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PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR
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PREFACE

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This directory is a collaborative endeavor between the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind to ensure that persons who are blind or have low vision are aware and have access to resources which will enable them to achieve independence and employment.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (ADRS)

Blind Services

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services assists eligible Alabamians who are blind or visually impaired in making informed choices to achieve full inclusion in society through employment, independent living, and social self-sufficiency.

Services provided:

- a continuum of services from youth transition to older blind services, including skills training that enables people to remain independent in their home communities.
- individual and group counseling addressing adjustment to blindness
- employment counseling, training, and job placement
- resources for employers interested in hiring or retaining visually impaired employees
- training in adaptive skills for reading, computer use, traveling, job seeking, and other skills which increase independence and work readiness
- public education regarding the abilities of people who are blind or visually impaired
- supported employment programs for people who have multiple disabilities and who are blind
- a clearing house for Alabamians seeking information and referral regarding blindness and visual impairment

The customers of Blind Services, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, are:

- blind or visually impaired Alabamians who require rehabilitation services to become employed or to live independently in their communities (The majority of these individuals lose their sight as adults due to a variety of

conditions including diabetes, macular degeneration, injury, glaucoma and retinitis pigmentosa.)

- businesses in Alabama which have hired or are considering hiring employees who are blind or visually impaired
- the taxpayers of Alabama who benefit from people who are blind or visually impaired being fully integrated into their communities (Taxpayers also benefit from blind individuals entering employment and paying taxes while decreasing their dependence on public assistance, including premature nursing home care.)

ADRS has four major programs:

Alabama's Early Intervention System (AEIS)

EI coordinates services statewide for infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays from birth to age 3, preparing them and their families for the transition to the State Department of Education's preschool program for 3-to-5-year-olds or other community programs. EI provides financial and technical support to the more than 60 community programs that provide early intervention services and expertise to eligible families.

Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS)

CRS provides services to children with special health-care needs from birth to age 21 and their families. CRS provides disability services, expertise and adaptive technology to local school systems, assisting teachers and school nurses in the education of children with special health-care needs. CRS also administers the statewide Hemophilia Program, which serves Alabama's children and adults who have this life-threatening blood disorder.

Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS)

VRS, the department's largest division, provides rehabilitation, education and employment-related services to more

than 43,000 adolescents and adults with disabilities through long-standing partnerships with local school systems, colleges and universities, junior colleges, vocational technical schools and community rehabilitation programs. VRS also provides more than 5,100 disability management and employee placement services to Alabama businesses each year.

State of Alabama Independent Living / Homebound Service (SAIL)

SAIL provides services to Alabamians who have the severest disabilities resulting from spinal cord or head injuries. Seven SAIL teams located statewide and serving all 67 counties provide services to consumers and families. SAIL program assists Alabamians with the severest disabilities in remaining in their homes and communities rather than in nursing homes or other institutions.

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Montgomery, AL 36116-2455
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(800) 671-6833

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1105 Woodstock Avenue
36207
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(800) 671-6834

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P.O. Box 19888
236 Goodwin Crest Drive
35209
(205) 290-4400
(800) 671-6837

Birmingham

Lakeshore Rehabilitation Facility
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35601
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Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is the world's most comprehensive education and rehabilitation system serving children and adults who are deaf, blind and multi-disabled. Children ages 3 to 21 are served through **Alabama School for the Deaf**, the **Alabama School for the Blind** and the **Helen Keller School of Alabama**, accredited residential and day programs. **E.H. Gentry Technical Facility** is an accredited two-year technical school for adults who are deaf or blind or who have multiple disabilities. **Alabama Industries for the Blind** gives meaning and substance to the lives of visually impaired adults through employment opportunities in Talladega and Birmingham. Nine **Regional Centers** throughout Alabama serve people from birth all the way through life, helping them connect with the local resources they need to live a rich, full life.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

P.O. Box 698
Talladega, AL 35161
(256) 761-3200
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Web site: www.aidb.org

Alabama School for the Blind

705 South Street
Talladega, AL 35160
(256) 761-3259
Fax: (256) 761-3262

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1101 Ft. Lashley Avenue
Talladega, AL 35160
(256) 761-3250
Fax: (256) 761-3344

E. H. Gentry Technical Facility

1105 Ft. Lashley Avenue

Talladega, AL 35160

Sandy Montoya, Director of Blind Services

(256) 761-3458

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Fax: (334) 821-4022

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Phoenix, AZ 85020

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Braille Repair Service

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Talladega, AL 35160

(256) 362-5114

E-mail: lkryger@bellsouth.net

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El Paso, TX 79903

(915) 565-0179

E-mail: resimon@thebrailery.com

Web site: www.brailery.com

They provide complete braille repair service as well as selling reconditioned braillewriters. They recondition foreign, domestic and out-of-production braillewriters.

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Moreno Valley, CA 92557

(909) 242-3750

E-mail: kwhiteh453@aol.com

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Harris, Wayne

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Dallas, TX 75228

phone 972-698-0085

E-mail: wb5tcd@sbcglobal.net

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Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street

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Web site: www.perkins.org

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Web site: www.chocolatesunlimited.biz

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13445 Glenoaks Blvd.

