

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

Expanding possibilities for people with vision loss by advocating for better policies that promote accessibility and ensure equality and opportunity for people who are blind or visually impaired, creating a culture of inclusion at work, at school, and in their communities.

SPONSOR: Nonprofit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

1101 Wilson Blvd; 6th Floor Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: (212)-502-7600 (local)

Website: https://afb.org Email: info@aph.org

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Adults ages 18 and older, who are blind or visually impaired, receive instruction & training on the latest assistive technology devices and software for success in today's job market. Following an initial assessment, the staff develops a plan to guide each client to his or her unique goals. Southern California services include assistive technology training in the state-of-the-art technology lab at Wayfinder's Los Angeles campus, plus assessments of accessibility at worksites within a 10-mile radius of the campus. The Northern California services include in-home assistive technology training.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Assistive Technology Training, Job Support Services,

Worksite Accessibility

MAILING ADDRESS:

N/A

Phone: (323) 295-4555 ext. 451

Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/assistive-

technology-training

Email: rdeerr@wayfinderfamily.org

CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The mission for the Center for the Visually Impaired is to empower people impacted by vision loss to live with independence and dignity.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Center for Visually Impaired 739 West Peachtree Street N.W. Atlanta, GA 30308

Phone: (404) 875-9011 (Local)
Official Website: https://cviga.org

Email/Contact: https://cviga.org/contact-us

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 1101 Wilson Blvd, 6th Floor Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: (212) 502-7600 (Local); (800) 232-5463 (Toll-free)

Official Website: https://afb.org/about-afb/what-we-do/public-policy-

research-institute

Email/Contact: https://afb.org/contact

AMERICAN MACULAR DEGENERATION FOUNDATION

Helps individuals learn about and live with Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), offering 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

Phone:(413) 268-7660 (Local); (888) 622-8527 (Toll-free)

Official Website: https://www.macular.org

Email/Contact: https://www.macular.org/contact-us

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 through innovative approaches to Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy.

SPONSOR: Professional Membership Organization

SERVICES: Professional Education, Advocacy, Philanthropy

MAILING ADDRESS:

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery 12587 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 348 Fairfax, VA 22033

Phone: (703) 591-2220 (Local)
Official Website: https://ascrs.org

Email/Contact: https://ascrs.org/contact-us

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:

United States Access Board 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 272-0080 ext. 3

Official Website: https://www.access-board.gov

Email/Contact: info@access-board.gov

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: University of Michigan

SERVICES: Advocacy for Low Vision; 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: https://avsl.notion.site/avsl/The-Association-of-Vision-Science-Librarians-defc1d98038b4b07bce7dbf437f97d82

Email/Contact: ewells@sunyopt.edu

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 16810 Kenton Drive Suite 220 Huntersville, NC 28078

Phone: (704) 947-7779 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.ahead.org/home Email/Contact: https://www.ahead.org/contactus

BLIND BABIES FOUNDATION

Young children in Central and Northern California who are blind or visually impaired and may have additional disabilities receive critical early intervention and education services from Blind Babies Foundation, a program of Wayfinder Family Services. Children increase visual functioning, sensory awareness, communication and social skills, as well as improve physical, cognitive and emotional development. Families learn to become successful advocates for their children's education and care. The vision impairment specialists collaborate with family members, medical professionals, caregivers and teachers

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Early Intervention; Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

N/A

Phone: (510) 446-2229 ext 755

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/blind-

babies-foundation

Email/Contact: abybee-ramos@wayfinderfamily.org

BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE: GREATER LOS ANGELES VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

SPONSOR: Federal Government - Veteran Health Administration

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

Main hospital line: (310) 478-3711

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/greater-los-angeles-health-care/

Email/Contact: N/A

BLIND SOCCER

Join to learn blind soccer and improve fitness! This is an event that Angel City Sports Blind Sports Program is hosting twice monthly, and the Wayfinder Family Services Recreation Department is inviting individuals to join! There will be an open practice with other participants of various soccer skills then drills like tracking the ball, dribbling, passing, and shooting led by experienced coaches from the Angel City Sports Blind Soccer Program. This is open to boys and girls of all ages and skill levels, from beginner to advanced! Players may bring their own shin guards and eye shades or use some courtesy of Angel City Sports. All the equipment will be provided if needed. Participants should just wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Youth Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

