# Illinois Service Resource Center

Serving Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Visually Impaired
Student Behavioral Needs

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# Vision Resource Directory



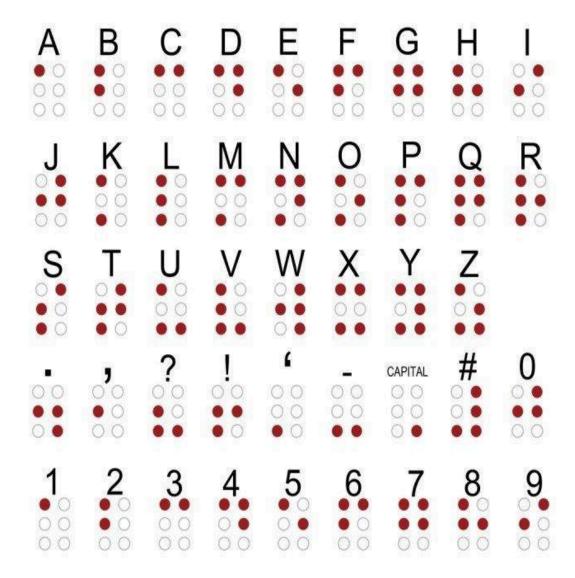
A Handbook of Services Available in Illinois for Children Who Are Visually Impaired with Behavioral Challenges

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According to a study conducted under the direction of the Illinois Department of Human Services, there are currently 2,254 blind or visually impaire in the state of Illinois in need

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# Resource Center

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This Resource Directory is provided by the Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC). The purpose of the directory is to assist parents, teachers, service providers and others with a guide to services available to children who are visually impaired and exhibit behavior behavioral or emotional challenges.

The ISRC operates under a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education, funded by federal IDEA discretionary funds. Its purpose is to fulfill the recommendations of the Interagency Board for Children Who or deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired and Have an Emotional or Behavior Disorder legislation mandating creation of a center of children and adolescents through age 21 who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired and have behavior disorders.

Among its many responsibilities, the ISRC will:

Establish and maintain a statewide identification

and tracking system,

- Provide case coordination, referral and consultation services,
- Provide technical assistance for existing programs and providers,
- Provide training for existing programs and providers,
- Monitor, evaluate and assess statewide resources,
- Provide limited direct services.

Information on professionals in private practice is available by calling 224-481-2020

# We'd like to know what you think of this directory

Name of person filling out survey Town
I am:Parent or aTeacherOther (Describe)
In what way does the resource directory meet your needs?
What suggestions do you have for future editions of the resource directory?
Please rate the directory on the following (1 is lowest, 10 is best):
This directory is helpful in locating resources1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 The format of the directory is easy to use1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Name
Phone
Address
I would like additional copies of the resource directoryI would like to be added to the ISRC mailing list
Please add or change the following listing:

\*\*\*Please assist us in keeping our resource directory current. If you are aware of any changes in the information provided in the directory, or if you are aware of any additional services you feel would be appropriate for the directory, please let us know by emailing us at **isrc@isrc.us** 

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# The CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE

# The Chicago Lighthouse

1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: (312) 666-1331 Fax: (312) 243-8539

Video Phone (Only for Deaf Users): (312) 957-4865

Website: www.chicagolighthouse.org

The Chicago Lighthouse North 222 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL 60025

Phone: (847) 510-6200 Fax: (847) 729-2207

Chicago Lighthouse Industries 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: (800) 842-8624 Fax: (312) 666-1546

A comprehensive private rehabilitation and education agency in Illinois specifically serving children, youth and adults in the Midwest who are blind or visually impaired. The Lighthouse exists to create opportunities for children, youth, and adults through an array of programs options including vision care and rehabilitation services, education, employment opportunities, assistive technology, independent living, social enterprise, for people of all ages. Maintains a store as a source of assistive devices for the blind and visually impaired.



# Chicago Mayor's Office for People With Disabilities

MOPD Chicago Offices

121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 1104, Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 744-7050 Fax: (312) 744-3314 TTY: (312) 744-4964

Website: www.cityofchicago.org/Disabilities

MOPD Field Office

2102 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612

Voice: 312.746.MOPD (6673)

TTY: 312.744-7833

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) works to make Chicago the most accessible city in the nation on behalf of residents and visitors with disabilities.

MOPD promotes total access, full participation, and equal opportunity for people of all ages in all aspects of life. Ensures compliance with accessibility laws in city facilities, public areas and projects. Services and programs include information and referral, independent living programs, case management services, assistive technology programs, homemaker and personal assistance services, emergency home-delivered meals, employment services, training, architectural services, public information and education and youth programs.



# Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired

700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Voice: 800.323.4238 (Toll Free)

TTY: 847-441-8111 FAX: 847-446-9820 Website: hadley.edu Email: info@hadley.edu

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.

Hadley is the largest educator of Braille worldwide and offers courses free of charge to its blind and visually impaired students and their families, and affordable tuition to blindness professionals.

Hadley has a course for you if you are:

- A blind or visually impaired individual 14+ years of age
- A relative of a blind or visually impaired child
- A family member of a blind or visually impaired adult
- A professional or paraprofessional in the blindness field

Hadley maintains an online store of useful resources and gifts for the blind and visually impaired.



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# Behavior support for students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Visually Impaired

959 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090

Phone (Voice): 224-481-2020

Website: <a href="https://www.nsseo.org/services/isrc">https://www.nsseo.org/services/isrc</a>

Executive Officer: Cheri Sinnott, LCSW, Director

Email: isrc@isrc.us

A year of celebration

The ISRC serves Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Blind/Vision Impaired student behavioral needs at the Universal, Secondary (Targeted) and Tertiary (Intensive) level needs. The ISRC provides training, technical assistance and resources for parents and educational teams of students with a hearing loss and emotional/behavioral issues.

The ISRC serves Illinois educational programs and families having a child birth through 21 years old with Deafness or with a hearing or vision impairment. ISRC offers Information and Referral, Resource Directory, Technical Assistance and Training for Existing Programs and Providers, Limited Direct Services, Classroom Management Mentoring, Data Collection Coaching, HI/VI Behavior Support Teams, and Parent Facilitators. The ISRC operates under a grant from the

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# Illinois School for the Deaf

125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650

Phone (Voice): 217-479-4200

TTY: 217-479-4200 Fax: 217-479-4209

The Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) is located in Jacksonville, Illinois. ISD provides a comprehensive educational program for Illinois deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind residents between 3 and 21 years of age, in addition to a parent/infant program for children 0 to 3 years of age. A wide range of related services are available including Educational, Residential, Evaluation, Speech and Language Therapy, Vocational/Technical, Recreational, Athletic, Health programs, Parent/Infant, Interpreting, and Medical.

There is No fee for tuition, room/board or books.

Parent/guardian must be a resident of the state, student must have identified hearing loss and the school must be able to write and appropriate educational plan.

There is at least one person available at all times who can sign and provide services, usually one to a group.



# Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650-2130

Voice: (217) 479-4400

Phone - Toll Free: 1-800-919-5617

Fax: (217) 479-4479 Website: www.isvi.net

Office of Admissions/Records: 217-479-4297 (voice/TTY).

ISVI is a residential/day school for Illinois students, birth through 21 years old, who are blind or visually impaired. Located on an 18-acre campus in Jacksonville, ISVI offers a comprehensive academic program which emphasizes independence and vocational skills, instruction in Braille, daily living skills, orientation and mobility training, and assistive technology. ISVI students enjoy a variety of extracurricular and dormitory activities, including track, cheerleading, sports, forensics, yearbook, student council, and choir. Students, ages 14 to 21, learn to live independently in the community through the Transitional Living Program. There is No fee for tuition, room/board or books.

Parent/guardian must be a resident of the state, student must have identified vision loss and the school must be able to write an appropriate educational plan.

# Sinai Behavioral Health Outpatient Program

2653 W. Ogden Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Chicago, IL 60608

Phone (Voice): 773-257-5300 Video Phone: 773-321-0113

FAX: 773-257-5330

Website: www.sinai.org

Call to schedule intake interview

Contact Person: Vivian Cardona, MS LCPC (Deaf Therapist)

Email: vivian.cardona@sinai.org

The Mt. Sinai Behavioral Health Outpatient Program offers comprehensive mental health evaluations, treatment and consultation to visually impaired residents of Illinois and their families. Services offered to Illinois residents of all ages include: Individual psychotherapy, family therapy, psychiatric services (evaluation, medication, and education).

Fees Vary and Medicaid is accepted.

# Project Reach Illinois Deaf-Blind Services

Michelle Clyne, Project Coordinator c/o Philip J. Rock Center and School 818 DuPage Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 <a href="mailto:prc@philiprockcenter.org">prc@philiprockcenter.org</a> <a href="mailto:mclyne@philiprockcenter.org">mclyne@philiprockcenter.org</a>

Phone: (630) 790-2474 TTY/Voice: (800) 771-1158

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs awarded a multi-year grant to the Illinois State Board of Education for serving deaf and/or blind children and youth.

The grant is for Project REACH, and the Illinois State Board of Education contracts with the Philip J. Rock Center and School to administer the goals and objectives for Project REACH.

Project Reach provides technical assistance, information, and training to address the early intervention, special education, related services, and transitional services needs of children with deaf-blindness and enhance state capacity to improve services and outcomes for children and their families.

The Family Specialist facilitates collaboration between Project Reach and the Illinois Advocates for the Deaf-Blind (IADB) parent organization. The Family Specialist helps families to connect with each other and provides technical assistance to parents and children.

# **Braille Books and Magazines**

#### **American Printing House For The Blind (APH)**

1839 Frankfort Ave., PO Box 6085, Louisville, KY 40206-0085

Phone: (502) 895-2405

Toll-Free: (800) 223-1839 (US/Canada)

Fax: (502) 899-2274 Email: info@aph.org Web: www.aph.org

# Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired - ASB Bookstore

919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: (215) 627-0600 Email: asbinfo@asb.org

Web: www.asb.org

#### **Blind Mice Mart**

16810 Pinemoor Way

Houston, TX 77058

Phone: (713) 876-6971

Email: info@blindmicemart.com

Web: blindmicemart.com

#### **Braille Institute Universal Media Services**

741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Phone: (323) 906-3104 or (323) 663-1111, Ext. 1508

Email: ums@brailleinstitute.org

brailleinstitute.org/

# **Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

7000 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Phone: (513) 522-3860

346 St. Paul Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38126

Phone: (901) 523-9590

www.clovernook.org/braille\_services.php

# Kenneth Jernigan Library for Blind Children

Division of American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults 18440 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356

Phone: (818) 343-3219

#### **National Braille Association**

95 Allens Creek Rd., Bldg 1, Suite 202, Rochester, NY 14618

Phone: (585) 427-8260 Fax: (585) 427-0263

Email: nbaoffice@nationalbraille.org

Web: www.nationalbraille.org

#### **National Braille Press**

88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115-4302

Phone: (800) 548-7323 Fax: (617) 437-0456 Email: orders@nbp.org

Web: www.nbp.org

#### Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: (877) 473-7546 or email

Email: Perkins.Panda@Perkins.org

Web: www.perkins.org

# **Seedlings Braille Books for Children**

P.O. Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-5924

Phone: (800) 777-8552

Email: info@seedlings.org Web: www.seedlings.org

#### **Sensational Books!**

P.O. Box 261085, Lakewood, CO 80226

Phone: (303) 238-4760

Email: orders@SensationalBooks.com

Web: www.sensationalbooks.com

# **Volunteer Braillists and Tapists, Inc.**

517 N. Segoe Road, #200, Madison, WI 53705

Phone: (608) 233-0222 Email: office.vbti@tds.net

Web: vbti.org

# **Braille Books & Magazines - Religious**

# **American Bible Society**

1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023

Toll free: (800) 248-6571

Fax: (212) 408 1512

Web: www.americanbible.org

# Bibles for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

3228 East Rosehill Avenue, Terra Haute, IN 47805

Phone: (812) 466-4899 Email: braille@indiana.net

Web: www.biblesfortheblind.org

#### **Braille Bibles International**

1908 Plumbers Way Ste 100, Liberty, MO 64068-7450

Toll Free: (800) 522-4253

Fax: (877) 822-4253

Email: info@BrailleBibles.org

Web: BrailleBibles.org

#### **Christian Record Services, Inc.**

4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68516-1302

Phone: (402) 488-0981

Email: info@christianrecord.org Web: www.christianrecord.org

# **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Special Curriculum**

50 E. North Temple St., Floor 24, Salt Lake City, UT 84150

Toll Free: (800) 537-5971

#### **International Christian Braille Mission, Inc.**

5312 MacCorkle Ave. SW - PMB277, South Charleston, WV

25309-1012

Phone: (304) 768-8876 Fax: (304) 768-6492

Email: icbmwv@wv-cis.net

Web: www.icbminc.org

# **Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association**

1740 Eugene Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Phone: (651) 426-0469 Email: lbeassoc@aol.com

#### **Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.**

13471 California St., PO BOX 5000, Yucaipa CA, 92399

Phone: (909) 795-8977 Fax: (909) 795-8970 Email: lbw@lbwinc.org Web: www.lbwinc.org