Sylmar, CA 91342

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E-mail: webmaster@guidingeyes.org or
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Web site: www.guidingeyes.org

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Box 5000

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Web site: www.leaderdog.org

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Web site: www.gdui.org

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Web site: www.carroll.org

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Low Vision Store

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Dept. TW 10211 W. Emerald

Boise, ID 83704

(208) 323-9577

(208) 337-1528

(800) 416-0758

Web site: www.videoeye.com

Sells a low vision high powered magnification system called VideoEye

ViewPlus Technologies, Inc.

Business Enterprise Center

800 NW Starker Avenue

Corvallis, OR 97330

(541) 754-4002

(541) 738-6505 fax

E-mail: vpt@viewplustech.com
Web site: www.viewplustech.com

Vision Technology Inc.

8501 Delport Drive
St. Louis, MO 63114
(800) 560-7226
Web site: www.visiontechnology.com

Visual Enhancements, Inc.

P.O. Box 49734
Athens, GA 30604
(877) 235-7092
Web site: www.visual-enhancements.com
Video Magnifiers for Low Vision featuring Freedom Vision
CCTVs and the QuickLook Magnifier

PARENT AND TEACHER GUIDE TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Alabama Instructional Resource Center for the Blind

705 South Street, P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35160

(256)761-3237

(800) 848-4722

Fax: (256) 761-3561

E-mail: lacy.teresa@aidb.state.al.us

Web site: www.aidb.org/asb/aircb.asp

Provides large print and braille textbooks to visually disabled students enrolled in Alabama's public and private schools, as well as students and clients of AIDB

American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9315

and

18440 Oxnard Street

Tarzana, CA 91356

E-mail: actionfund@nfb.org

Web site: www.actionfund.org

Produces and distributes Twin Vision (print/braille) books free of charge, sponsors a free monthly children's book club featuring braille titles selected from popular children's reading series, maintains a free lending library of print/braille and braille books for kindergarten through grade twelve through the California address

American Printing House for the Blind

P.O. Box 6085

Louisville, KY 40206-0085

(502) 895-2405

(800) 223-1839

Fax: (502) 899-2274

E-mail: info@aph.org

Web site: www.aph.org

Designated and funded by an 1879 Act of Congress as the official source of educational texts (primary through secondary level) for students with visual impairments; produces braille, audiocassette, and large-print books for children; pre-braille flash cards and word cards with braille and large print; reading-readiness series such as the Patterns Pre-braille Program and tactile discrimination and visual and sensory stimulation materials and parents' handbooks; Family Life catalog of products and services free upon request; maintains a database of accessible media called Louis which is located on their home web site

Blind Children's Center

4120 Marathon Street

Los Angeles, CA 90029-3584

(323) 664-2153

(800) 222-3566

E-mail: cathy@blindcntr.org

Web site: www.blindcntr.org

Serves children with visual impairments from birth to school age by providing information about adaptive devices, educational materials, toys and other resources

Blind Children's Fund

311 West Broadway, Suite 1

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

(989) 779-9966

Fax: (989) 799-0015

E-mail: bcf@blindchildrensfund.org

Web site: www.blindchildrensfund.org

Promotes the development of materials and methods pertaining to the growth, development, and education of infants and young children who are blind, have visual impairments, or multiple disabilities; sells board books, large-print storybooks, parent guidebooks, selected toys, and audio cassettes

Blindskills, Inc.

Box 5181

Salem, OR 97304-0181

(503) 581-4224

(800) 860-4224

Fax: (503) 581-0178

E-mail: blindskl@teleport.com

Web site: www.blindskills.com

Publishes *Dialogue*, a quarterly magazine, containing resources, including student issues in braille, large print and cassette

Boomerang

Box 261

Lahonda, CA 94020

(800) 333-7858

E-mail: Boomkids@aol.com

Web site: www.boomkids.com

Publishers of a monthly children's magazine on cassette for ages 6-

12; covers a range of topics including: general interest, humor, current events, history and money matters; introductory subscription rate is \$43.95 per year

Braille Institute Universal Media Services

741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029-3594
(323) 906-3104
(800) 272-4553

E-mail: info@brailleinstitute.org

Web site: www.universalmediaservices.org

Produces a series of multi-sensory storybooks designed specifically for preschoolers entitled *Dots for Tots*; each kit combines a print/braille book, descriptive audiocassette of the story, and hard-plastic toys that represent characters or objects in the story; produces Newbery and Caldecott award-winning books and other classic and contemporary literature in braille and print; books are part of the braille special collection program that seeks to increase braille literacy by offering free books to children with visual impairments

Brookline Books

Box 1047
Cambridge, MA 02238
(617) 868-0360
(800) 666-2665

Fax: (617) 868-1772

E-mail: brooklinebks@delphi.com

Website: www.brooklinebooks.com

Carries books useful to parents of disabled children

Christian Record Services, Inc.

Free Lending Library
P.O. Box 6097
Lincoln, NE 68506-0097

(402) 488-0981

Fax: (402) 488-7582

E-mail: info@christianrecord.org

Web site: www.christianrecord.org

Full vision (print/braille) books and Bible stories

Creative Adaptations for Learning

38 Beverly Road

Great Neck, NY 11021-1330

(516) 466-9143

E-mail: calinfo@cal-s.org

Web site: www.cal-s.org

Produces a variety of tactile (embossed) materials such as alphabet, shape, and language-development flashcards; nursery rhymes with tactile illustrations; and Touch the Stars II, a book on astronomy

Crestwood Communication Aids, Inc.