Goals Southgate 9599 Pinehurst Ave Southgate, California 90280

Phone: (323) 295-4555

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/adaptive-

sports

Email/Contact: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program-inquiry-form

CAMP BLOOMFIELD

Wayfinder's Camp Bloomfield has been sharing the joys of the great outdoors with children and families since 1958. The program offers activities adapted for children of all ages and abilities and gives them a natural and safe environment to develop self-esteem and build independence. Camp Bloomfield is the only one of its kind for children with multiple disabilities and blindness in the State of California that is offered free of charge to participants.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Youth Services, Adaptive Sports

MAILING ADDRESS:

N/A

Phone: (510) 446-2229 ext 755

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/camp-

bloomfield

Email/Contact: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program-inquiry-form

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); (800) 442-7604 (Tollfree)

Outreach Phone: 1-855-5CHARGE (Tollfree number – 855-524-2743)

Official Website: https://www.chargesyndrome.org/

Email/Contact: info@chargesyndrome.org

CHOROIDEREMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Choroideremia Research Foundation (CRF) is the largest organization in the world focused on the search for a cure for choroideremia (CHM). Their mission is to raise funds in support of scientific research leading to a treatment or cure of choroideremia, a hereditary retinal-degenerative disease that causes blindness; to educate people affected by the disease and to inform the public.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy; Research

MAILING ADDRESS:

Choroideremia Research Foundation 23 East Brundreth Street Springfield, MA 01109

Phone: (800) 210-0233

Official Website: https://www.curechm.org

Email/Contact: info@curechm.org

CHRISTIAN RECORD SERVICES, INC.

This 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: https://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; Veterans Health Affairs

SERVICES: Low Vision Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (414) 384-2000 ext 41832 (Local)

Official Website:

https://www.visn12.va.gov/locations/Clement_J_Zablocki_VA_Medical_

Center.asp

Email/Contact: https://www.va.gov/contact-us/

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: https://computersfortheblind.org/ Email/Contact: help@computersfortheblind.org

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. They 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) 844-2993 (Local)

Official Website: https://cornea.org

Email/Contact: https://cornea.org/Contact.aspx

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

Attn: Patti Cox 3817 Tuesday Way Louisville, KY 40219

Phone: (502) 905-0869 (Local)
Official Website: https://cclvi.info

Email/Contact: CCLVIPresident@CCLVI.org

DAVIDSON PROGRAM FOR INDEPENDENCE

Adults who are blind or visually impaired learn skills to lead fuller, more productive lives in Wayfinder's Davidson Program for Independence, a comprehensive residential rehabilitation program. Through training in Braille, independent living skills, assistive technology and orientation and mobility (to travel autonomously and safely), graduates of the program reach their greatest levels of independence in their homes, workplaces, and communities.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit, Federal

SERVICES: Rehabilitation, Mobility Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Davidson Program for Independence 5300 Angeles Vista Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90043

Phone: (323) 295-4555 EXT 451 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/davidson-

program-for-independence

Email/Contact: rdeerr@wayfinderfamily.org

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- U.S. Department of Education

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: https://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) 300-3300 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.wgbh.org/foundation/what-we-do/media-

access-group

Email/Contact: info@wgbh.org

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 8635 W. 3rd Street, Ste. 390 W Los Angeles, CA 90048

Phone: (310) 623-4466 (Local)

Official Website: https://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: ECTA is a consortium of national experts from across multiple organizations

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: https://ectacenter.org

Email/Contact: https://ectacenter.org/about/contact.asp

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.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (202) 921-3191

Official Website: https://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: https://www.eyecancer.com

Email/Contact: https://eyecancer.com/nyecc-the-new-york-eye-

cancer-center/contact/

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

Phone: (451) 561-8500 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america

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

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Federal Communications Commission: 45 L Street NE

Washington, DC 20554

Phone: (888)-225-5322

Official Website: https://www.fcc.gov/accessibility

Email/Contact: DRO@fcc.gov

FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Supports and inspires 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: https://fightforsight.org Email/Contact: info@fightforsight.com

GOALBALL

Goalball is a Paralympic team sport for athletes who are blind or visually impaired. In goalball, a member of a three-person team rolls a ball toward the opposite goal while the other team tries to stop it from reaching the net. The ball has embedded bells that jingle as it moves.