# **Braille Education**

#### Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired

700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 | 800.323.4238 http://hadley.edu/braillecourses.asp

#### **National Braille Association**

95 Allens Creek Road, Bldg. 1, Suite 202, Rochester, NY 14618

Phone: 585-427-8260 Fax: 585-427-0263

#### Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472 (617) 924-3434 Info@Perkins.org www.perkins.org www.perkinselearning.org/scout/online-braille-courses

# **Braille Printing Services**

#### **Access-USA**

242 James Street, PO Drawer 160), Clayton NY 13624

Toll Free: 800-263-2750

Toll Free Fax: 800-563-1687

info@access-usa.com

www.access-usa.com/Welcome\_1.htm

#### **Access Braille**

1421 West 12th Street, Bloomington IN 47404 408-762-4836 info@accessbraille.com http://accessbraille.webs.com/

#### **Adapt to Dot**

2709 Napoleon Street, Indianapolis IN 46203 (317) 783-7941 jenny@legend-oldies.com

#### Alabama Instructional Resource Center for the Blind

705 South Street East, Talladega, AL 35160 256-761-3237 lacy.teresa@aidb.state.al.us www.aidb.org

#### **American Council of the Blind**

2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650, Arlington, VA 22201 Toll Free: 800-424-8666 info@acb.org www.acb.org

# **American Printing House for the Blind**

1839 Frankfort Avenue, Box 6085, Louisville, KY 40206-0085

502-895-2405

Toll Free: 800-223-1839

Fax: 502-899-2284

info@aph.org/ www.aph.org/

# **Associated Services for the Blind (ASB)**

919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19107

Phone: 215-627-0600

Fax: 215-922-0692 asbinfo@asb.org

www.asb.org

# Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement, Inc.

Central Library Building

803 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Phone: 414-286-3039

Fax: 414-286-5450

Email: info@ablenow.org

www.ablenow.org/

# **Baruch College Computer Center for the Visually Impaired**

1 Bernard Baruch Way, Box H-0648, New York NY 10010 646-312-1420

# **Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**

3345 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21227

Toll Free: 888-322-4567

Fax: 410-737-2665 amciver@bism.org

www.bism.org/

#### **Bower Hill Braillists Foundation**

70 Moffett Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15243

Phone: (412) 343-3667 Fax: (412) 882-0164

www.bhccml.com/missionprojects.cfm

# **Braille Access Center - Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB)**

2214 E. 13th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661-4120

Phone: (360) 696-6321, ext. 183

braille@wssb.gov

#### **Braille Boutique**

549 Cambridge Drive, Saginaw TX 76179

Phone: (817) 896-2953

mfarley@brailleboutique.net

www.brailleboutique.net

#### **Braille Center, region 4 ESC**

7145 W. Tidwell Road, Houston TX 77092 -2096

Phone: 713-462-7708

Fax: 713-744-6514 braille@esc4.net

www.esc4.net/default.aspx?name=homepage

# **Braille Enterprises**

3713 Swift Run Court, Suite 100, Abingdon, MD 21009

Phone: 410-612-1252 Fax: 410-346-5449

sales@brailleenterprises.com

#### The Braille House

14103 Galvani Dr., Cypress TX 77429

Phone/Fax: 281-894-8485 admin@thebraillehouse.com

www.thebraillehouse.com/index.html

# **Braille Jymico**

Chicago Office- 70 West Madison St., Three First National

Plaza, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602-4270

Phone: 312-214-2380

Fax: 312-214-3110

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#### Braille Inc.

65-B Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA 02540

Phone: 508-540-0800

Fax: 508-548-6116

braillinc@capecod.net

http://home.capecod.net/~braillinc/

#### **Braille Institute of America - Braille Press Services**

741 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029 Toll Free: 800-272-4553 (Braille Publishing ext. 323-663-1111) www.brailleinstitute.org/home.aspx

#### **Braillelt.com**

4910 Dawnview Terrace, Golden Valley MN 55422 763-522-2501 maureensmusic@comcast.net www.brailleit.com/

#### **Braille Plus**

PO Box 1104, Gilbert, AZ 85299-1104 480-782-0223 Fax: 480-782-0267 info@brailleplus.com/

#### Braille Plus, Inc.

2659 Commercial St SE, Suite 264, Salem, OR 97302 503-391-5335 http://brailleplus.net/contact-us/http://brailleplus.net/

#### **Braille Works**

941-942 Darby Lake St., Seffner, FL 33584 Toll Free: 800-258-7544 brailleworks@brailleworks.com www.brailleworks.com

#### **Canadian Braille Press**

1335 Leeds Avenue, Unit 7, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1B 5K9

Toll Free: 888-236-0829

Fax: 613-274-4443

canadianbraillepress@hotmail.com www.canadianbraillepress.com/

# Canadian National Institute for the Blind Accessible Text Service

1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto ON M4G 3E8, Canada

Toll Free: 800-563-2642 ext. 4222

Fax: 416-480-7700 webaccess@cnib.ca

http://www.cnib.ca/en/services/CLAP/Pages/default.aspx

# Carolyn's Braille Services

PO Box 704, Edmonds WA 98020 425-778-8428

http://cmbrailleservices.com/

# **Cat's Meow Braille Transcription**

P. O. Box 8289, Wichita, KS 67208-0289 316-619-4750 info@catsmeowbraille.com/

#### **Clovernook Center**

7000 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45231 513-522-3860 www.clovernook.org/contact.php www.clovernook.org/index.php

# **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind**

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: 301-589-0894

Fax: 877-595-9228

info@clb.org/ www.clb.org/

# **Crawford Technologies USA Inc.**

22 Depot St., PO Box 5198, Potsdam, New York 13676-5198

Phone: 860-679-0864

Fax: 315-274-9073

www.crawfordtech.com/

# **Dancing Dots**

1754 Quarry Ln., P.O. Box 927, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0927

Phone: 610-783-6692 Fax: 610-500-5072

www.dancingdots.com/

### **Easy to Read Documents**

4326 W. Colby, Springfield, MO 65802

Phone: 417-832-0281

Fax 417-832-9730

www.easytoreaddocuments.com/

#### **Jewish Braille Institute**

110 East 30th Street, New York NY 10016

Toll Free: 800-433-1531

Fax: 212-689-3692 admin@jbilibrary.org www.jbilibrary.org/

# **Kansas Braille Transcription Institute**

P.O. Box 48091, Wichita KS 67501

Phone: 316-265-9692

Fax: 316-265-0184

info@kbti.org

www.kbti.org/index.html

# The Lighthouse International

111 E. 59th Street, New York, NY 10022

Phone: 212-821-9689. braille@lighthouse.org

www.lighthouse.org/services-and-assistance/lifestyle-independe

nce/print-access-center/

# **Lighthouse Louisiana**

123 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Toll Free: 888-792-0163

www.lighthouselouisiana.org/

#### Louisiana Center for the Blind

101 South Trenton Street, Ruston LA 71270 Toll Free 800-234-4166

wilsonj@lcb-ruston.com

www.lcb-ruston.com/index.php

#### **Lutheran Braille Workers**

13471 California St., P.O. Box 5000, Yucaipa, CA 92399

Toll Free: 800-925-6092

Fax: 909-795-8970

lbw@lbwinc.org www.lbwinc.org/

# Massachusetts Association for the Blind - Vision Community Services

Attn: Braille Program, 200 Ivy Street, Brookline, MA 02446

Toll Free: 800-852-3029 (in MA)

Fax: 617-738-1247 braille@mablind.org

www.mabcommunity.org/

# Metrolina Association for the Blind VP Accessible Braille Services

704 Louise Avenue. Charlotte, NC 28204

Phone: 704-887-5118 bschmiel@mabnc.org

www.mabnc.org/braille-and-large-print/braille-and-large-print.cf

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# Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund

3500 N. Elm Road, Jackson, Michigan 49201

Phone: 517-780-5096

Fax: 517-780-5448

cindy.olmstead@mi-braille.org

http://mi-braille.org/

#### Midwestern Braille Volunteers

104 W Adams Ave., Kirkwood MO,US 63122

Phone: 314-966-5828

Fax: 314-966-0388 mbvol@sbcglobal.net

www.mbvol.org/home.html

# **Multimedia Transcription Service (MTS)**

131 Main Street, Suite 120, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Phone: 201-996-9423

Fax: 201-996-9422 mts.ber@hipcil.org www.mts-braille.com/

#### National Braille Press, Inc.

88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115 Toll Free: 888-965-8965

orders@nbp.org www.nbp.org/

# TechAdapt, Inc.

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www.techadapt.com/index.html

#### **Terra Reproductions**

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Phone: 613-731-3571

Fax: 613-731-0478

tjelly@terrareproductions.com www.terrareproductions.com

#### T-Base Communications Inc., USA

806 Commerce Park Drive, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Toll Free: 800-563-0668

info@tbase.com/www.tbase.com/

#### **Catherine Thomas**

Braille Production Specialist 7501 Ridge Boulevard Apt 2A, Brooklyn NY 11209

Phone: 718-745-4343

braille@panix.com

#### **VP Braille Service**

2221 S. Real Rd. #120, Bakersfield, California 93309-5234

Phone: 360-200-5454 vpbs2010@yahoo.com www.thebraillest.org/

#### **Volunteer Braille Services**

1710 Douglas Drive, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Phone: (763) 544-2880 vbsmn@comcast.net

www.vbsmn.org/

# **Washington State Braille Services**

2214 East 13th Street, Vancouver WA 98661-1420

Phone: 360-696-6321

Fax: 360-737-2120 braille@wssb.org

wssb.wa.gov/Content/offcampus/bac.asp

# **Centers for Independent Living**

These organizations provide a variety of services, including advocacy, peer counseling, assistance, information and referral, education and recreation.

# **Access Living of Metro. Chicago**

115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60654 312-640-2100 (voice) 312-640-2101 (TTY) 312-640-2102 (Fax) www.acccessliving.org

# **Central Illinois Center for Independent Living**

614 West Glen, Peoria, IL 61614 309-682-3500 (Voice/TTY) 309-682-3989 (FAX:) www.cicil.org

# AIM-CIL Achieving Independence and Mobility Center for Independent Living

3130 Finley Road, Suite 500, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 984-4251 Videophone (630) 469-2300 Voice/TTY (630) 469-2606 Fax www.aim-cil.org

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# **Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living**

15 Permac Road, Jacksonville, IL 62650 217-245-8371 (voice/TTY) 888-317-3287 (Toll Free) (217) 245-1872 (FAX) www.jacil.org

# **Lake County Center for Independent Living**

377 N. Seymour Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060 847-949-4440 (voice) 847-949-0641 (TTY) (847) 949-4445 www.lccil.org

#### **Life Center for Independent Living**

2201 Eastland Dr., Bloomington, IL 61704 309-663-5433 (Voice) 888-543-3245 (Toll Free) 309-663-7024 (FAX) www.lifecil.org

# Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living

229 First Avenue Suite 2, Rock Falls, IL 61071

815-625-7860 (voice)

815-625-7863 (TTY)

815-625-7876 (FAX)

www.nicil.org

# Options Center for Independent Living - Kankakee Co.

22 Heritage Dr. Suite 107, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

815-936-0100 (voice)

815-936-0132 (TTY)

815-936-0117 (FAX)

www.optioncil.com

# Options Center for Independent Living - Iroquois Co.

130 Laird Lane, Suite 103, Watseka, IL 60970

815-432-1332 (voice)

815-432-1361 (TTY)

815-432-1360 (FAX)

www.optioncil.com

# **Persons Assuming Control of Their Environment (PACE)**

1317 E. Florida, Urbana, IL 61801

217-344-5433 (voice)

217-344-5024 (TTY)

susan@pacecil.org

# **Progress Center for Independent Living**

7521 Madison Street, Forest Park, IL 60130 708-209-1500 (voice) 708-209-1826 (TTY) info@progresscil.org

# Regional Access and Mobilization Project (RAMP)

202 Market St., Rockford, IL 61107 815-968-7467 (voice/TTY) 815-968-7612 (Fax) www.rampcil.org

# Southern IL. Center for Independent Living

2135 W. Ramada Lane, Carbondale, IL 62901 618-457-3318 (voice/TTY) 618-549-0132 (Fax) sicilccc@poofaccess.com

# **Springfield Center for Independent Living**

426 West Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62702 217-523-2587 (voice) www.scil.org

# Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living

2415 A. West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60435 815-729-0162 (voice) wgcil@sbcglobal.net

### Early Intervention (Ages 0-3)

### **Child and Family Connections**

800-323-GROW 312-939-5115 (call for your local office)

#### Child's Voice

180 Hansen Court, Wood Dale, II 60191

Phone: 630-595-8200 Fax: 630-595-8282

### **Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach**

125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650 217-479-4320 (v/tty) 217-479-4328 fax gail.olson@illinois.gov

### Illinois Department of Public Health Vision and Hearing Program

500 E. Monroe 1st Floor, Springfield, Il 62702

Phone: 217-782-4733 Fax: 217-557-5324

TTY: 800-547-0466

gtanner@idph.state.il.us.

### Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse

830 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704

800-852-4302

217-524-5339 (fax)

http://eiclearinghouse.org/

### **Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA)**

245 West Exchange St., Suite 4, Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: (815) 895-9227 Voice/TDD

Fax: (815) 895-2971 Email: info@thenia.org

### Phillip J. Rock Center - Project Reach

818 DuPage Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Phone: (630) 790-2474 TTY/Voice (800) 771-1158

### **State of Illinois Department of Human Services**

1-800-843-6154 1-800-447-6404 (TTY) eiclearinghouse.org/getstarted

Special Education Co-ops in each county also offer programs. Contact your local school district for additional information.

### **UIC Specialized Care for Children**

Phone: (800) 322-3722 TTY: (217) 785-4728 Fax: (217) 558-0773 http://dscc.uic.edu/

### **UIC Chicago Administrative Office**

818 S. Wolcott Ave., 7th Floor, Rm. 721, Chicago, IL 60612

Phone: (312) 413-1684 Fax: (312) 413-0212

### **UIC Springfield Administrative Office**

3135 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield, IL 62704-6488

Phone: (217) 558-2350 TTY: (217) 785-4728 Fax: (217) 558-0773

Toll Free: (800) 322-3722

#### **UIC State Regional Office Building**

2309 W. Main Street, Suite 119, Marion, IL 62959-1196

Phone: (618) 997-4396 TTY: (618) 993-2481 FAX: (618) 993-8929

Toll Free: (800) 451-0464

#### **UIC Chicago Home Care**

1309 S. Halsted, 3rd Floor, Ste. 307, Chicago, IL 60607-5021

Phone: (312) 433-4100 TTY: (312) 433-4108 FAX: (312) 433-4107

Toll Free: (800) 905-9995

### **Government Agencies**

### **Chicago Read Mental Health Center**

4200 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60634 773-794-4000 (Voice)

### Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

406 East Monroe Street/Station 50, Springfield, Illinois 62701 217-785-2651 (Voice) 217 785 2459 (FAX)

### **Division of Specialized Care for Children**

2815 W. Washington, # 300, PO Box 19481, Springfield, IL 62794 800-322-3722 (Voice) www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc

#### IL State Bd. Of Education

100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL 62777 217-782-5589 (Voice)

### Illinois State Board of Education: Special Education and Support Services

100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777-0001 (866) 262-6663 (Toll-Free) (217) 782-0372 (Fax) (217) 782-1900 (TDD/TTY) http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/Default.htm

### **Illinois Department of Human Services**

Prescott Bloom Bldg., 201 S. Grand Ave. E., Springfield, IL 62763 800-843-6154 (Voice) - Springfield 847-336-5212 (Voice) - Lake Co. Waukegan

### Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health

901 Southwind Rd., Springfield IL 62703 217-786-0023 (Voice) 217-786-0024 (FAX)

# Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Customer Support and Services

100 South Grand Ave East, 2nd FI, Springfield, Illinois 62762 1-800-843-6154 1-800-447-6404 (TTY) www.dhs.state.il.us

### Illinois State Project, Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness Program

IL Board of Ed, Department of Special Education 100 N. 1st Street, Springfield, IL 62777

Tel: (708) 790-2474 Tel: (217) 782-6601 FAX: (708) 790-4893

### Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service

300 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62701 800-665-5576, ext. 1 isltbbs@ilsos.net

### **National Council of State Agencies for the Blind**

4600 Valley Road, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68510-4844 (402) 471-8100 (Local) (402) 471-3009 (Fax) pearl.vanzandt@nebraska.gov

http://www.ncsab.org/

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1325 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506

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1670 Lebanon Ave, Lake Christine Center, Belleville, IL 62221

Phone: 1-877-405-0471

230 West Lake Street, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

207 Williamsburg Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

Phone: 1-877-405-4640

250 W Cherry, Rm 104, Carbondale, IL 62901

Phone: 1-877-714-0377

101 S Country Fair Drive, Champaign, IL 61821

Phone: 1-877-819-2593

4849 N Milwaukee Ave., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60630

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

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1233 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60607

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

4631 S Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60609

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

2127 Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

6338 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Ground Floor, Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

9115 S Cottage Grove, Chicago, IL 60628

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3260 W. Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL 60647

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8658 S Sacramento Ave, Chicago, IL 60652

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

2416 S Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60623

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

5130 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60639

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104 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

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400 N. Vermilion Street, Danville, IL 61832

Phone: 1-866-331-5394

606 W Pershing Rd, Decatur, IL 62526

Phone: 1-888-619-4773

650 Missouri Ave, #104, Federal Bldg, East St. Louis, IL 62201

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1207 Network Centre Drive, Suite 2, Effingham, IL 62401

Phone: 1-855-213-5288

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Phone: 1-877-405-0435

216 Green Bay Road, Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

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Phone: 1-855-628-1591

2060 Windish Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401

Phone: 1-877-405-7659

18 Veterans Drive, Harrisburg, IL 62946

Phone: 1-866-366-3980

230 North Mannheim Rd, Hillside, IL 60162

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

552 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 1-866-783-7302

630 E. Oak Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

Phone: 1-855-807-8801

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Phone: 1-877-319-3077

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Phone: 1-866-931-2549

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Phone: 1-800-772-1213

10718 S Roberts Rd, Palos Hills, IL 60465

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2801 Broadway, Pekin, IL 61554

Phone: 1-877-405-0499

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Phone: 1-877-319-6039

915 Wenzel Rd, Peru, IL 61354

Phone: 1-855-245-0640

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Phone: 1-800-772-1213

2401 Lind Street, Quincy, IL 62301

Phone: 1-888-279-5999

2350 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

Phone: 1-866-414-9166

502 E Jefferson Street, Rockford, IL 61107

Phone: 1-877-628-6570

3112 Constitution Drive, Springfield, IL 62704

Phone: 1-877-279-9504

3512 E Lincolnway, Suite C, Sterling, IL 61081

Phone: 1-866-789-61081

1930 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

1005 Factory Outlet Drive, West Frankfort, IL 62896

Phone: 1-888-223-8869

7440 Providence Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517

Phone: 1-866-303-2724

2450 Lake Shore Drive, Woodstock, IL 60098

Phone: 1-877-405-7828

### **US Department of Veteran's Affairs**

810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420

Benefits: 1-800-827-1000

Health Care: 1-877-222-VETS (8387) VA Inspector General: 1-800-488-8244

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Chicago Regional Benefit Office 2122 West Taylor St., Chicago, IL 60612

Great Lakes Naval Station Office BDD Intake Site/VA Medical Center, N Chicago, IL 60088

Scott Air Force Base Office Fleet & Family Support, Scott Air Force Base, IL 62225

Phone: (847) 688-3603

### **Guide Dog Schools**

### California

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.**

350 Los Ranchitos Road, San Rafael, California 94903

Toll Free: (800) 295-4050

Fax: (415) 499-4035

Email: information@guidedogs.com

Website: www.guidedogs.com/

#### **Guide Dogs of America**

13445 Glenoaks Boulevard, Sylmar, California 91342

Toll Free: (800) 459-4843

Fax: (818) 362-6820

Email: mail@guidedogsofamerica.org Website: www.guidedogsofamerica.org

### **Guide Dogs of the Desert**

60735 Dillon Road, Whitewater, California 92282

Toll Free: (888) 883-0022

Fax: (760) 329-2866 Email: info@gddca.org

Website: www.guidedogsofthedesert.org/

### Connecticut

### Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.

103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Phone: (860) 243-5200 Fax: (860) 769-0567

Email: info@fidelco.org
Website: www.fidelco.org/

### **Florida**

### Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

4210 77th Street East, Palmetto, Florida 34221

Toll Free: (800) 944-3647

Fax: (941) 729-6646

Email: info@guidedogs.org/ Website: www.guidedogs.org/

### Hawaii

#### **Guide Dogs of Hawaii**

747 Amana Street, Suite 407, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Phone: (808) 941-1088 Fax: (808) 944-9368

Email: info@guidedogshawaii.com

Website: guidedogshawaii.com/home.html

### Michigan

#### **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307-3115

Toll Free: (888) 777-5332

TTY Telephone: (248) 651-3713

Fax: (248) 651-5812

Email: leaderdog@leaderdog.org

Website: www.leaderdog.org/

#### Nebraska

### Noah's Dogs of Nebraska

P.O. Box 105, Louisville, Nebraska 68037

Telephone: (920) 643-0434 Email: crisisdogs@gmail.com

Website: noahsdogs.wordpress.com/

### **New Jersey**

### The Seeing Eye, Inc.

10 Washington Valley Rd, PO Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963

Phone: (973) 539-4425 Fax: (973) 539-0922

Email: info@seeingeye.org

Website: www.seeingeve.org/

#### **New York**

### Freedom Guide Dogs for the Blind

1210 Hardscrabble Road, Cassville, New York 13318

Phone: (315) 822-5132

Email: info@freedomguidedogs.org/ Website: freedomguidedogs.org/

### Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown, New York 11787-2976

Toll-Free: (800) 548-4337

Fax: (631) 930-9009

Email: info@guidedog.org/ Website: www.guidedog.org/

### Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.

611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

Toll Free: (800) 942-0149

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Email: bklayman@guidingeyes.org

Website: www.guidingeyes.org

### Ohio

#### Pilot Dogs, Inc.

625 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Phone: (614) 221-6367 Fax: (614) 221-1577

Email: kwalker@pilotdogs.org Website: www.pilotdogs.org

### Oregon

### Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

32901 Southeast Kelso Road, Boring, Oregon 97009

Toll Free: (800) 295-4050

Fax: (503) 668-2141

Email: information@guidedogs.com

Website: www.guidedogs.com/

#### **Texas**

### **Guide Dogs of Texas, Inc.**

1503 Allena Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78213

Toll Free: (800) 831-9231

Fax: (210) 366-4082

Website: www.guidedogsoftexas.org

#### Wisconsin

#### **Custom Canines Service Dog Academy**

6610 Fieldwood Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53718

Phone: (608) 444-9555

Fax: (608) 834-1700

Email: info@customcanines.org Website: www.customcanines.org

### **OccuPaws Guide Dog Association**

P.O. Box 45857, Madison, Wisconsin 53744

Phone: (608) 772-3787 Fax: (866) 854-3291

Email: info@occupaws.org Website: www.occupaws.org

# National Association of Guide Dog Users

### National Association of Guide Dog Users National Federation of the Blind

President: Marion Gwizdala

1003 Papaya Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619

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Email: president@nagdu.org

Website: www.nagdu.org

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#### Friedman Place

5527 N. Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

Phone: 773-989-9800 FAX: 773-989-4889

http://www.friedmanplace.org/

Friedman Place accepts applications from adults with low-vision or blindness who are seeking supportive housing opportunities.

### **Mary Bryant Home For The Blind**

2960 Stanton Street, Springfield, IL. 62703

Phone: 217-529-1611 FAX: 217-529-6975

Email: <a href="mailto:mbha@marybryanthome.org">mbha@marybryanthome.org</a> http://www.marybryanthome.org/

Residents of the Mary Bryant Home must be 22 years of age or older, be blind or visually impaired with at least 20/70 vision, be ambulatory, self-sufficient, and mentally competent.

# Information and Referral

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#### **Employment Resources**

330 S. Grand Ave. West Springfield, IL 62704 800-447-4221 (voice/TTY)

### **Illinois Assistive Technology Project**

1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62701 217-522-7985 (voice) 217-522-9966 (TTY) www.iltech.org

# Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

P. O. Box 316634, Chicago, IL 60631 773-882-1331 <a href="mailto:ipvi@ipvi.org">ipvi@ipvi.org</a> www.ipvi.org

#### Illinois Federation of Blind Students

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#### **National Federation of the Blind - Illinois**

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### **Legal Information and Services**

### **Advocacy Services of the Jewish Federation**

216 W Jackson, 8th floor, Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: 312-673-2740 Fax: 312-855-3754

### Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

321 Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604-3997

Voice: (312) 554-2001 Fax: (312) 554-2054 TTY: (312) 554-2055

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### **Chicago Lawyer's Committee For Civil Rights Under the Law**

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#### Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.