6625 North Sidney Place, Department 21F

Milwaukee, WI 53209

(414) 352-5678

Fax: (414) 352-5679

E-mail: crestcomm@aol.com

Web site: www.communicationaids.com

Sells communication devices and adapted toys with switch operation for children with special needs; publishes an annual free catalog

DVS Home Video

P.O. Box 55742

Indianapolis, IN 46205

(317) 579-0439, order videos 24 hours a day

(888) 818-1999, request a catalog in Braille or large print

(800) 333-1203, audio version of catalog or additional information

Web site: www.access.wgbh.org

Sells a wide variety of home videos for people who are blind or have low vision; through an award winning technique, narrated descriptions of visual elements – actions, costumes, gestures and scene changes –are woven into the pauses of a program or film’s soundtrack. DVS Home videos are sold at suggested retail price and can be played on a regular VHS video player

Educational Tape Recording for the Blind

3915 West 103rd Street
Chicago, IL 60655
(773) 445-3533

Non-profit, volunteer organization that records and rents textbooks on tape; services are available to students of all ages, from elementary to Ph.D. level; yearly membership fee

Exceptional Teaching Aids, Inc.

2012 Woodbine Avenue
Castro Valley, CA 94546
(510) 682-4859
(800) 549-6999
Fax: (510) 582-5911

E-mail: ExTeaching@aol.com

Web site: www.exceptionalteaching.com

Produces and sells adaptive products for children with special needs, including braille blocks and pegboards, raised-line coloring books, braille blocks, world maps; catalog available upon request

Enabling Devices, Inc.

Toys for Special Children
385 Warburton Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706
(800) 832-8697

Fax: (914) 478-7030

E-mail: info@enablingdevices.com

Web site: www.enablingdevices.com
Offers sensory development toys

A Gentle Wind

P.O. Box 3103

Albany, NY 12203

(518) 482-9023

(888) 386-7664

E-mail: hello@gentlewind.com

Web site: www.gentlewind.com

Sells audiocassette and compact-disc recordings of stories, folktales, and songs for preschool and early elementary school student's price from \$9.95- \$39.95

Hadley School for the Blind

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093

(847) 446-8111

(800) 323-4238

Fax: (847) 446-0855

E-mail: info@hadley-school.org

Web site: www.hadley-school.org

Offers over 90 tuition-free distance education courses to blind and visually impaired students; four program areas include: adult continuing education, high school, family education and professional education; courses are available in braille, large print and on audio cassette

Jason & Nordic Publishers

Box 441

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

(814) 696-2920

Fax: (814) 696-4250

E-mail: turtlbks@nb.net

Web site: www.jasonandnordic.com

Publishers of the Turtle Books series of children's books which have main characters with disabilities. This series has been endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics. One book, *The Night Search*, is about a young blind girl, learning about the value of her cane abilities. The book is available in print or braille/print. Overbrook School for the Blind participated in the creation of the book. They also have audio versions of some of their books.

Library Reproduction Services

14215 South Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA 90061

(310) 354-2610

(800) 255-5002

Fax: (310) 354-2601

E-mail: lrsprint@aol.com

Web site: www.lrs-largeprint.com

Offers large-print unabridged reproductions of award-winning and classic juvenile and adult literature in 18- or 20-point type; produces textbooks and educational support materials, and will custom-produce material on request; maintains an online catalog of more than 15,000 titles

Live Oak Media

P.O. Box 652

Pine Plains, NY 12567

(800) 788-1121

Fax: (866) 398-1070

E-mail: info@liveoakmedia.com

Web site: www.liveoakmedia.com

Sells audio and video recordings of award-winning children's books, read-along picture books in English and Spanish, read-along books for beginning readers, and materials on compact disc, video, and DVD priced from \$16.95- \$54.95

Louis Braille Center

320 Dayton Street, Suite 125

Edmonds, WA 98020

(425) 776-4042

Fax: (425) 778-2384

E-mail: lbc@louisbraillecenter.org

Web site: www.louisbraillecenter.org

Produces and sells braille editions of books by A.A. Milne, Beatrix Potter, and other popular children's authors

National Braille Association, Inc.

Three Townline Circle

Rochester, NY 14623-2513

(716) 427-8260

Fax: (716) 427-0263

E-mail: nbaoffice@compuserve.com

Web site: www.nationalbraille.org

Sells braille college textbooks, music texts and career technical material at below cost to students and professionals, has a catalog of titles available in braille and print

National Braille Press

88 Saint Stephen Street

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 266-6160

(888) 965-8965

Fax: (617) 437-0456

E-mail: orders@nbp.org

Web site: www.nbp.org

Promotes literacy for individuals who are blind and deaf-blind by printing and selling braille and print/braille books and transcribing printed materials; offers a children's book club featuring a new book every month in print/braille format for preschool to grade 3; promotes a national children's braille literacy program, "Read

Books! Because Braille Matters," to families with blind and visually impaired children, from birth to age seven by sending age-appropriate print/braille books in English or Spanish; produces a print/braille children's calendar and a braille primer for parents, *Just Enough to Know Better*