They are thrilled to announce that their goalball program is resuming! Athletes of all abilities ages 12 and up are welcome to practice, play and/or learn to coach! Sighted siblings and friends are also welcome. This program is free of charge to all participants. Participants must show proof of Covid-19 vaccination and booster.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Adaptive Sports

MAILING ADDRESS:

Wayfinder Main Campus 5300 Angeles Vista Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90043

Phone: (323) 295-455

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/adaptive-

sports

Email/Contact: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/general-inquiry

HELP AMERICA HEAR

An organization dedicated to raising awareness and accessibility to hearing aids for people who have experienced hearing loss and would otherwise not be able to afford the fundamental joys of hearing. 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: (888)-580-8886

Official Website: https://helpamericahear.org Email/Contact: info@helpamericahear.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: https://glaucomafoundation.org Email/Contact: info@glaucomafoundation.org

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: https://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: (800) 323-4238

Official Website: https://hadley.edu Email/Contact: info@hadley.edu

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: Voice: (516) 944-8900 x 1299

VP: (516) 570-3246

Official Website: https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc

Email/Contact: hkncinfo@hknc.org

INTANDEM CYCLING, INC.

InTandem Cycling is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide tandem cycling programs to people who are blind, have low vision, or cannot ride independently due to other disabilities.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

InTandem Cycling, Inc. P.O. Box 647 New York, NY 10021

Phone: N/A

Official Website: https://www.intandembike.org

Email/Contact: https://www.intandembike.org/contact

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:

IAAIS 7101 Newport Ave, Suite 205 Omaha, NE 68152

Phone: (Toll-Free) (844) 218-8430
Official Website: https://www.iaais.org
Email/Contact: <u>IAAISMember@gmail.com</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Lions Club International (LCI) 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 widespread 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 sightsaving 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:

Lions Club International 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Phone: (630) 571-5466 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-

members/resource-center/lci-forward

Email/Contact: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/footer/contact-us

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/programs-services/center-excellence-

nonvisual-access/international-braille-and-technology-center

Email/Contact: nfb@nfb.org

LEARNING ALLY

Today, more than 30 million students struggle to read. By fourth grade, 65% of them are reading below proficiency. With early detection and proven accommodations, they can make strides in alleviating these detrimental consequences. Learning Ally is a leading nonprofit education solutions organization that transforms the lives of early and struggling learners through proven solutions from Pre-K through high school, to help students reach their potential.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Education, Early assessment and intervention, Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Learning Ally 20 Roszel Road Princeton, NJ 08540

Phone: (800) 221-4792

Official Website: https://learningally.org

Email/Contact: CustomerCare@learningally.org

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: (888) 657-7323

Official Website: https://www.loc.gov/nls

Email/Contact: nls@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 250 W. 64th St. New York, NY 10023

Phone: (800) 284-4422 (TTY 711)

Official Website: https://lighthouseguild.org Email/Contact: info@lighthouseguild.org

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL USA

By being experts on a broad range of topics, MIUSA empowers people with disabilities to achieve their human rights through international exchange and development. They provide engagement through partnerships, projects, training and programs to advance the rights of people with disabilities globally.

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: https://www.miusa.org Email/Contact: clearinghouse@miusa.org

MUSC MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN SC DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY -MUSC Health Storm Eye Institute

At the MUSC Health Storm Eye Institute, you have access to dedicated experts in every aspect of eye health seeking 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: Comprehensive Clinical Eye Care, Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

MUSC Storm Eye Institute 167 Ashley Avenue Charleston, SC 29425

Phone: (843) 792-2020

Official Website:

https://medicine.musc.edu/departments/ophthalmology

Email/Contact: N/A

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: 1-800-541-5454

Official Website: https://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.

MISSION: An organization committed to fostering competition and camaraderie through the game of beep baseball for the blind and visually impaired.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Recreation Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

National Beep Baseball Association 1400 Patriot Blvd., #290 Glenview, Illinois 60025

Phone: N/A

Official Website: https://www.nbba.org

Email/Contact: https://www.nbba.org/contacts

NATIONAL BRAILLE ASSOCIATION

Provides 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: https://www.nationalbraille.org

Email/Contact: https://www.nationalbraille.org/contact

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 30333

Phone: (404) 639-3311

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

Email/Contact: https://wwwn.cdc.gov/dcs/ContactUs/Form

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 178 Albion Street Suite 210 Wakefield, MA 01880