2938 East 91st Street, Chicago, IL 60617

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### **Chicago Police Department - Preventive Programs Division**

3510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653 312-745-5823 (voice)

### **Cook County Court Interpreters Office**

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#### **DePaul Legal Clinic**

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### **Heath and Disability Advocates**

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#### **Equip for Equality**

20 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602 312-341-0022 (voice) 312- 541-7544 (Main Fax) contactus@equipforequality.org (E-mail) www.equipforequality.org

#### **Family Defense Center**

70 E. Lake St. Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 312-251-9800 Fax: 312-251-9801

fdc@familydefensecenter.net

### **Great Lakes ADA Center (GLADAC)**

1640 W Roosevelt Rd., MC 728 - Rm. 405, Chicago, IL 60608 V/TTY: 1-877-232-1990 (800) 949-4232 www.adagreatlakes.org

#### **Hands – Advocacy Network**

2501 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60655 773-239-6662 (voice)

### Illinois Attorney General's Office - Disability Rights Bureau

500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706 217-524-2660 (voice) 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601 312-814-5684 (voice)

### Illinois Guardianship & Legal Advocacy Commission

401 Spring Street/ 521 Stratton Building, Springfield, IL 62706 217-785-1540 (voice) 866-333-3362 (toll free)

217-524-0088 (FAX)

312-793-5900 (Chicago)

847-294-4264 (North Suburban Regional office)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation**

120 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 341-1070 <a href="https://www.lafchicago.org">www.lafchicago.org</a>

### Midwest Center on Law and the Deaf (MCLD) - For Deaf-Blind

PO Box 804297, Chicago, IL 60655

800-894-3653 (voice)

Email: MCLD1@aol.com

### Southern Illinois University School of Law Legal Clinics

1150 Douglas Drive, Mailcode: 6804, Carbondale, IL 62901

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### **US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights**

Chicago Office for Civil Rights/U.S. Department of Education 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544

Voice: (312) 730-1560

E-Mail: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html

### **US Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights**

233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 886-2359 Fax: (312) 886-1807

Website: www.hhs.gov/ocr/

### **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Chicago Office, Metcalfe Federal Building 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 353-5680 Website: www.hud.gov

### **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

500 West Monroe Street - Suite 1 SW, Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 492-4120 Fax: (217) 492-4154 Website: www.hud.gov

### **US Department of Justice Disability Rights Section**

NW Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, NYA 950 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20530

Voice: (800) 514-0301 Fax: (202) 307-1197 Website: www.ada.gov

# **US Department of Labor - (EEOC) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC 20507

Phone: 202-663-4900

www.eeoc.gov

Chicago Office (Northern and Mid State) 500W. Madison St., Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60661

Toll Free: 1-800-669-4000

FAX: 312-869-8220

ASLVideo Phone: 844-234-5122

St. Louis District Office (Southern II.) Robert A. Young Federal Building 1222 Spruce St., Rm. 8.100, St. Louis, Mo.

Phone: 1-800-669-4000

FAX: 314-539-7894

ASLVideo Phone: 844-234-5122

### **US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Disability Rights Office**

445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

Phone: 1-888-225-5322 TTY: 1-888-835-5322

ASL Videophone: 1-844-432-2275

Fax: 1-866-418-0232

www.fcc.gov/general/disability-rights-office

### **University of Illinois**

College of Law Legal Clinic 504 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Champaign, IL 61820

Voice: (217) 244-9494 Fax: (217) 333-5775

clinic@law.illinois.edu www.law.illinois.edu/clinical-programs/

### **Up Town People's Law Center**

4413 North Sheridan, Chicago, IL 60640

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### Libraries for the Blind

### In Illinois

# Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1796

Phone: (217) 782-9435

Toll Free: (800) 665-5576, ext. 5

#### **Out of State**

# Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

6030 Monticello Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 Toll Free: (800) 392-5671

### Alaska State Library - Talking Book Center

344 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 125, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Phone: (907) 269-6575

#### **Arizona Talking Book Library**

1030 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85008 Toll Free: (800) 255-5578

### **Arkansas Regional Library for the Blind Arkansas State Library**

900 W. Capitol Ave., Ste 100, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Toll free: (866) 660-0885

### California State Library Braille and Talking Book Services

900 N. Street, Sacramento, California 95814-4800

Phone: (916) 654-0261

### **Braille Institute Library Services**

741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90029

Toll Free: (800) 808-2555

#### **Colorado Talking Book Library**

180 Sheridan Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80226

Toll Free: (800) 685-2136

### Connecticut State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

198 West Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

Toll Free: (800) 842-4516

### Delaware Division of Libraries Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

43 South DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901

Toll Free: (800) 282-8676

### District of Columbia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

901 G Street NW, Room 215, Washington, D.C. 20001

Phone: (202) 727-2142

# National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped - Library of Congress

1291 Taylor Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011

Toll Free: (800) 424-8567

### Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Services

420 Platt Street, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Toll Free: (800) 226-6075, ext. 6060

### **GLASS (Georgia Library for Accessible Services)**

One Margaret Mitchell Square, 4th Fl, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Toll Free: (800) 248-6701

Fax: (404) 657-1459

# **Guam Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

254 Martyr Street, Agana, Guam 96910

Phone: (671) 475-4753

### Hawaii Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

402 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Phone: (808) 733-8444

# Idaho State Library Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped

325 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Toll Free: (800) 233-4931

### **Indiana State Library - Special Services Division**

140 North State Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Toll Free: (800) 622-4970

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Iowa Department for the Blind

524 4th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2364

Toll Free: (800) 362-2587

### Kansas Talking Book Services/Kansas State Library

Emporia State University, Memorial Union 1200 Commercial, Emporia, Kansas 66801

Toll Free: (800) 362-0699

### Kentucky Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

300 Coffee Tree Rd., PO Box 818, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Toll Free: (800) 372-2968

### State Library of Louisiana/Talking Books & Braille Library

701 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802-5232

Toll Free: 800-543-4702

www.state.lib.la.us/special-services/tbbl

### Maine State Library - Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

State House Station, Number 64, Augusta, Maine 04333

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### Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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### **Massachusetts Braille and Talking Book Library**

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Toll Free: (800) 722-0550

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### **Montana Talking Books Library**

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Toll Free: (800) 332-3400

### **Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service**

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### Nevada State Library and Archives Regional Library for the Blind Talking Book Program

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### New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

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Toll Free: (800) 792-8322

### **New Mexico State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

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### **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**

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# North Carolina State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1841 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, North Carolina 27635 Toll Free: (888) 388-2460

#### North Dakota State Library Services for the Disabled

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Phone: (701) 328-1477

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17121 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44110-4006 Toll Free: (800) 362-1262 (Serves Northern Ohio)

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### Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Leonard C. Staisey Building 4724 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213 Toll Free: (800) 242-0586 (Serves Western Pennsylvania)

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520 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Toll Free: 800-981-8008

#### **Rhode Island Talking Books Plus**

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### **South Carolina State Library**

Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

301 Gervais St./PO Box 821, Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Toll Free: 800-922-7818

### South Dakota State Library for the Handicapped

800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2294

Toll Free: (800) 423-6665

### Tennessee Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

403 7th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0313

Toll Free: 800-342-3308

### **Texas State Library Talking Book Program**

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Toll Free: (800) 252-9605

### **Utah State Library**

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250 N. 1950 W., Suite A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-7901

Toll Free outside of Utah: 800-453-4293

### **Vermont Department of Libraries Special Services Unit**

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### Library and Resource Center

Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped

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### **Washington Talking Book and Braille Library**

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### West Virginia Library - Commission of Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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### Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

813 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Toll Free: (800) 242-8822

# Wyoming - Book Lending: Utah State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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# **Parent Support**

# Illinois Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

P. O. Box 316634, Chicago, IL 60631 773-882-1331 ipvi@ipvi.org www.ipvi.org

IPVI provides support, information, and service to parents of children with visual impairments, including those with additional disabilities. We are pleased that you are visiting us and hope that you connect with our network of families and friends. Remember: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." (Helen Keller)

## **Lighthouse Guild Parent Support Program**

800-284-4422 / TTY 711 250 West 64th Street, New York, NY 10023 800-562-6265 gerral@lighthousequild.org

Dr. Linda Gerra, Director of Children's Vision Programs,

**Network** that can connect you with parents of children with the same eye condition as your child. You can share resources, experiences, strength and hope. To register call **800-562-6265** or email <a href="mailto:parentgroups@lighthousequild.org">parentgroups@lighthousequild.org</a>.

## **Radio Services**

## **Augustana Public Information Radio Service**

639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Local Telephone: (309) 794-7500

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 794-9845

Email: wvik@augustana.edu

## **Chicagoland Radio Information Service**

77 East Randolph/Pedestrian Walkway, Chicago, IL 60601

Local Telephone: (312) 541-8400

Email: bill.jurek@chicagolighthouse.org

#### Illinois Radio Reader

59 East Armory, Champaign, IL 61820

Local Telephone: (217) 333-6503

Email: dgeiken@uiuc.edu

## Northern Illinois Radio Information Service/ Northern Public Radio

Riverfront Museum Park, 711 North Main Street

Rockford, IL 61103

Local Telephone: (815) 972-2955

Email: npr@niu.edu

#### **Radio Information Service**

Wabash Valley College, 2200 College Drive

Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

Local Telephone: (618) 262-8641 3574

Email: wvcadmissions@iecc.edu

#### **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service**

1003 S. Oakland Ave., Mailcode 6720, Carbondale, IL 62901

Local Telephone: (618) 453-2808

Email: wsiuradio@wsiu.org

#### **Tri-States Audio Information Services**

504 University Services Building, Macomb, IL 61455

Phone: 309-298-2403 Email: AIS@wiu.edu

#### **WCBU Radio Information Service**

Jobst Hall 218, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625

Local Telephone: (309) 677-3585/3690

Email: wcbu@bradley.edu

#### **WUIS/WIPA Radio Information Service**

University of Illinois at Springfield One University Plaza, MS WUIS-130, Springfield, IL 62703 Local Telephone: (217) 206-6516

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#### International Association of Audio Information Services

P.O. Box 847, Lawrence KS 66044 Toll Free Telephone: 1.800.280.5325

art@ku.edu

## **Recreation and Leisure**

#### **Alabama**

#### Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

205 East South Street, Talladega, AL 35160 (256) 761-3200 (Local) www.aidb.org/

#### **Alaska**

## Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

3903 Taft Drive, Anchorage, AK 99517-3069 (800) 770-7517 (Toll-Free) www.alaskabvi.org/

#### Camp Abilities/Alaska - Alpine Alternatives, Inc.

2518 E. Tudor Road, Suite 105, Anchorage, AK 99507 (907) 561-6655 (Local) www.campabilitiesalaska.org/index.html

#### **Arizona**

#### **Camp Abilities/Tucson**

PO Box 87227, Tucson, AZ 85745 (520) 235-2582 (Local) www.campabilitiestucson.org

#### **Foundation for Blind Children**

1235 East Harmont Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85020 www.seeitourway.org

#### **Arkansas**

# **Arkansas Department of Education Special Education Department**

1401 W. Capitol, Victory Building, # 450, Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 682-4221 (Local) arksped.k12.ar.us

# **Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Services for the Blind**

700 Main St., Slot 101, P.O. Box 3237, Little Rock, AR 72203 humanservices.arkansas.gov/dsb/Pages/default.aspx

#### **Arkansas School for the Blind**

2600 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205 (800) 362-4451 (Toll-Free) www.arkansasschoolfortheblind.org/

#### California

#### **Blind Childrens Center**

4120 Marathon Street, Los Angeles, CA 90029 (323) 664-2153 (Local) www.blindchildrenscenter.org

## **Blind Community Center of San Diego**

1805 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103 www.bccsd.org/

#### **Braille Institute of America, Inc.**

741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029 (800) 272-4553 (Toll-Free) www.brailleinstitute.org

## **Extreme Mobility Camps**

3578 Claridge Court, Simi Valley, CA 93063 www.xmocamps.org/

#### **Junior Blind of America**

5300 Angeles Vista Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90043 (800) 352-2290 (Toll-Free) www.juniorblind.org

## Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

214 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 431-1481 (Local) www.lighthouse-sf.org

#### Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind

7915 Lindley Avenue, Reseda, CA 91335 (818) 708-1740 111 (Local) www.tlc4blind.org/

## Colorado

#### **Adaptive Adventures**

1315 Nelson Street Unit 1, Lakewood, CO 80215 (877) 679-2770 (Toll-Free) www.adaptiveadventures.org

## **Challenge Aspen**

PO BOX 6639, Snowmass Village, CO 81615 (800) 530-3901 (Toll-Free) www.challengeaspen.org

#### Colorado Center for the Blind

2233 W. Shepperd Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120 (800) 401-4632 (Toll-Free) www.cocenter.org

#### Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

33 North Institute Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3599 (719) 578-2100 (Local) www.csdb.org

#### Global Explorers: Leading the Way

420 S. Howes, Suite B300, Fort Collins, CO 80521 (877) 627-1425 (Toll-Free) www.globalexplorers.org/programs/leading the way/

## Connecticut

#### Oak Hill

120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, CT 06112 (860) 242-2274 (Local) www.ciboakhill.org/

#### **Delaware**

## **Blindsight Delaware**

2915 Newport Gap Pike, Landis Lodge, Wilmington, DE 19808 www.blindsightdelaware.org

#### **District of Columbia**

## **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind**

1825 K Street, NW, Suite 1103, Washington, DC 20006 (301) 589-0894 (Local) www.clb.org

#### **Florida**

Florida Department of Education Division of Blind Services 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1114, Tallahassee, FL 32399 dbs.myflorida.com

## **Hope Haven Children's Clinic & Family Center**

4600 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 346-5100 (Local) www.hope-haven.org/

## Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc.