National Lekotek Center

3204 West Armitage Avenue

Chicago, Il 60647

(773) 276-5164

(800) 366-PLAY toy resource hotline

Fax: (773) 276-8644

E-mail: lekotek@lekotek.org

Web site: www.lekotek.org

Principal Publication: *Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-abled Kids*

Selects and analyses more than 5,000 traditional and adapted toys for use by children with disabilities and makes them available for borrowing through their toy-lending libraries throughout the United States

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Library of Congress

Washington, DC 20542

(202) 707-5100

(800) 424-8567

Fax: (202) 707-0712

E-mail: nls@loc.gov

Web site: www.loc.gov/nls

Provides a free national library program of print/braille, braille, and cassette recorded stories and other books to eligible readers of all ages through a network of cooperating state and local libraries

Pro-ed

8700 Shoal Creek Blvd.

Austin, TX 78757

(512) 451-3246

(800) 897-3202

Fax: (800) 397-7633

E-mail: info@proedinc.com

Web site: www.proedinc.com

Their focus is primarily special education. One title is: *Can't Your Child See: A Guide for Parents of Visually Impaired Children*. The cost is \$28.00 plus shipping/handling.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

20 Roszel Rd.

Princeton, NJ 08540

(800) 803-7201

E-mail: custserv@rfd.org

Web site: www.rfd.org

Provides recorded and computerized textbooks and other educational resources

Seedlings: Braille Books for Children

P.O. Box 51924

Livonia, MI 48151-5924

(734) 427-8552 voice and fax

(800) 777-8552

E-mail: info@seedlings.org

Web site: www.seedlings.org

Sells print/braille, braille, and picture books for infants and young children (including the Touch and Feel series); yearly catalog available upon request

STAR: Statewide Technology Access and Response

P.O. Box 20752

Montgomery, AL 36120-0752

(334) 613-3480

(800) 782-7656

Offers training and funding information for assistive technology and holds presentations and workshops about assistive technology throughout Alabama

Talking Tapes/Textbooks on Tapes

16 Sunnen Drive, Suite 162

St. Louis, MO 63143-3800

(877) 926-0500

Fax: 314-646-0555

E-mail: Info@talkingtapes.org or Orders@talkingtapes.org

Web site: www.talkingtapes.org

Provides textbooks, novels, and other materials on cassette tapes to those who have difficulty reading due to physical, cognitive, visual or learning disabilities

Thorndike Press

295 Kennedy Memorial Drive

Waterville, ME 04901

(800) 223-1233, ext. 4

Web site: www.gale.com/thorndike

Source for the largest selection of award-winning, bestselling, popular and classic fiction and nonfiction titles in Large Print, with Large Print titles from yesterday's and today's popular and bestselling authors; publishes more New York Times bestsellers than any other Large Print publisher; catalogs are available upon request

Toy Industry Association

1115 Broadway, Suite 400

New York, NY 10010

(212) 675-1141

Fax: (212) 633-1429

E-mail: info@toy-tia

Web site: www.toy-tia.org

Publishes: *Guide to Toys for Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired*; toys listed are commonly available; guide can be read on the website and you can order a print copy via the website or in print or cassette by sending them your address

Toys for the Handicapped

4537 Gibsonia Road

Gibsonia, PA 15044

(800) 467-6222

Fax: (724) 444-6411

E-mail: info@tfhusa.com

Web site: www.tfhusa.com

Products include construction blocks, touch and feel books, activity quilt, geometric shape activities, giant floor activity boards, tactile puzzles and sorting boards, Velcro dolls, multi-sensory toys, electrical organ and vibrating toys

Weston Woods

143 Main Street

Norwalk, CT 06851

(203) 845-0197

(800) 243-5020

Fax: (203) 845-0498

Web site: www.teacher.scholastic.com/products/westonwoods

Has English-and Spanish-language stories in book-cassette or book- compact disc combinations for preschool and elementary school children; free curriculum guides included with each video purchased priced at \$12.95-\$89.95

Woodbine House

6510 Bells Mill Rd.

Bethesda, MD 20817

(301) 897-3570

(800) 843-7323

Fax: (301) 897-5838

E-mail: info@woodbinehouse.com

Web site: www.woodbinehouse.com

Publishes: *Negotiating the Special Education Maze* which has information on state special education programs and *Children with Visual Impairments: A Parent's Guide*.

PROFESSIONAL AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

Rachael Sanspree

Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

2629-B Eastern Blvd.

Montgomery, AL 36117

AIDB Office phone- (334) 273-9200

(866) 975-0624 (within Alabama)

Advocates for the educational needs and welfare of children who are blind or visually impaired

American Council of the Blind, Alabama Chapter

David Trott, President

1018 East St. S.

Talladega, Al. 35160

(256) 362-5649

E-mail: dart1018@charter.net

Web site: www.acb-alabama.org

Seeks the advancement of the social and economic interests of the blind and has local chapters throughout Alabama with more than 300 members

American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600

(800) 232-5463

Fax: (212) 502-7777

E-mail: afbino@afb.net

Web site: www.afb.org

Principal publication: *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, monthly; serves as a national clearinghouse for information on blindness and related topics; promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare services for blind and visually impaired children and adults