Phone: (781) 245-2212 (Local)

Official Website: https://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: https://ncd.gov Email/Contact: ncd@ncd.gov

NATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF-BLIND

Empower families of individuals who are deaf-blind 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 P.O. Box 1667 Sands Point, NY 11050

Phone: (800) 255-0411 (Toll-Free)
Official Website: https://nfadb.org
Email/Contact: info@nfadb.org

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

The National Federation of the Blind is the oldest and largest nationwide organization of blind Americans. Through their network of blind members, they coordinate many programs, services, and resources to defend the rights of blind Americans, provide information and support to blind children and adults, and build a community that creates a future full of opportunities.

The National Federation of the Blind can help individuals:

- 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 their profession, hobbies, interests, or goals.
- Learn about and select the right technology for their 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: https://nfb.org Email/Contact: nfb@nfb.org

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) 330 C Street SW Room 1304 Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 401-4634

Official Website: https://acl.gov/about-acl/about-national-institute-

disability-independent-living-and-rehabilitation-research

Email/Contact: https://acl.gov/contact

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: https://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: https://www.nia.nih.gov

Email/Contact: niaic@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: https://www.loc.gov/nls

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

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: https://www.albinism.org

Email/Contact: info@albinism.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN

A division of the National Federation of the Blind, they are a national membership and advocacy organization of families and friends of blind children. They help families and blind children maximize the child's skills, independence, and opportunities, and hold high expectations for their children. Connect with them and the resources, support, and expertise of blind people who can serve as mentors and role models for them and their children.

The purpose of the NOPBC is to:

- create a climate of opportunity for blind children in home and society.
- provide information and support to parents of blind children.
- facilitate the sharing of experience and concerns among parents of blind children.
- develop and expand resources available to parents and their children.
- help parents of blind children gain understanding and perspective through partnership and contact with blind adults.
- function as an integral part of the National Federation of the Blind in its ongoing effort to achieve equality and opportunity for all blind persons.

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: https://nopbc.org/contact-us

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
150 Elm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Phone: (203) 366-3300 (Local)

Official Website: http://www.nstudios.org/ Email/Contact: operations@nstudios.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 their nation. They consider it their privilege to serve veterans' health care needs in any way they 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: https://www.northport.va.gov Email/Contact: https://www.va.gov/contact-us

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 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 Consumer Protection 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (202) 366-2220

Official Website: https://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: (405) 325-0441

Official Website: https://www.ou.edu/education/centers-and-

partnerships/deaf-blind-project

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 deaf-blind. The project serves children from birth through age 21 years. Technical assistance and support to IEP teams serving students who are deaf-blind enables the teams to implement the highly specialized services needed in the provision of a free, appropriate, public education for learners who are deaf-blind, residing in Oregon.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Consultation/Technical Program Assistance

MAILING ADDRESS:

Oregon DeafBlind Project 345 N. Monmouth Ave Monmouth, OR 97361

Phone: (503) 838-8328

Official Website: https://wou.edu/rrcd/oregondb/

Email/Contact: hearingj@wou.edu

PEDIATRIC RETINAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Combining community and research for a cure, this organization is a community of passionate supporters of children with blinding retinal diseases, and their families. They fund and perform research in the quest for a cure and provide a caring community portal for sharing information and resources as parents navigate the hurdles their children face as they grow.

MISSION: 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 PO Box 1926 Birmingham, MI 48012

Phone: (248) 838-9102 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.pediatricrrf.org

Email/Contact: info@pediatricrrf.org

PERKINS INTERNATIONAL PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

They are building a world where people with complex disabilities and visual impairments can learn and thrive.

Through Perkins' core programs and services, they work to fulfill their mission of serving children and young adults with multiple disabilities and their families around the globe, as well as the educators, professionals and researchers who support them, by focusing on innovation and excellence in educational services, accessibility and professional development.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; NLS; Libraries

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (617) 924-3434 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.perkins.org

Email/Contact: PR@Perkins.org

PREVENT BLINDNESS

Prevent Blindness provides information that leads to an increased appreciation of the value of good vision through early identification, access to interventions, connection to rehabilitation, and a reduction in the magnitude of visual impairment. The knowledge provided is intended to prevent vision loss and promote the highest quality of life for those with vision conditions. Prevent Blindness supports the integration of vision information for the purpose of professional education and integration. Education increases awareness, drives improved health behaviors, promotes early detection of eye disease, and supports overall health goals through preserved sight.