8610 Galen Wilson Boulevard Port Richey, FL 34668 (727) 815-0303 (Local) Ivib.org/

## **Lighthouse of Broward County**

650 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 (954) 463-4217 (Local) www.LHOB.org

## **Lighthouse of Collier**

2685 Horseshoe Drive South, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34104 www.lighthouseofcollier.org/

## **Lighthouse of Manasota**

7318 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243 (941) 359-1404 (Local) www.lighthouseofmanasota.org/

# Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

601 SW 8th Avenue, Miami, FL 33130 miamilighthouse.org

## Georgia

## **Center for the Visually Impaired**

739 West Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30308 (404) 875-9011 (Local) www.cviga.org

## Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31204 (478) 751-6083 (Local) www.gabmacon.org

## Georgia Lions Camp Inc.

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross, GA 31503 (888) 297-1175 (Toll-Free) www.glcb.org/

## Indiana

#### **Evansville Association for the Blind**

500 North Second Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710 (812) 422-1181 (Local) www.evansvilleblind.org

#### Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 253-1481 (Local) www.intra.isbrockets.org/public/

#### League for the Blind & Disabled, Inc.

5821 South Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46816 (800) 889-3443 (Toll-Free) www.the-league.org

#### Kansas

#### **Envision Rehabilitation Center**

610 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67203 (866) 319-4646 (Toll-Free) www.envisionus.com

# Kentucky

## **Kentucky School for the Blind**

1867 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206 (502) 897-1583 240 (Local) www.ksb.k12.ky.us

## **Visually Impaired Preschool Services**

1906 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville, KY 40218 (888) 636-8477 (Toll-Free) www.vips.org

#### Louisiana

#### **Affiliated Blind of Louisiana**

409 West St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70506 (800) 319-4444 (Toll-Free) www.affiliatedblind.org

## **Lighthouse Louisiana**

123 State Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 (888) 792-0163 (Toll-Free) www.lighthouselouisiana.org

#### **Louisiana Center for the Blind**

101 South Trenton Street, Ruston, LA 71270 (800) 234-4166 (Toll-Free) www.lcb-ruston.com

## Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70820 (225) 757-3480 (Local) www.lsvi.org/

#### **Maine**

## Maine Adaptive Sports and Receration

8 Sundance Lane, Newry, ME 04261 www.maineadaptive.org/

# **New England Blind Athletic Association**

11 Veazie Street, Veazie, ME 04401 www.nebaamaine.org/contact-us.html

# Maryland

#### **Disabled Sports USA**

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 217-0960 (Local) www.dsusa.org/index.html

## Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21236-4499 (800) 400-4915 (Toll-Free) www.marylandschoolfortheblind.org

#### **V-Linc**

2301 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218 (410) 554-9134 (Local) www.v-linc.org/

#### **Massachusetts**

#### **Carroll Center for the Blind**

770 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458-2597 (800) 852-3131 (Toll-Free) www.carroll.org/

#### **Joslin Diabetes Center**

One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215 (617) 732-2400 (Local) www.joslin.org

#### **Massachusetts Commission for the Blind**

600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111 (800) 392-6450 (Toll-Free) www.mass.gov/mcb

#### **Our Space Our Place Inc.**

1481 Tremont Street, Roxbury, MA 02119 (617) 459-4084 (Local) www.ourspaceourplace.org/

# Michigan

#### **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

456 Cherry Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (800) 466-8084 (Toll-Free) www.abvimichigan.org

# Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired

16625 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, MI 48227 (313) 272-3900 (Local) www.gdabvi.org

#### **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

1039 S Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 (248) 651-9011 (Local) (888) 777-5332 (Toll-Free) www.leaderdog.org

#### **Minnesota**

## Blindness: Learning in New Dimensions, Inc.

100 East 22nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2514 (612) 872-0100 (Local) www.blindinc.org

## Minnesota State Academy for the Blind

400 SE Sixth Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021 (507) 384-6700 (Local) (800) 657-3634 (Toll-Free) www.msab.state.mn.us

## Missouri

## **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired**

3101 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111-1921 (816) 841-2284 (Local) www.ccvi.org

## St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

8770 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63144 (314) 968-9000 (Local) slsbvi.org/

#### **Montana**

## **Montana Talking Book Library**

1515 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1800 (800) 332-3400 (Toll-Free) msl.mt.gov/tbl/tbl.asp

## Nebraska

#### **Camp Abilities Nebraska**

Center for Childhood Deafness, Lied Learning and Technology Center, Boys Town National Research Hospital 425 N. 30th Street, Omaha, NE 68131 www.boystownhospital.org/

# Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

824 Tenth Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (800) 826-4355 (Toll-Free) www.ncecbvi.org

# **Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

4600 Valley Road, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68510-4844 (877) 809-2419 (Toll-Free) www.ncbvi.ne.gov

#### Nevada

#### **Nevada Blind Children's Foundation**

9330 W. Martin Avenue, First Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89148 (702) 735-6223 (Local) www.nvblindchildren.org/

# **New Hampshire**

#### **Camp Allen**

56 Camp Allen Road, Bedford, NH 03110-6606 (603) 622-8471 (Local) www.campallennh.org

#### **Inter-Actions**

170 West Road, Suite 6-B, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 319-6120 (Local) www.inter-actions.org

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

# **New Jersey**

#### Helen L. Diller Vacation Home For Blind Children

P.O. Box 338, Avalon, NJ 08202 (609) 967-7285 (Local) www.dillerblindhome.org

## St. Joseph's School for the Blind

761 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307 (201) 876-5432 (Local) www.schoolfortheblind.org

#### **New Mexico**

#### **New Mexico Commission For The Blind**

2905 Rodeo Park Drive, East, Building 4, Suite 100 Santa Fe, NM 87505 (888) 513-7968 (Toll-Free) www.cfb.state.nm.us/

#### **New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

1900 North White Sands Boulevard, Alamogordo, NM 88310 (800) 437-3505 (Toll-Free)

www.nmsbvi.k12.nm.us/

## **New York**

# Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired-Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Inc.

422 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-1198 (585) 232-1111 (Local) www.abvi-goodwill.org

#### **Aurora of Central New York**

518 James Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 422-7263 (Local) www.auroraofcny.org/

## **Camp Abilities/New York**

The College at Brockport - State University of New York 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420 (585) 395-5361 (Local) www.campabilitiesbrockport.org/

## Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

507 Kent Street, Utica, NY 13501 (877) 719-9996 (Toll-Free) www.cabvi.org

# Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

141 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050-1299 (516) 944-8900 (Local) www.hknc.org

#### Helen Keller Services for the Blind

57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 helenkeller.org/

## **New York Institute for Special Education**

999 Pelham Parkway, Bronx, NY 10469 (718) 519-7000 (Local) www.nyise.org

## **New York State School for the Blind**

2A Richmond Avenue, Batavia, NY 14020 (877) 697-7382 340 (Toll-Free) www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/nyssb

## **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**

Cultural Education Center/Empire State Plaza 222 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12230 (800) 342-3688 (Toll-Free) www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/talk 2.htm

## VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

500 Greenwich Street, Third Floor, New York, NY 10013-1354 (212) 625-1616 (Local) www.visionsvcb.org

## **North Carolina**

### **Governor Morehead School**

Administration Building, 2303 Mail Service Center, 301 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27699-2303 www.governormorehead.net/

### **North Carolina Lions Foundation**

Camp Dogwood Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673-0039 (800) 662-7401 (Toll-Free) nclf.org/

## **North Dakota**

### North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road, Grand Forks, ND 58203-2799 (800) 421-1181 (Toll-Free) www.ndvisionservices.com

## Ohio

## **Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials**

5220 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43214 (800) 310-3317 (Toll-Free) www.ossb.oh.gov/CISAM/CISAM.php

## **Cleveland Sight Center**

1909 East 101st Street, Cleveland, OH 44106 (216) 791-8118 (Local) www.clevelandsightcenter.org

## Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Main Campus, 7000 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231 (888) 234-7156 (Toll-Free) www.clovernook.org

## Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214 (800) 310-3317 (Toll-Free) www.ossb.oh.gov/

## Sight Center of Northwest Ohio Toledo Society for the Blind

1002 Garden Lake Parkway, Toledo, OH 43614 (800) 624-8378 (Toll-Free) www.sightcentertoledo.org

## Oklahoma

#### **New View Oklahoma**

501 North Douglas Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73106-3124 (405) 232-4644 (Local) www.newviewoklahoma.org/

## Oklahoma School for the Blind

3300 Gibson Street, Muskogee, OK 74403 (877) 229-7136 (Toll-Free) www.osb.k12.ok.us/

## Oregon

## **Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind**

PO Box 157, 43233 SE Oral Hull Road, Sandy, OR 97055 (503) 668-6195 (Local) www.oralhull.org/

## **Oregon Commission for the Blind**

535 SE 12th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214 (888) 202-5463 (Toll-Free) www.oregon.gov/blind

## Pennsylvania

## **Beaver County Association for the Blind**

616 Fourth Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 www.bcblind.org

## Camp Abilities PA @ WCU

West Chester University, 306 Sturzebecker HSC, West Chester, PA 19383 www.campabilitiespa.org/

## **Community Services for Sight**

109 W Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Hazelton, PA 18201 www.communityservicesforsight.org

## **Fayette County Association for the Blind**

48 Bierer Lane, Uniontown, PA 15401 (724) 437-2791 (Local) fayetteblindassociation.org

#### **Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind**

1825 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, PA 18643 (877) 693-3555 (Toll-Free) www.wilkesbarreblind.com

#### **Hazelton Blind Association**

145 West Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201 (866) 301-2011 (Toll-Free)

## **Keystone Blind Association**

3056 East State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148 (724) 347-5501 (Local) www.keystoneblind.org

## **Montgomery County Association for the Blind**

25 East Marshall Street, Third Floor, Morristown, PA 19401 (215) 661-9800 (Local) www.mcab.org

## Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

555 Gettysburg Pike, Suite A300 - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717-766-2020 (Phone) 717-766-2099 (FAX) www.pablind.org

## Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

114 SR 103 South, Mt. Union, PA 17066-9601 (814) 542-2511 (Local) www.beaconlodge.com

## **Sight Center of Northwest PA**

2545 West 26th Street, Erie, PA 16505-3261 (800) 881-9205 (Toll-Free) www.sightcenternwpa.org/

## **Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania**

1130 South 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104 (717) 238-2531 (Local) www.vrocp.org/

## **VisionCorps**

244 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 (800) 606-1349 (Toll-Free) www.visioncorps.net

## Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children

201 North Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 412-621-0100 www.wpsbc.org

## Rhode Island

## **IN-SIGHT**

43 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 1, Warwick, RI 02888 (401) 941-3322 (Local) www.IN-SIGHT.org

## Rhode Island Department of Human Services Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903-1898 (800) 752-8088 (Toll-Free) www.ors.state.ri.us

## **South Carolina**

## South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

355 Cedar Springs Road, Spartanburg, SC 29302 (888) 447-2732 (Toll-Free) www.scsdb.k12.sc.us

## **South Dakota**

## South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

423 17th Avenue SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401-7699 (888) 275-3814 (Toll-Free) sdsbvi.northern.edu/default.htm

## **Texas**

### All Blind Children of Texas

1100 West 45th Street, Austin, TX 78756 (512) 206-9234 (Local) www.abctx.org

## Camp Carter YMCA

6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114 (817) 738-9241 (Local)

## **Lighthouse of Houston**

3602 West Dallas Avenue, Houston, TX 77019-0435 (713) 527-9561 (Local) www.houstonlighthouse.org

## Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 West 45th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3494 (800) 872-5273 (Toll-Free) www.tsbvi.edu

## Utah

## Utah Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired

6905 S 1300 E #193, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047 (801) 209-8492 (Local) www.ufbvi.org/index.html