American Foundation for the Blind

National Literacy Center

100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 525-2304

Fax: (404) 525-659-6957

E-mail: literacy@afb.net

Web site: www.afb.org

Develops and promotes a wide variety of initiatives to improve literacy among people who are blind or who have low vision; provides up-to-date resources and workshops for professionals who work with blind and visually impaired children, their parents, and other family members; one resource in particular, Connecting the Dots, includes material and fact sheets on promoting braille literacy for children with visual impairments

American Macular Degeneration Foundation

P.O. Box 515

Northhampton, MA 01061-0515

(413) 268-7660

(888) 622-8527

E-mail: amdf@macular.org

Web site: www.macular.org

Committed to the prevention and cure of macular degeneration and offers hope and support to those afflicted and their families; a major voice in establishing the national research agenda for macular degeneration through promoting an alliance among the scientific community, government, and victims of the disease and their families to ensure the prevention and cure of the disease

**American Printing House for the Blind
Educational and Advisory Services Department**

P.O. Box 6085

Louisville, KY 40206-0085

(502) 895-2405

(800) 223-1839

Fax: (502) 899-2274

E-mail: info@aph.org

Web site: www.aph.org

Provides services to families through the project Babies Count: National Registry for Children with Visual Impairment from Birth to Three Years; sponsors a series of workshops and training classes for parents and educators that focus on curriculum areas and topics vital to the education of blind and visually impaired children; produces educational material, including activity sheets, books, and games for parents and preschool through high school-age children; provides Family Life, a catalog of products and services for families with visually impaired children of all ages, free upon request

Association for the Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired (AER)

1703 North Beauregard Street, Suite 440

Alexandria, VA 22304

(703) 823-9690

(877) 492-2708

E-mail: aer@aerbvi.org

Web site: www.aerbvi.org

Renders support and assistance to professionals in all phases of education and rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired children and adults

Blind Children's Center

4120 Marathon Street

Los Angeles, CA 90029-3584

(323) 664-2153

(800) 222-3566

Fax: (323) 665-3828

Web site: www.blindcntr.org

Provides education, therapy, and support to parents and families of children with visual impairments and with multiple handicaps including blindness; works with children from infancy to age five in a classroom setting and prepares them for mainstreaming in elementary grades; publishes educational books and videos for parents and professionals

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22201-5704

(703) 620-3660

(888) 232-7733

Fax: (703) 264-9494

E-mail: service@cec.sped.org

Web site: www.cec.sped.org

Principal publications: *Exceptional Children and Teaching Exceptional Children*; improves educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities; advocates for governmental policies, sets professional standards, and provides professional development training; offers print and non-print publications

**Council of Families with Visual Impairment
c/o American Council of the Blind**

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 467-5081

Fax: (202) 467-5085

E-mail: info@acb.org

Web site: www.acb.org

Provides support and information for parents of blind and visually impaired children, holds an annual conference and publishes a newsletter

DB-LINK

National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind

Teaching Research

Western Oregon University

345 North Monmouth Avenue

Monmouth, OR 97361

(800) 438-9376

E-mail: dblink@tr.wou.edu

Web site: www.tr.wou.edu/dblink

Federally funded projects that provide assistance and training opportunities to families, teachers, other professionals, and agencies involved with deaf-blind children (birth to age twenty-two); most states have a deaf-blind project; services vary from state to state but include identification of children who are deaf-blind, workshops and other types of training events, consultations, online courses, newsletters, opportunities for parent-to-parent contact, and family retreats

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Inc. (DREDF)

Main Office

2212 Sixth Street

Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 644-2555 voice
(510) 841-8645 fax
E-mail: dredf@dredf.org
Web site: www.dredf.org/

Principal publication: *DREDF News*

Acts as a national law and policy center dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities through legislation, litigation, advocacy, and technical assistance; educates and trains attorneys, advocates, persons with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities

Lighthouse International Child Development Center

111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202
(212) 821-9200
(800) 829-0500
Fax: (212) 821-9705
E-mail: infor@lighthouse.org
Web site: www.lighthouse.org/cdc/index

Principal publication: *EnVision*, 2/year

Provides training for parents of children with visual impairments and the professionals working with them; works with schools, day care centers, and health and human services organizations to facilitate early identification of visual problems in children and to design strategies that enhance development; conducts empirical studies in fields of child development, family systems, and education as they relate to vision loss

March of Dimes

1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
(888) 663-4637
Fax: (914) 997-4537

E-mail: askus@marchofdimes.com

Web site: www.marchofdimes.com

Principal publication: *Mama Magazine*

Maintains the Pregnancy and Newborn Health Education Center for confidential answers to questions about pregnancy, newborn screening, and related topics; offers free brochures

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments(NAPVI)

P.O. Box 317

Watertown, MA 02471-0317

(617) 972-7441

(800) 562-6265

Fax: (617) 972-7444

E-mail: napvi@perkins.org

Web site: www.spedex.com/napvi

Principal publication: *Awareness*, quarterly

Membership organization that provides a national support and information network and a referral service for parents and families of children with visual impairment; advocates for the educational needs and welfare of children who are blind or visually impaired; initiates outreach programs