MISSION: Their mission is to prevent blindness and preserve sight.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

Prevent Blindness 225 West Wacker Drive #400 Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: 1-800-331-2020

Official Website: https://preventblindness.org Email/Contact: info@preventblindness.org

RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS

Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB) is the leading nonprofit organization supporting eye research directed at the prevention, treatment or eradication of all diseases that threaten vision.

MISSION: RPB's mission is to preserve and restore vision by supporting research to develop treatments, preventives and cures for all conditions that damage and destroy sight.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (212) 752-4333 (Local)

Official Website: https://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 their multidisciplinary constituency.

MISSION: To maximize the health and well-being of people with disabilities through technology.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

RESNA 2001 K Street NW 3rd Floor North Washington, DC 20006

Phone: (202) 367-1121 (Local)

Official Website: https://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.

MISSION: Rhode Island ATAP increases knowledge about and access to Assistive Technology.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy; Consultation/Technical Program Assistance;

Employment/Job Training

MAILING ADDRESS:

Office of Rehabilitation Services 40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903

Phone: (401) 322-9018

Official Website: https://ors.ri.gov/programs/assistive-technology-

access-partnership-atap

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

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SBA administers the Small Business Act, including small business loans to disabled individuals. SBA is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small business and provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise as the nation's only go-to resource and voice for small businesses. SBA maintains local offices throughout the country.

MISSION: SBA works to ignite change and spark action so small businesses can confidently start, grow, expand, or recover.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Phone: (800) 827-5722

Official Website: https://www.sba.gov Email/Contact: answerdesk@sba.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

SSA administers old age, survivors, and disability insurance programs under Title II of the Social Security Act. Also, it 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.

MISSION: They are passionate about supporting their customers by delivering financial support, providing superior customer service, and ensuring the safety and security of your information – helping you secure today and tomorrow.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Assessment/Evaluation

MAILING ADDRESS:

Social Security Administration
Office of Public Inquiries and Communications Support
1100 West High Rise
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235

Phone: 1-800-772-1213 (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

Official Website: https://www.ssa.gov

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

SOURCEAMERICA

SourceAmerica are champions for employment choices and opportunities for people with disabilities. They advocate for a more accessible and inclusive future of work. They amplify the capabilities of the nonprofit agencies in their network that hire people with disabilities. They create jobs by building strong partnerships with the federal government and connecting their customers to industry-leading products and services.

MISSION: Their work is to create jobs for people with disabilities. When people with disabilities work, the economy is more inclusive, productive, and transformative. Everyone wins when everyone had the opportunity to work.

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: https://www.sourceamerica.org/request-

information/general-inquiries

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 190 Armstrong Street Romney, WV 26757

Phone: (304) 851-5680 (Local)

Official Website: http://www.scivis.org Email/Contact: scivis.oates@gmail.com

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. They 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:

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled Library of Congress Washington, DC 20542

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

Official Website: www.loc.gov/nls

Email/Contact: nls@loc.gov

TASH

TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs of 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 1825 K Street NW, Suite 1250 Washington, DC 20006

Phone: (202) 808-8148 (Local)
Official Website: https://tash.org
Email/Contact: info@TASH.org

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) has an array of programs that serve students who are blind, visually impaired, or deafblind throughout Texas. They work in partnership with schools, families, communities, and organizations. Their goal is to transform educational outcomes for students ages birth to 22. In some cases, they serve as a special public school for students ages 6 through 22 on the TSBVI campus. They also provide support in the form of online courses, consultations, publications, and in-person training throughout Texas.

MISSION: Empowering students to pursue possibilities.

SPONSOR: Federal

SERVICES: Education, Engagement, Professional Preparation, Outreach,

Professional Development

MAILING ADDRESS:

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired 1100 W. 45th St. Austin, TX 78756

Phone: (512) 454-8931 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.tsbvi.edu

Email/Contact: https://www.tsbvi.edu/contact

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

Phone: (510) 234-4984 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.wayfinderfamily.org/program/the-hatlen-

center

Email/Contact: jparrish@wayfinderfamily.org

THE MARFAN FOUNDATION

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

MISSION: The Marfan Foundation's mission is to save lives and improve the quality of life of individuals with Marfan syndrome, Leoys-Dietz syndrome, Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (VEDS), and other genetic aortic and vascular conditions.