## **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

742 Harrison Boulevard, Ogden, UT 84404 (800) 990-9328 (Toll-Free) www.usdb.org

## Vermont

## Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403

(800) 639-5861 (Toll-Free)

www.vabvi.org

## Virginia

## Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

East Beverly Street, P.O. Box 2069, Staunton, VA 24002 www.vsdb.k12.va.u

## Washington

## The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

2501 South Plum Street, Seattle, WA 98144 www.seattlelighthouse.org

## Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

4565 7th Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98504-0933 (800) 552-7103 (Toll-Free) www.dsb.wa.gov/

## Washington State School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661-4120 www.wssb.wa.gov/index.asp

## **Washington Talking Book and Braille Library**

2021 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121-2783 (800) 542-0866 (Toll-Free) www.wtbbl.org

## West Virginia

## West Virginia Schools for the Deaf & Blind

301 E Main St, Romney, WV 26757 304) 822-4860 www.wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us

## **Wisconsin**

## **Wisconsin Statewide Outreach Services**

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired 1700 West State Street, Janesville, WI 53546 (866) 284-1107 (Toll-Free) www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/outreach

## **Wyoming**

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## Wyoming Department of Education Vision Outreach Services

320 W. Main, Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 777-6257 (Local) edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/special-programs/vision-outr

## **Recreation and Sports**

## **Adaptive Sports Association**

125 E. 32nd Street, Durango, CO 81302 970-259-0374

Winter program office: 1 Skier Place, Durango, CO 81302 970-385-2163 info@asadurango.com www.asadurango.com/

## **American Blind Skiing Foundation**

1831 Mission Hills Rd.,, Unit 203, Northbrook, IL 60062-5745 312-409-1605 (leave a message) absf@absf.org www.absf.org/index.htm

## **American Blind Bowling Association**

111 South Dwyer, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-253-3104 www.abba1951.org/

## **Blind Judo Foundation**

Administration, 24145 NE 122nd St, Redmond, WA 98053 425-444-8256 (Local) www.blindjudofoundation.org

## **Blind Service Association**

17 N. State Street, Suite 1050, Chicago, IL 60602-3510 (312) 236-0808 (Local) www.blindserviceassociation.org

## **Boy Scouts of America National Council**

P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079 972-580-2000 www.scouting.org/

## Camp Lions of Illinois for Blind & Deaf Youth

2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: (815) 756-5633 ext. 231 E-mail: adwilson@LIFnd.net

www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

## **Courage Center**

3915 Golden Valley Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55422

Toll Free: 888-846-8253

Fax 763-520-0577

Information@CourageCenter.org

www.couragecenter.org/

## Courage HANDI-HAM System

3915 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422

Toll Free: 866-426-3442

hamradio@couragecenter.org www.handiham.org/drupal2/

## Girl Scouts of the USA

420 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10018-2798

Toll Free: 800-478-7248

212-852-8000

www.girlscouts.org/

## **Handicapped Scuba Association**

HSA International, 1104 El Prado, San Clemente, CA 92672 949-498-4540

Fax: 949-498-6128 hsa@hsascuba.com/www.hsascuba.com/

## Illinois School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

658 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650 (217) 479-4400 (Local) (800) 919-5617 (Toll-Free) http://www.isvi.net/

## **International Association of Lions Clubs**

300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 (630) 571-5466 (Local) www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml

## **International Blind Chess Association**

Stephen Hilton, General Secretary Phone/Fax: 0049 5681 1341 steviehilton1962@gmail.com www.ibca-info.org

## **International Blind Sports Federation**

USABA, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 USA

Phone: + 1 719 866 3220 Fax: + 1 719 866 3100

E-mail: mlucas@usaba.org http://www.ibsasport.org/

## **LS&S Group**

Box 673, Northbrook, IL 60065

Toll Free: 800-468-4789

Toll Free Fax: 877-498-1482

www.lssproducts.com/

## **National Beep Baseball Association**

1501 41st ST, NW, Apt. G1 Rochester, Minnesota 55901

Phone: 866.400.4551 Extension 2

secretary@nbba.org

www.nbba.org/

## Philip J. Rock Center and School

818 DuPage Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (800) 771-1158 (Toll-Free) http://www.philiprockcenter.org/

## **Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students**

West Virginia School for the Blind P.O. Box 1034, Romney, WV 26757 304-851-5680 (Local) www.tsbvi.edu/space/index.htm

## **Spectrios Institute for Low Vision**

Deicke House, 219 East Cole Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 690-7115 (Local) http://www.spectrios.org

## **United States Association of Blind Athletes**

1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone: 719.866.3224

Fax: 719.866.3400

usaba.org/

### **United States Blind Golf Association**

125 Gilberts Hill Road, Lexington, PA 18235 615-385-0784 www.usblindgolf.com/

## **United States Braille Chess Association**

Secretary, Jay Leventhal 111-20 76th Rd. Apt. 5L, Forest Hills, NY 11375 (718) 275-2209 www.americanblindchess.org/

## **U.S. Blind Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

395 Baytree Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940 321-757-6824 wyantdr@aol.com

## **Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports**

Box 139, Killington, VT 05751 802-786-4991 www.vermontadaptive.org/

## Wilderness Inquiry

808 14th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Toll Free: 800-728-0719 www.wildernessinguiry.org/

## **Recreation - Sports Camps**

## **National Camps for Blind Children®**

5900 S. 58th St., Suite M, Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-488-0981 FAX: 402-488-7582

christianrecord.org/client-services/camps/overview/

## **Camp Barnabas - Soaring Hawks**

PO Box 3200, Springfield, MO 65808 (417) 476-2565 http://www.campbarnabas.org kelli@campbarnabas.org

## **Camp Bloomfield**

35375 Mulholland Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

Phone: (310) 457-5330 Fax: (310) 321-3493 www.juniorblind.org info@juniorblind.org

## Camp Inter-Actions - Plymouth, MA

170 West Road, Suite 6-B., Portsmouth, NH 03801 campinfo@inter-actions.org

## **Camp Tuhsmeheta**

10500 Lincoln Lake Road Northeast, Greenville, MI 48838 888-760-2206 (Toll free) www.camptuhsmeheta.org campt@michigan.gov

## **Carroll Center for the Blind Summer Youth Programs**

770 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458

Toll-Free: 800-852-3131

## **Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

7000 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231 (513) 522-3860 clovernook.org

## **Highbrook Lodge Camp**

12944 Aquilla Rd, Chardon, OH 44024 (440) 286-3121 www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge

## Lions Camp Tatiyee at Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

5283 W White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929

Phone: 480-380-4254

info@arizonalionscamp.org

http://www.arizonalionscamp.org

## Oral Hull Foundation For The Blind Summer Work Experience

Hull Park and Retreat Center for the Blind and Low Vision 43233 SE Oral Hull Road, Sandy, Oregon 97055 (503) 668-6195

Email: sharonelder@oralhull.org

hullparkfortheblind.org

## Schools for the Blind

## In Illinois

## **Hadley School for the Blind**

700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093-0299 (847) 446-8111 (Local) (800)323-4238 Toll Free (847)446-0855 FAX (847) 441-8111 (TDD/TTY) info@hadley.edu http://www.hadley.edu

## **Hope School**

50 Hazel Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62703

## Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650 (217)479-4400 Local (217) 479-4479 (Fax) (800) 919-5617 (Toll-Free) (217) 479-4415 (TDD/TTY) www.isvi.net/

## Philip J. Rock Center and School

818 DuPage Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 790-2474 (Local) (800) 771-1158 (Toll-Free) prc@philiprockcenter.org http://www.philiprockcenter.org/

## **Schools - Out of State**

#### Alabama School for Deaf and Blind

205 E. South St., P.O. Box 698, Talladega, Alabama 35160 (205)761-3328 Local

## **Alaska Special Education Service Agency**

3501 Denali Street, Suite 101, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (907)334-1300 Local

#### **Arkansas School for the Blind**

P.O. Box 668, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0668 (501)296-1810 Local

## Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & the Blind

P.O. Box 8500, Tucson, Arizona 85754 (520)770-3700 Local

#### California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue, Fremont, California 94536 (501)794-3800 Local

#### **Blind Children's Center**

4120 Marathon Street, Los Angeles, California 90029-3584 (800)222-3566 (USA)

#### Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66102 (913)281-3308 Local

#### Colorado School for the Deaf/Blind

33 North Institute Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 (719)578-2102 Local

#### **Connecticut Institute for the Blind**

120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06112 (203)242-2274 Local

### Florida School for the Deaf/Blind

207 N San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine, Florida 32084-2799 (904)823-4000 Local

## Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31204-2899 (478)751-6083 Local

## Hawaii Center for Students with Hearing and Visual Impairments

3440 Leahi Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 (808)733-4825 Local

### Idaho State School for the Deaf/Blind

1450 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho 83330-1839 (208)934-4457 Local

## Indiana School for the Blind

7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2504 (317)253-1481 Local

## **Iowa Braille & Sight Saving School**

1002 G Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349-1398 (319)472-5221 Local

## **Kentucky School for the Blind**

1867 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40206-3148 (502)897-1583 Local

## Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 4328, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4328 (504)342-8694 Local

## Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21236 (800)400-4915 Toll Free

#### **Boston Center for Blind Children**

147 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02130 (617)232-1710 Local

#### **Perkins School for the Blind**

175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472 (617)924-3434 Local

# Michigan Department of Education School for the Blind 715 W Willow Street, Lansing, Michigan 48913-0001 (517)334-6624

## Michigan Rehabilitation Center for the Blind

1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-1299 (616)385-1550 Local

## Minnesota Academy for the Blind

P.O. Box 68, Faribault, Minnesota 55021-0068 (507)332-3226 Local

## Mississippi School for the Blind

1252 Eastover Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39211-6399 (601)984-8200 Local

#### Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110-4099 (314)776-4320 Local

### Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

3911 Central Avenue, Great Falls, Montana 39405-1697 (406)771-6000 Local

## Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI)

P.O. Box 129 / 824 10th Ave., Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410 (800)826-4355 Toll Free

## **New Hampshire Education Services for the Sensory Impaired**

117 Pleasand Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 (603)226-2900 Local

## **Matheny School of New Jersey**

Main Street, Peapack, New Jersey 07977 (908)234-0011 Local

## St. Joseph's School for the Blind

235 Baldwin Avenue, New Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 (201)653-0578 Local

## **New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped**

1900 White Sands Boulevard, Alamagordo, New Mexico 88310 (575) 437-3505

### LaVelle School for the Blind

East 221st Street & Paulding Ave., Bronx, New York 10469 (718)882-1212 Local

## **New York Institute for Special Education Blindness Resource Center**

999 Pelham Parkway, Bronx, New York 10469 (718)519-7000 Local

## New York State School for the Blind

Richmond Avenue, Batavia, New York 14020 (716)343-5384 Local

### **Governor Moorhead School**

301 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27713 (919)733-6381 Local

## North Dakota School for the Blind

500 Stanford Road, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203 (701)795-2700

#### Ohio School for the Blind

5220 N High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214-1202 (614)888-1325

## Oklahoma School for the Blind

3300 Gibson Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403 (918)682-6641

## **Oregon School for the Blind**

700 Church Street Southeast, Salem, Oregon, 97301-3795 (503)378-3820

#### Overbrook School for the Blind

633 Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151 (215)877-0313

## Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children

201 North Bellefield Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213 (412)621-0100

### South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind

355 Cedar Spring Road, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302 (803)585-7711

## South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

423 SE 17th Avenue, Aberdeen, SD 57401-7699 (605)626-2580

#### **Tennessee School for the Blind**

115 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214-2992 (615)231-7300

## Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

1100 W. 45th St., Austin, TX 78756 (800)872-5273 Toll Free

## **Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind**

742 Harrison Boulevard, Ogdon, Utah 84404-5298 (801)629-4700

## Virginia School for the Deaf & Blind

700 Shell Road, Hampton, Virginia 23661-2299 (804)247-2050

## Washington School for the Blind

2214 East 13th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98661 (360)696-6321

# West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind 301 East Main Street, Romney, West Virginia 26757 (304)822-4800

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped 1700 West State Street, Janesville, Wisconsin 53546 (608)758-6100

## Rehabilitation Resources & Services

## **Access Living**

614 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60607 312-253-7000

Fosters the dignity, pride and self-esteem of people with disabilities and enhances the options available to them so they may maintain individualized and satisfying lifestyles.

## The Center for Sight and Hearing

8038 MacIntosh Lane, Rockford, IL 61107

Phone: 815-332-6800

Fax: 815-332-6810

Contact: Barb Schlomann, Vision Rehabilitation Therapist

Hearing, Vision, and Communication Services; Vocational Assessments & Training; Social Activities.