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492

Washington, DC 20013

(800) 695-0285

Fax: (202) 884-8441

E-mail: nichcy@aed.org

Web site: www.nichcy.org

Formerly National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY); serves as a national information center on disabilities and disability related issues, with a special focus on children and youth (birth to age twenty-two); serves as a central

source of information on special education laws such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the No Child Left Behind Act; produces state resource sheets, disability fact sheets, pamphlets on IDEA, and Individualized Education Plans (IEP)

National Eye Institute Information Center

NEI, NIH

Building 31, Room 6A32

31 Center Drive

Bethesda, MD 20892

(301) 496-5248

Publication Distribution Center: (800) 869-2020

E-mail: 2020@nei.nih.gov

Web site: www.nei.nih.gov

Collects and distributes information on prevention, detection, and treatment of eye disorders

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

111 Middle Neck Rd.

Sands Point, NY 11050

(516) 944-8900

(800) 255-0411

Fax: (516) 944-7302

E-mail: NFADB@aol.com

Web site: www.NFADB.org

National organization which advocates for persons who are deaf-blind, and encourages founding and strengthening of family organizations in each state dedicated to assisting families of persons who are deaf-blind

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314

Fax: (410) 685-5653

E-mail: nfb@nfb.org

Web site: www.nfb.org

Main purpose is to help blind persons achieve self-confidence and self-respect and to act as a vehicle for collective self-expression by the blind

National Federation of the Blind of Alabama

Michael Jones, President

340 Shelton Mill Road

Auburn, Alabama 36830-2708

(334) 501-2001

E-mail: blindmike@pop.mindspring.com

Web site: <http://www.nfbofalabama.org/>

The National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation

PO Box 959

East Hampstead, NH 03826-0959

(603) 887-2310

(800) 473-2310

Fax: (800) 648-23310

E-mail: info@albinism.org

Web site: www.albinism.org

Volunteer group for persons with Albinism and their families; works on self-help and promotes research and education, not diagnosis, treatment or genetic counseling

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314

E-mail: nfb@nfb.org

Web site: www.nfb.org

Principal publications: *Braille Monitor*, monthly and *Future Reflections*, quarterly

Serves as a forum where parents can share experiences and offers guidance in rearing children with visual impairments; promotes opportunity and equality for blind children at home and in society

Prevent Blindness America

National Office

500 East Remington Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173-4557

(847) 843-2020

(800) 331-2020

E-mail: info@preventblindness.org

Web site: www.preventblindness.org

Has informational brochures on eye conditions and conducts public and professional education programs on prevention of blindness

ROPARD: Association for Retinopathy of Prematurity and Related Retinal Diseases

P.O. Box 250425

Franklin, Michigan 48025

(800) 788-2020

E-mail: ropard@yahoo.com

Web site: www.ropard.org

Fund clinically relevant basic science and clinical research to eliminate retinopathy of prematurity, and innovative work leading directly to the development of new low vision devices and teaching techniques for children; included on their website is a very thorough list of household items that can be stimulative toys

Social Security Administration

(410) 965-3120

(800) 772-1213

Fax: (410) 965-3443

Web site: www.ssa.org

Administers Supplemental Security Income for the blind, aged and disabled; has local and regional offices nationwide; consult your telephone directory for the office nearest you; materials needed in braille, call the 800 number above rather than your local number

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 West 45th Street

Austin, TX 78756

(512) 454-8631

(800) 872-5273

Fax: (512) 206-9450

Web site: www.tsbvi.edu

Provides early childhood outreach programs and educational assessments of children with visual impairments and multiple disabilities statewide; offers advocacy information, training and support to parents, family counseling, psychological testing, consultation, and referrals; provides information on state and federal laws and programs, such as, supplemental security income (SSI); publishes instructional materials for use by parents and professionals

RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITY RESOURCES

These organizations and companies provide products or services useful for blind and visually impaired persons seeking recreational opportunities. This list is not an endorsement or a complete listing of all such organizations.

ACB Radio Amateurs

4911 Old Canton Rd. 239

Jackson, MS 39211

(601) 432-6293

Fax: (601) 982-6746

E-mail: k5xu@concentric.net

An organization of blind and sighted licensed radio amateurs who work together to make the hobby more accessible to people who are blind

Access to Recreation

8 Sandra Ct.

Newbury Park, CA 91320

(800) 634-4351

E-mail: dkrebs@gte.net

Web site: www.accesstr.com

Has recreational aids for persons with mobility impairments; may

be useful to blind or visually impaired persons who are also mobility impaired

Adaptive Sports Association

Box 1884

Durango, CO 81302

(970) 259-0374

E-mail: asa@frontier.net

Web site: www.asadurango.com

Has skiing and other outdoor programs

American Blind Bowling Association

315 N. Main St.

Houston, PA 15342

(724) 745-5986

Web site: www.americanblindbowlers.com

Membership group of blind bowlers, over 2,000 in the U.S. and Canada; sells bowling rails, 12 foot length available plus 3 foot extensions available

American Blind Skiing Foundation

227 E. North Ave.

Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

E-mail: ABSF@bigfoot.com

Web site: www.absf.org

Committed to serving visually impaired children & adults, giving them the opportunities and experiences that build confidence & independence that can last a lifetime; offers alpine skiing, day and weekend trips

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development (BOLD)