SPONSOR: Non-Profit

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

The Marfan Foundation 22 Manhasset Avenue Port Washington, NY 11050

Phone: (516) 883-8712 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.marfan.org Email/Contact: https://marfan.org/contact/

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:

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center 2318 Fillmore Street San Francisco, CA 94115

Phone: (415) 345-2146 (Local)

Official Website: https://www.ski.org/center/rehabilitation-

engineering-research-center

Email/Contact: coughlan@ski.org

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:

U.S. Association of Blind Athletes 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone: (719) 866-3224

Official Website: https://www.usaba.org/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

OCR guarantees equal access to education and to promote educational excellence through vigorous enforcement of civil rights in the nation's schools.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Advocacy

MAILING ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Lyndon Bains Johnson Department of Education Bldg.
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Phone: (202) 245-6700

Official Website:

httphttps://www2.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:

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

Phone: (202) 245-7468

Official Website: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html

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

Phone: (202) 401-2000

Official Website: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/index.html

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Their mission is 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:

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

Phone: (202) 245-7488

Official Website: https://rsa.ed.gov

Email/Contact: RSAMIS.Technical.Support@ed.gov

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

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. They 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:

Administration for Children and Families Mary E. Switzer Building 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 401-9215

Official Website: https://www.acf.hhs.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & 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:

Administration for Community Living 330 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 401-4634

Official Website: https://acl.gov/about-acl/administration-aging

Email/Contact: https://acl.gov/contact

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & 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:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244

Phone: (410) 786-3000

Official Website: https://www.cms.gov/

Email/Contact: AskCMSquestions@cms.hhs.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF HEALTH WORKFORCE

The Bureau of Health Workforce strengthens the health workforce and connects skilled health care providers to communities in need. They offer scholarships and loan repayment to students and clinicians. They also award grants to organizations such as schools, hospitals, and health centers to improve health workforce training, increase diversity, and advance health equity.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Information and Referral

MAILING ADDRESS:

HRSA Headquarters 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Phone: (301) 443-5794

Official Website: https://bhw.hrsa.gov

Email/Contact:

https://bphccommunications.secure.force.com/EHBExternalForm

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & 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: https://mchb.hrsa.gov/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & 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. They 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 Immediate Office of the Secretary (IOS) 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201

Phone: (202) 619-0257

Official Website: https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/staff-

divisions/immediate-office-secretary/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 4CON, 9th Floor Washington, DC 20530

Phone: (202) 514-3847 **(TTY):** (202) 514-0716

Official Website: https://www.justice.gov/crt/disability-rights-section

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: https://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 Wage and Hour Division 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S3510 Washington, DC 20210

Phone: (202) 693-0072

Official Website: https://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: https://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: https://www.dol.gov/ofccp Email/Contact: OFCCP-Public@dol.gov

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. That also includes 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.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

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: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/osec

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: https://www.dot.gov

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (202) 366-4043

Official Website: https://www.fta.dot.gov

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AMERICAN LAKE VA MEDICAL CENTER

American Lake VA Medical Center offers outpatient vision rehabilitation services 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 VA Medical Center for comprehensive vision rehabilitation services.

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:

American Lake VA Medical Center 9600 Veterans Drive Tacoma, WA 98493

Phone: (253) 583-1287

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/puget-sound-health-

care/locations/american-lake-va-medical-center/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AUGUSTA VA MEDICAL CENTER

They offer advanced vision care and blind rehabilitation services to help people live independently. These may include vision-enhancing devices and technology as well as visual skills and related training.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

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

MAILING ADDRESS:

Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 950 15th Street Augusta, GA 30904

Phone: (706) 733-0188 ext 6661

Official Website: http://www.va.gov/augusta-health-care

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE

The VA Blind Rehabilitation Service provides a full range of vision rehabilitation and blind rehabilitation services to Veterans and active duty Service members. 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

MAILING ADDRESS:

Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Blind Rehabilitation Service 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

Phone: (202) 461-7317

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/blindrehab

Email/Contact: https://ask.va.gov

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EASTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

The West Haven VA Medical Center works with these common conditions: macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, corneal diseases, retinitis pigmentosa, uveitis, stroke and injury-related vision loss.