## The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind

1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608-1298

312-666-1331

TDD: 312-666-8874

Glenview Location: 222 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025

847-510-6200

Provides educational, clinical, vocational, and rehabilitation services for blind/visually impaired children and adults. Low Vision Clinic on premises. Retail store with adaptive technology and independent living aids is available.

## Illinois Eye Institute: Low Vision Rehabilitation

3241 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

(312) 225-6200 (Local)

(877) 949-3937 (Toll-Free)

info@iei.ico.edu

http://www.illinoiseyeinstitute.org/services/alfred-and-sarah-rose nbloom-center-on-vision-and-aging/

## **Spectrios Institute for Low Vision at Deicke House**

219 East Cole Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Phone: 630-690-7115 Fax: 630-690-9037

Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

**Clinic Locations:** 

Deicke House, 219 E. Cole Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187

Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Rd., LaGrange Park, IL

60526

Empowers children and adults with vision loss, regardless of income, to optimize their visual capabilities and independence through the use of prescriptive tools, technology, rehabilitative training, and inspiration. Visits are by appointment only!

## JJ's List

http://www.jjslist.com/

A free site for people with disabilities to review businesses and services.

Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services: Bureau of Blind Services

## **Bureau of Customer Support and Services**

100 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, IL 62762

(217) 785-3887 (Local)

(217) 524-1234 (Fax)

(800) 447-6404 (TDD/TTY)

DHS.ORS@illinois.gov

Hours of operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Assessment, Counseling, Referrals, Support to visually impaired individuals and family members. Provides training in daily living skills/independent living skills, career and skill counseling, prevocational evaluation, career preparation training, vocational placement. Information and Referral Provides general information about blindness and visual impairment, and referrals to sources of other information. Low Vision Services Provides low vision evaluation and follow-up. Prescribes and supplies low vision devices. Travel/Orientation and Mobility, Provides orientation and mobility instruction in a community-based or residential setting.

Region 1, 100 West Randolph, Suite 8-100, Chicago, IL 60601

Region 1, 10 West 35th Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60616

Region 1, 1010 Dixie Highway, 4th Floor, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Region 1 - ICRE-Wood 1151 South Wood St., Chicago, IL 60612

Region 1 - Avalon Park, 8840 South Stony Island, Chicago, IL 60617

Region 1 - Humboldt Park, 2753 W. North Avenue, 3rd floor, Chicago, IL 60647

Region 1 - Wrightwood, 8620 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60652

Region 1, 715 W. Algonquin Road, Suite A, Chicago, IL 60005

Region 2, 2901 Finley Rd., Suite 109, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Region 2, 361 Old Indian Trail, Aurora, IL 60506

Region 2, 107 North 3rd Street, Rockford, IL 61107

Region 3, 4711 44th Street, Suite 3, Rock Island, IL 61201

Region 3, 2301 N.E. Adams Street, Suite C, Peoria, IL 61603

Region 3, 1307 North Mattis Avenue, Champaign, IL 61821

Region 4, 707 E. Wood Street, Decatur, IL 62523

Region 4, 535 West Jefferson-1st floor, Springfield, IL 62702

Region 4, 1429 South Main, Suite C, Jacksonville, IL 62650

Region 4, 129 North 15th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

Region 5, 342 North Street, Suite D, Murphysboro, IL 62966

Region 5, 333 Potomac Blvd., Suite F, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Region 5, 601 South High Street, Belleville, IL 62220

Region 5, 606 West St. Louis Avenue, East Alton, IL 62024

## **Technology Resources**

#### AbleData

103 W. Broad Street, Suite 400, Falls Church, VA 22046 1-800-227-0216

### American Federation for the Blind

1401 South Clark Street, Suite 730, Arlington, VA 22202

## Association of Blind Citizens/ Assistive Technology Fund

PO Box 246, Holbrook, MA 02343

Telephone: (781) 961-1023

Fax: (781) 961-0004

Email: president@blindcitizens.org

## Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CICBVI)

2905 W. Garden St., Peoria, IL 61605

Phone/Fax: (309) 637-3693

Email: info@cicbvi.org

## **Illinois Assistive Technology Program**

Address: 1020 South Spring Street Springfield, IL 62704

Voice:(217) 522-7985 TTY:(217) 522-9966 v/TTY:(800) 852-5110 email:iatp@iltech.org Fax:(217) 522-8067

## **Infinitec Assistive Technology Center**

7550 West 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477 (708) 444-8460 Phone (708) 444-8470 Fax Infinitec.org

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

1560 Wilson Blvd, Suite 850, Arlington, VA 22209 (703) 524-6686

Fax: (703) 524-6630

# Useful Aids for the Blind and Visually Impaired

## **Advantage Canes**

Revolution Enterprises, Inc.

12170 Dearborn Place, Poway, CA 92064

Toll Free: 800-382-5132 advantagecanes@aol.com

http://www.advantage-canes.com/

Folding and rigid canes made of graphite composites. Light,

sensitive and very resistant to bending.

#### **Ambutech**

34 DeBaets St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2J 3S9, Canada

Toll Free: 800-561-3340

Fax: 800-267-5059

orders@ambutech.com

http://www.ambutech.com/

Orientation and mobility products. Manufacturers of aluminum folding and rigid mobility and identification canes available in a variety of sizes and custom sizes, with a variety of tip styles.

## **American Printing House for the Blind**

1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206

502-895-2405

Toll Free: 800-223-1839

Fax: 502-899-2384

info@aph.org

http://www.aph.org/

Has electronic book reading machines, a talking typing tutor program, a math drill program, computer training programs, talking color identifiers, bold line paper, braille maps, 4-track recorders, braille equipment, abacuses and many more other educational aids. Catalog available on request.

## **Blind Bargains**

http://www.blindbargains.com/

Posts the best deals and bargains for blindness-related merchandise. They also post many mainstream deals that may be of interest to the blind. The auction gateway tracks blindness-related items on Ebay while the Blind Bargains Amazon store offers blindness-related products found on Amazon. RSS feed lets people keep up with recent postings.

## **Captek Science Products for the Blind**

1043 Lincoln Highway, Berwyn, PA 19312

610-296-2111

Toll free: 800-888-7400

info@captek.net

http://www.captek.net/Captek/Captek\_Voice\_Equipment.html Carries talking vendor equipment, custom electronics, low vision aids, recreational items, calculators, computers, recorders, large print and tactile books, medical aids, etc.

### **Stress Less Drink Holder**

KA Adaptive, LLC

W174 N7920 Wildwood Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Phone: 262-893-1272

Email: KAadaptive@gmail.com

WEB: http://www.thestresslessdrinkholder.com

Versatile cupholder created by a legally blind inventor to help himself and others prevent spilling beverages, and to live life more independently and with less frustrations.

### The Carroll Store

770 Centre St., Newton, MA 02458

Toll Free: 800-852-3131

Fax: 617-969-6204

http://carroll.org/store/

The Carroll Store, located on the campus of the Carroll Center, sells a variety of adaptive devices for blind and visually—impaired persons. Among the items included are: canes, talking watches, sunglasses, writing guides, and kitchen, and household items.

## The Chocolate Experience, Inc.

150-07 Bayside Ave., P.O. Box 540836, Flushing, NY 11354

Toll Free: 888-568-6665

Fax: 718-321-0217

E-mail: chocomelt@aol.com

http://chocolates.tripod.com/order.html

Braille chocolate bars are available for gifts, fundraising or resale in a gift box. Offers a variety of custom messages.

#### **En-vision America**

825 4th Street West, Palmetto, FL 34221

Toll Free: 800-890-1180

Fax: 309-452-3643

http://www.envisionamerica.com/

Sells a talking bar code scanner to read bar-coded items and

items that you might bar code in order to identify.

## **ETO Engineering PLLC**

303 Cary Pines Dr., Cary, NC 27513

919-523-0205

Fax: 1-877-285-7529

ray.gonzales@etoengineering.com

http://www.etoengineering.com/

Provides accessible cell phones for people who are: Blind, with Low Vision, Visually Impaired, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Hearing aid users, Physically Disabled, and Upper-Extremity Amputees.

## **Executive Products Inc.**

12900 Bradley Ave., Sylmar Ca, 91342

Toll Free: 818-833-8080

http://www.executiveproductsinc.com/

Manufactures leather cases for Braille units and cell phones.

## EzHermatic/PCVoz

http://www.brothersoft.com/pcvoz-44061.html

The PCVoz software is easy to use for English and Spanish. The powerful Screen reader application uses Microsoft Agent technology that allows PCVoz to interact with your applications and speaks aloud your documents, e-mails, and web pages.

## Gladys E. Loeb Foundation

2002 Forest Hill Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903 301-434-7748

Has guard rail rings for electric stoves, food labeling kits and other kitchen items.

## **Independent Living Aids, Inc.**

137 Rano Rd, Buffalo, NY 14207

Toll Free: 800-537-2118 or 855-746-7452

Fax: 516-752-3135

http://www.independentliving.com/

Has watches, clocks, canes, kitchen items, slates and styluses, household, personal and recreation items, voice activated TV remote, large button cordless phone, talking pagers, sewing aids, tools, medical devices including diabetic aids, and more.

## Innovative Rehabilitation Technology, Inc. IRTI

13465 Colfax Highway, Grass Valley, CA 95945

530-274-2090

Toll Free: 800-322-4784

Fax: 530-274-2093

info@IRTI.net

http://www.irti.net/

Has custom computers and software, reading machines, 4 track cassette players and recorders, talking calculators, notetakers, bathroom scales, clocks, watches talking and braille-and more.

### The Lighthouse International

15 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023

646-874-8384

Toll Free: 800-284-4422

Fax: 212-821-9707

store@lighthouseguild.org

http://www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/store/ Carries a variety of products: mirrors, magnifiers, lamps, organizer wallets, braille speaker telephones, talking calculators, writing guides, talking pagers, clocks, luggage locators, cards, games, toys, talking scales, medical aids, etc.

### LS&S, LLC

145 River Rock Drive, Buffalo, NY 14207

Toll Free: 800-468-4789

Fax: 877-498-1482

LSSInfo@LSSproducts.com http://www.lssproducts.com/

Items include a wide variety of orientation and mobility; assistive technology; and Braille products.

#### Maxi-Aids, Inc.,

42 Executive Blvd., Farmingdale, NY 11735

Toll Free: 800-522-6294

Fax: 631-752-0689 TTY: 800-281-3555

https://www.maxiaids.com/

MaxiAids sells independent living products for persons who are blind, visually impaired, and persons who are hard of hearing.

### MONS International, Inc.

6595 Roswell Road #224, Atlanta, GA 30328

800-541-7903

Fax: 770-926-7883

wmons@magnifiers.com

http://www.magnifiers.com/home

Sells braille watches, talking calculators, 4-track recorders,

kitchen aids, writing guides, computer software and

accessories, greeting cards, talking scales, etc.

#### **Perkins Solutions**

175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472

617-972-7308

Fax: 617-926-2027

Solutions@Perkins.org

www.perkins.org/solutions

Offerings include a full range of assistive technology products – from the classic Perkins Brailler® to the latest screen reading software – as well as customized trainings to ensure you get the most out of your purchase. Perkins Solutions is also proud to provide accessibility consulting services, helping organizations provide adaptive work and learning environments that enable every individual to recognize his or her potential.

### Speak To Me

PMB 154, 330 SW 43rd St., Suite K, Renton, WA 98057

Toll Free: 800-248-9965

https://www.speaktomecatalog.com/

Talking Products for the blind and visually impaired.

### **Talking Thermostats for the Blind**

PO Box 27145, Golden Valley, MN 55427

763-591-9557

Toll Free: 800-838-8860

Fax: 763-544-7166

harry@talkingthermostats.com

http://www.TalkingThermostats.com

Comfort solutions for seniors and persons who are blind, visually impaired or disabled. Announces day, time, room temperature and temperature setting. Audio instructions for setting up program. Free lifetime warranty.

### **Whirlpool Corporation**

Consumer Interaction Center, Dierks, AR 71833

Toll Free: 800-253-1301

Has use and care guides and overlays for controls on most Whirlpool appliances contact them before making a purchase to be certain of availability-as well as large print, braille and cassette cookbooks available with purchase of appliances.

### **Vocational Services**

### The Chicago Lighthouse

1850 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 666-1331 chicagolighthouse.org

#### Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education

1950 W Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 433-3100 http://icre-roosevelt.org/

### **Illinois Department Of Human Services**

823 E Monroe St, Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 782-1268 5050 North Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 907-4100 http://www.dhs.state.il.us

### Illinois workNet Center in Arlington Heights

723 W Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 981-7400 www.worknetncc.com

### **JVS Chicago**

216 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60626 (312) 673-3400 http://jvschicago.org/

### **Trinity Services, Inc.**

301 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451 815-485-6197

### **Trinity Services, Inc. Northwest**

1919, 2101 Oxford Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60018 (847) 299-2200 www.trinity-services.org

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation Division**

1602 N Main St, Benton, IL 62812 (618) 439-4334

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

750 S State St, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 742-4470

# **Appendices**

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# **Appendix A:**

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

The following information contains an overview of Federal civil rights laws that ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities. To find out more about how these laws may apply to you, contact the agencies and organizations listed below.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, State and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. It also applies to the United States Congress.