P.O. Box M

Aspen, CO 81612

(970) 923-0578

Fax: (970)923-7338

E-mail: possibilities@challengeaspen.com

Web site: www.challengeaspen.com

Has skiing, snow mobiling, ice skating, and other outdoor activities, also many summer activities such as hiking, and rock climbing

Courage HANDI-HAM System

3915 Golden Valley Rd.

Golden Valley, MN 55422

(763) 520-0512

Fax: (763) 520-0577

E-mail: handiham@courage.org

Web site: www.handiham.org

An organization for visually impaired and/or physically disabled ham radio buffs; provides study material on tape and adaptive ham radio technology for sale and loan to program participants; has camps in California and in Minnesota annually

DVS Home Video

P.O. Box 55742

Indianapolis, IN 46205

(317) 579-0439, order videos 24 hours a day

(888) 818-1999, request a catalog in Braille or large print

(800)333-1203, audio version of catalog or additional information

Web site: www.access.wgbh.org

Sells a wide variety of home videos for people who are blind or have low vision; through an award winning technique, narrated descriptions of visual elements – actions, costumes, gestures and scene changes –are woven into the pauses of a program or film’s soundtrack; videos are sold at suggested retail price and can be played on a regular VHS video player

Handicapped Scuba Association

HSA International

1104 El Prado

San Clemente, CA 92672

Phone/Fax: (949) 498-6128

E-mail: hsa@hsascuba.com

Web site: www.hsascuba.com

Offers worldwide educational programs; operates as an independent diver training and certifying agency and each year plans, coordinates and conducts several dive vacations to exotic locations

International Bicycle Tours

Box 754

Essex, CT 06426

(860) 767-7005

Fax: (860) 767-3090

E-mail: bikeibt@worldnet.att.net

Web site: www.gorp.com/intbike/

Has tandem and mixed tours in U.S. and Europe and custom tours

Lakeshore Foundation

4000 Ridgeway Drive

Birmingham, AL 35209

(205) 313-7433

Fax: (205) 313-7475

Web site: www.lakeshore.org

Develops and provides recreational programs for the blind and visually impaired including providing a training site and feeder program for the paraolympics

National Beep Baseball Association

5568 Boulder Crest St.

Columbus, OH 43235

(614) 442-1444

Web site: www.nbba.org

Assists, promotes, encourages and develops amateur beep baseball

programs throughout the United States of America and internationally

National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC)

4444 South 52nd Street

Lincoln, NE 68516

(402) 488-0981

Fax: (402) 488-7582

E:-mail: info@christianrecord.org

Web site: www.christianrecord.org

NCBC is a part of Christian Record Services and has summer camps across the U.S. and Canada.

National Park Service Parks and Recreation

U.S. Department of the Interior

18th and C Streets NW

Washington, DC 20420

Web site: www.nps.gov

Offers permits providing free lifetime admission to national parks, monuments, historic sites, recreational areas and national wildlife refuges

National Sports Center for the Disabled

Box 1290

Winter Park, CO 80482

(970) 726-1540

Fax: (970) 726-4112

E-mail: info@nscd.org

Web site: nscd.org

Offers rafting, sailing, therapeutic horseback riding, mountain biking, adaptive cycling camping, hiking, in-line skating, rock climbing, baseball camps and more

Ski for Light

1455 W. Lake St.

Minneapolis, MN 55408

(612) 827-3232

E-mail: info@sfl.org

Web site: www.sfl.org

Cross-country skiing for blind, visually-impaired, and mobility-impaired individuals and their guides

Sportime

One Sportime Way

Atlanta, GA 30340

(800) 444-5700

Fax: (800) 845-1535

E-mail: customer.service@sportime.com

Web site: www.sportime.com/adapted/products/

Sells a variety of sports supplies for persons with disabilities and a teacher's guide to help with inclusion

United States Association for Blind Athletes

33 N. Institute St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 630-0422

Fax: (719) 630-0616

E-mail: usaba@usa.net

Web site: www.usaba.org

Trains blind and visually impaired athletes in nine sports - alpine and nordic skiing, goalball, judo, powerlifting, swimming, tandem cycling, track and field and wrestling; a newsletter available on the website and also in large print or cassette

United States Blind Golf Association

3094 Shamrock St. N.

Tallahassee, FL 32308

Phone/Fax: (850) 893-4511

E-mail: usbga@blindgolf.com

Web site: www.blindgolf.com

Alabama Blind Golfers Association: (205) 640-7193

Organization of blind golfers, has quarterly newsletter, *The Midnight Golfer*

United States Braille Chess Association

111-20 76th Rd. Apt. 5L

Forest Hills, NY 11375

(718) 275-2209

E-mail: 75203.1411@compuserve.com

Web site: www.crisscrosstech.com/usbca/

Groups aim is to foster and encourage over-the-board and correspondence chess among the blind. Dues are \$15.00 every two years. A quarterly cassette magazine titled *Challenger* is also available at a subscription rate of \$20.00 per two years. One over-the-board tournament is held per year.

Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports

Box 139

Killington, VT 05751

(802) 786-4991

Fax: (802) 786-4986

E-mail: vass@sover.net

Web site: www.vermontadaptive.org

Downhill & water skiing, horseback riding, day camps and canoeing

Wilderness Inquiry

808 14th Ave SE

Minneapolis, MN 55414

(800) 728-0719

(612) 676-9400

Fax: (612) 676-9401

E-mail: info@wildernessinquiry.org

Web site: www.wildernessinquiry.org

Offers wide variety of wilderness trips for persons of all abilities and ages. Schedule is available in large print, braille or cassette

SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

This list is not intended to be a complete listing of all organizations which provide information and/or services to older blind or visually impaired persons, nor is it intended to be an endorsement of any organization or publication.

Alabama Agencies

Older Alabamians System of Information and Services (OASIS)

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

2129 East South Boulevard

Montgomery, AL 36116-2456

Coordinator: Julie Brock

(334) 281-8780

(800) 4417607

Fax: (334) 281-1973

Web site: www.rehab.state.al.us

Publishes a resource guide entitled, *Resource Guide for People with Visual Impairments*

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services' Older Alabamians System of Information and Services (OASIS) program provides an array of independent living services to persons who are age 55 and older who are blind or visually impaired. Services are provided statewide and include rehabilitation teaching, orientation and mobility, adaptive aids, low vision exams and optical aids,

support groups, peer counseling, and reader services. To be eligible for services a person must be a resident of Alabama, age 55 or older, and blind or functionally visually impaired.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Senior Services

P.O. Box 698

Talladega, AL 35161

Coordinator: Horace Patterson

(256) 761-3479

Provides direct services to seniors experiencing vision and or hearing loss who are 60 years and above

American Association of Retired Persons

601 E Street, NW

Washington, DC 20049

(202) 434-2477

(800) 424-3410

Web site: www.aarp.org

Offers educational programs and information on products and services; publishes a wide range of education and consumer materials

American Foundation for the Blind

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

(212) 502-7600

(800) 232-5463

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.org

Website: www.afb.org

Offers books on aging & blindness

Business Publishers, Inc.

8737 Colesville Rd., Suite 1100

Silver Spring, MD 20910-1081

(301) 587-6300

Fax: (301) 587-1081

Web site: www.bpinews.com

Publishes *Directory of Aging Resources*, a guidebook listing federal and state government programs, private organizations and other agencies related to aging and blindness.

Eye Care America

655 Beach Street

San Francisco, CA 94109-1336

Web site: www.eyecareamerica.org

Provides referrals for disadvantaged individuals over 65 who do not have access to an ophthalmologist they have seen in the past, sponsored by the Knights Templar. Eyeglasses, prescriptions, hospital services and fees of other medical professionals are not covered. Contact them to determine if you are eligible for their services.

Hammatt Senior Products

601 Flaghouse Drive

Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

Orders: (800) 793-7900

Questions: (800) 428-5128

Fax: (800) 734-2193

Offers aerobics videos, exercise equipment, adapted sports equipment, large print trivia games and other board games, giant bingo cards, jumbo checkers, large print and braille playing cards, plus more

Lighthouse International

111 East 59th Street

New York, NY 10022

(212) 821-9200

(800) 334-5497

E-mail: info@lighthouse.org

Web site: www.lighthouse.org

Publishes a guidebook entitled *Sound & Sight: Your Second Fifty Years*; has other age-related brochures and a free newsletter

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

1604 N. Country Club Rd.

Tucson, AZ 85716

(520) 881-4005

(520) 325-7925

Web site: www.naela.org

Has several brochures on topics of interest to persons concerned with elder law issues, such as age discrimination, elder abuse, estate planning, durable powers of attorney, Medicare and Medicaid; a directory of members on the website or one can be purchased for \$15.00

National Council on the Aging

409 3rd Street, SW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20024

(202) 479-1200

Ordering Publications: (800) 424-9046

Fax: (202) 479-0735

Web site: www.ncoa.org

Provides information and referral, advocacy and brochures of interest to older Americans; publishes bimonthly newsletters

National Eye Institute Information Center

NEI, NIH

Building 31, Room 6A32

31 Center Drive

Bethesda, MD 20892

(301) 496-5248

Publication Distribution Center: (800) 869-2020

E-mail: 2020@nei.nih.gov

Web site: www.nei.nih.gov

Collects and distributes information on prevention, detection, and treatment of eye disorders

National Institute on Aging

Box 8057

Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8057

(800) 222-2225

Fax:(301) 589-3014

Web site: www.nih.gov/hia/

Provides several brochures on common eye complaints and conditions often associated with aging

Prevent Blindness America

National Office

500 East Remington Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173-4557

(847) 843-2020

(800) 331-2020

E-mail: info@preventblindness.org

Web site: www.preventblindness.org

Has informational brochures on eye conditions and conducts public and professional education programs on prevention of blindness

Resources for Rehabilitation

22 Bonad Road

Winchester, MA 01890

(781) 368-9094

Fax: (781) 368-9096

E-mail: info@rfr.org

Web site: www.rfr.org

Publishes *Resources for Elders with Disabilities*, 4th ed., a directory providing information about the services and products

that elders need to function independently; publishes large print resource lists and *Living with Low Vision: A Resource Guide for People with Sight Loss*

Social Security Administration

(410) 965-3120

(800) 772-1213

Fax: (410) 965-3443

Web site: www.ssa.gov

Administers Supplemental Security Income for the blind, aged and disabled; has local and regional offices nationwide State Government Resources; every state government provides rehabilitation and aging services