They offer advanced vision care and blind rehabilitation services to help individuals live independently. These may include visionenhancing devices and technology as well as visual skills and related training.

SPONSOR: Federal Government

SERVICES: Computer/Assistive Technology; Information and Referral;

Low Vision Services

MAILING ADDRESS:

West Haven VA Medical Center 950 Campbell Avenue West Haven, CT 06516

Phone: (203) 932-5711 ext. 2175

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/connecticut-health-

<u>care/locations/west-haven-va-medical-center/</u>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HINES VA BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

The Central Blind Rehabilitation Center (CBRC) is a 34-bed residential facility at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, one of 13 VA Blind Rehabilitation Centers located across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. They accept applications from 14 Midwest states in the Central Area Region, as well as across the United States. Their central region field personnel, Visual Impairment Team Coordinators (VIST) are 41 strong and work within the communities of those 14 states to locate Veterans in need of blind rehabilitation services. They provide blind rehabilitation services including five distinct skill areas, supplemented by Recreation Therapy, Social Work, and Psychology disciplines that all work together with clinical staff, including a physical medicine doctor, nurse practitioner, and nursing, to support a successful blind rehabilitation experience.

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:

Edward Hines, Junior Hospital 5000 South 5tth Avenue Hines, IL 60141

Phone: (708) 202-2273

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/hines-health-care/programs/hines-

va-blind-rehabilitation-center/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SEATTLE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Seattle VA Medical Center offers advanced vision care and blind rehabilitation services to help individuals live independently. These may include vision-enhancing devices and technology as well as visual skills and related training. Their low vision outpatient clinic can assess needs and provide a rehab plan tailored to personal goals. Their team of specialists and social workers will work to find the right aids and services.

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:

Seattle VA Medical Center 1660 South Columbian Way Seattle, WA 98108

Phone: (206) 764-2758

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/puget-sound-health-

care/locations/seattle-va-medical-center/

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:

Birmingham VA Health Care System 700 South 19th Street Birmingham, AL 35233

Phone: (205) 558-4703

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/birmingham-health-care

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SOUTHWESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

This facility includes Orientation & Mobility Specialists, Rehab Teachers, Low Vision Specialists, Computer Instructors, Manual Skills Instructors, Optometrist, Psychologist, Nursing, Recreation Coordinator, Dietician, Physician, Research, and 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:

Tucson VA Medical Center Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center 3601 South Sixth Avenue Tucson, AZ 85723

Phone: (520) 629-4643

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/southern-arizona-health-care

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TIBOR RUBIN VA MEDICAL CENTER

This facility includes services from Low vision specialist, social worker, O&M instructors, rehabilitation teachers, psychologist, manual skills instructors, computer access training instructors and specialist, recreation therapist; also 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:

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center 5901 East Seventh Street, Building 126 Long Beach, CA 90822

Phone: (562) 826-8000

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/long-beach-health-

care/locations/tibor-rubin-va-medical-center/

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. It also provides rehabilitation services to certain peace- time 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

TTY: 711

Official Website: https://www.vba.va.gov

Email/Contact: https://ask.va.gov/

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 are provided on a contract basis in the United States and its territories. VHA also 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: https://ask.va.gov/

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

Their low vision outpatient clinic can assess individual needs and provide a rehab plan tailored to personal goals. Their team of specialists and social workers will work with individuals to find the right aids and services.

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:

West Palm Beach VA Medical Center Blind Rehabilitation Center 7305 North Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33410

Phone: (561) 422-8426, (800) 972-8262 ext 7487

TTY: 711

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/west-palm-beach-health-

care/programs/blind-rehabilitation-center/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WESTERN BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER

The Western Blind Rehabilitation Center serves Veterans and Active Duty Service members 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:

Palo Alto VA Medical Center 3801 Miranda Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94304

Phone: (650) 493-5000

Official Website: https://www.va.gov/palo-alto-health-

care/locations/palo-alto-va-medical-center

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: https://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 1823

Phone: (240) 847-4653

Official Website: https://www.blindgolf.com

Email/Contact: info@usblindgolf.org

VISION COUNCIL OF AMERICA/THE VISION COUNCIL

Their mission is 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) 740-1094 (Local)

Official Website: www.thevisioncouncil.org Email/Contact: hrakus@thevisioncouncil.org