To be protected by the ADA, one must have a disability or have a relationship or association with an individual with a disability. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA does not specifically name all of the impairments that are covered.

### **ADA Title I: Employment**

Title I requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide qualified individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from the full range of employment-related opportunities available to others. For example, it prohibits discrimination in recruitment, hiring, promotions, training, pay, social activities, and other privileges of employment. It restricts questions that can be asked about an applicant's disability before a job offer is made, and it requires that employers make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities, unless it results in undue hardship. Religious entities with 15 or more employees are covered under title I.

Title I complaints must be filed with the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 days of the date of discrimination, or 300 days if the charge is filed with a designated State or local fair employment practice agency. Individuals may file a lawsuit in Federal court only after they receive a "right-to-sue" letter from the EEOC.

Charges of employment discrimination on the basis of disability may be filed at any U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission field office. Field offices are located in 50 cities throughout the U.S. and are listed in most telephone directories under "U.S. Government."

For the appropriate EEOC field office in your geographic area, contact:

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(800) 669-4000 (voice) (800) 669-6820 (TTY) 
www.eeoc.gov
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Publications and information on EEOC-enforced laws may be obtained by calling:

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(800) 669-3362 (voice) (800) 800-3302 (TTY)
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For information on how to accommodate a specific individual with a disability, contact the Job Accommodation Network at:

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(800) 526-7234 (voice) (877) 781-9403 (TTY) <a href="http://askjan.org">http://askjan.org</a>
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#### **ADA Title II: State and Local Government Activities**

Title II covers all activities of State and local governments regardless of the government entity's size or receipt of Federal funding. Title II requires that State and local governments give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, services, and activities (e.g. public education, employment, transportation, recreation, health care, social services, courts, voting, and town meetings).

State and local governments are required to follow specific architectural standards in the new construction and alteration of their buildings. They also must relocate programs or otherwise provide access in inaccessible older buildings, and communicate effectively with people who have hearing, vision, or speech disabilities. Public entities are not required to take actions that would result in undue financial and administrative burdens. They are required to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures where necessary to avoid discrimination, unless they can demonstrate that doing so would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity being provided.

Complaints of title II violations may be filed with the Department of Justice within 180 days of the date of discrimination. In certain situations, cases may be referred to a mediation program sponsored by the Department. The Department may bring a lawsuit where it has investigated a matter and has been unable to resolve violations. For more information, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section - NYAV
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530
(800) 514-0301 (voice)
(800) 514-0383 (TTY)
www.ada.gov

Title II may also be enforced through private lawsuits in Federal court. It is not necessary to file a complaint with the Department of Justice (DOJ) or any other Federal agency, or to receive a "right-to-sue" letter, before going to court.

### **ADA Title II: Public Transportation**

The transportation provisions of title II cover public transportation services, such as city buses and public rail transit (e.g. subways, commuter rails, Amtrak). Public transportation authorities may not discriminate against people with disabilities in the provision of their services. They must comply with requirements for accessibility in newly purchased vehicles, make good faith efforts to purchase or lease accessible used buses, remanufacture buses in an accessible manner, and, unless it would result in an undue burden, provide paratransit where they operate fixed-route bus or rail systems. Paratransit is a service where individuals who are unable to use the regular transit system independently (because of a physical or mental impairment) are picked up and dropped off at their destinations. Questions and complaints about public transportation should be directed to:

Office of Civil Rights/Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey AvenueRoom E54-427, Room 9102 Washington, D.C. 20590 <a href="https://www.fta.dot.gov/ada">www.fta.dot.gov/ada</a> (888) 446-4511 (voice/relay)

#### **ADA Title III: Public Accommodations**

Title III covers businesses and nonprofit service providers that are public accommodations, privately operated entities offering certain types of courses and examinations, privately operated transportation, and commercial facilities. Public accommodations are private entities who own, lease, lease to, or operate facilities such as restaurants, retail stores, hotels, movie theaters, private schools, convention centers, doctors' offices, homeless shelters, transportation depots, zoos, funeral homes, day care centers, and recreation facilities including sports stadiums and fitness clubs. Transportation services provided by private entities are also covered by title III.

Public accommodations must comply with basic nondiscrimination requirements that prohibit exclusion, segregation, and unequal treatment. They also must comply with specific requirements related to architectural standards for new and altered buildings; reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures; effective communication with people with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities; and other access requirements. Additionally, public accommodations must remove barriers in existing buildings where it is easy to do so without much difficulty or expense, given the public accommodation's resources.

Courses and examinations related to professional, educational, or trade-related applications, licensing, certifications, or credentialing must be provided in a place and manner accessible to people with disabilities, or alternative accessible arrangements must be offered.

Commercial facilities, such as factories and warehouses, must comply with the ADA's architectural standards for new construction and alterations.

Complaints of title III violations may be filed with the Department of Justice. In certain situations, cases may be referred to a mediation program sponsored by the Department. The Department is authorized to bring a lawsuit where there is a pattern or practice of discrimination in violation of title III, or where an act of discrimination raises an issue of general public importance. Title III may also be enforced through private lawsuits. It is not necessary to file a complaint with the Department of Justice (or any Federal agency), or to receive a "right-to-sue" letter, before going to court. For more information, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division Disability Rights Section - NYAV 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530 www.ada.gov (800) 514-0301 (voice) (800) 514-0383 (TTY)

### **ADA Title IV: Telecommunications Relay Services**

Title IV addresses telephone and television access for people with hearing and speech disabilities. It requires common carriers (telephone companies) to establish interstate and intrastate telecommunications relay services (TRS) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TRS enables callers with hearing and speech disabilities who use TTYs (also known as TDDs), and callers who use voice telephones to communicate with each other through a third party communications assistant. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has set minimum standards for TRS services. Title IV also requires closed captioning of Federally funded public service announcements. For more information about TRS, contact the FCC at:

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 (888) 225-5322 (Voice) (888) 835-5322 (TTY) https://www.fcc.gov/general/disability-rights-office

#### **Telecommunications Act**

Section 255 and Section 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, require manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and providers of telecommunications services to ensure that such equipment and services are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, if readily achievable. These amendments ensure that people with disabilities will have access to a broad range of products and services such as

telephones, cell phones, pagers, call-waiting, and operator services, that were often inaccessible to many users with disabilities. For more information, contact:

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro (888) 225-5322 (Voice) (888) 835-5322 (TTY)

### **Fair Housing Act**

The Fair Housing Act, as amended in 1988, prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin. Its coverage includes private housing, housing that receives Federal financial assistance, and State and local government housing. It is unlawful to discriminate in any aspect of selling or renting housing or to deny a dwelling to a buyer or renter because of the disability of that individual, an individual associated with the buyer or renter, or an individual who intends to live in the residence. Other covered activities include, for example, financing, zoning practices, new construction design, and advertising.

The Fair Housing Act requires owners of housing facilities to make reasonable exceptions in their policies and operations to afford people with disabilities equal housing opportunities. For example, a landlord with a "no pets" policy may be required to grant an exception to this rule and allow an individual who is blind to keep a guide dog in the residence. The Fair Housing Act also requires landlords to allow tenants with disabilities to

make reasonable access-related modifications to their private living space, as well as to common use spaces. (The landlord is not required to pay for the changes.) The Act further requires that new multifamily housing with four or more units be designed and built to allow access for persons with disabilities. This includes accessible common use areas, doors that are wide enough for wheelchairs, kitchens and bathrooms that allow a person using a wheelchair to maneuver, and other adaptable features within the units.

Complaints of Fair Housing Act violations may be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information or to file a complaint, contact:

Office of Compliance and Disability Rights Division
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W., Room 5242
Washington, D.C. 20410
(800) 669-9777 (voice)
(800) 927-9275 (TTY)
www.hud.gov/offices/fheo

For questions about the accessibility provisions of the Fair Housing Act, contact Fair Housing FIRST at:

www.fairhousingfirst.org (888) 341-7781 (voice/TTY)

For publications, you may call the Housing and Urban Development Customer Service Center at:

(800) 767-7468 (voice/relay)

Additionally, the Department of Justice can file cases involving a pattern or practice of discrimination. The Fair Housing Act may also be enforced through private lawsuits.

### **Air Carrier Access Act**

The Air Carrier Access Act prohibits discrimination in air transportation by domestic and foreign air carriers against qualified individuals with physical or mental impairments. It applies only to air carriers that provide regularly scheduled services for hire to the public. Requirements address a wide range of issues including boarding assistance and certain accessibility features in newly built aircraft and new or altered airport facilities. People may enforce rights under the Air Carrier Access Act by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation, or by bringing a lawsuit in Federal court. For more information or to file a complaint, contact:

Aviation Consumer Protection Division, C-75
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590
https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/disability
(202) 366-2220 (voice)
(202) 366-0511 (TTY)
(800) 778-4838 (voice)
(800) 455-9880 (TTY)

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act

The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 generally requires polling places across the United States to be physically accessible to people with disabilities for federal elections. Where no accessible location is available to serve as a polling place, a political subdivision must provide an alternate means of casting a ballot on the day of the election. This law also requires states to make available registration and voting aids for disabled and elderly voters, including information by TTYs/TDDs or similar devices. For more information, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division - Voting Section - 1800 G 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530 (800) 253-3931 (voice/TTY)

### **National Voter Registration Act**

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993, also known as the "Motor Voter Act," makes it easier for all Americans to exercise their fundamental right to vote. One of the basic purposes of the Act is to increase the historically low registration rates of minorities and persons with disabilities that have resulted from discrimination. The Motor Voter Act requires all offices of State-funded programs that are primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities to provide all program applicants with voter registration forms, to assist them in completing the forms, and to transmit completed forms to the appropriate State official. For more information, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division - Voting Section - 1800 G
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530
(800) 253-3931 (voice/TTY)
<a href="https://www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting">www.usdoj.gov/crt/voting</a>

### **Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA)**

CRIPA authorizes the U.S. Attorney General to investigate conditions of confinement at State and local government institutions such as prisons, jails, pretrial detention centers, juvenile correctional facilities, publicly operated nursing homes, and institutions for people with psychiatric or developmental disabilities. Its purpose is to allow the Attorney General to uncover and correct widespread deficiencies that seriously jeopardize the health and safety of residents of institutions. The Attorney General does not have authority to investigate isolated incidents or to represent individual institutionalized persons.

The Attorney General may initiate civil law suits where there is reasonable cause to believe that conditions are "egregious or flagrant," that they are subjecting residents to "grievous harm," and that they are part of a "pattern or practice" of resistance to residents' full enjoyment of constitutional or Federal rights, including title II of the ADA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. For more information contact:

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division - Special Litigation Section - PHB 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530 <a href="https://www.justice.gov/crt/civil-rights-institutionalized-persons">https://www.justice.gov/crt/civil-rights-institutionalized-persons</a> (877) 218-5228 (voice/TTY)

### Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IDEA (formerly called P.L. 94-142 or the Education for all Handicapped Children Act of 1975) requires public schools to make available to all eligible children with disabilities a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their individual needs.

IDEA requires public school systems to develop appropriate Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) for each child. The specific special education and related services outlined in each IEP reflect the individualized needs of each student.

IDEA also mandates that particular procedures be followed in the development of the IEP. Each student's IEP must be developed by a team of knowledgeable persons and must be at least reviewed annually. The team includes the child's teacher; the parents, subject to certain limited exceptions; the child, if determined appropriate; an agency representative who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of special education; and others at the parents' or agency's discretion.

If parents disagree with the proposed IEP, they can request a due process hearing and a review from the State educational agency if applicable in that state. They also can appeal the State agency's decision to State or Federal court. For more information, contact:

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-7100 (202) 245-7468 (voice/TTY) <a href="https://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep">www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep</a>

#### **Rehabilitation Act**

The Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs conducted by Federal agencies, in programs receiving Federal financial assistance, in Federal employment, and in the employment practices of Federal contractors. The standards for determining employment discrimination under the Rehabilitation Act are the same as those used in title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### Section 501

Section 501 requires affirmative action and nondiscrimination in employment by Federal agencies of the executive branch. To obtain more information or to file a complaint, employees should contact their agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

#### Section 503

Section 503 requires affirmative action and prohibits employment discrimination by Federal government contractors and subcontractors with contracts of more than \$10,000. For more information on section 503, contact:

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-3325 Washington, D.C. 20210 (202) 693-0106 (voice/relay) www.dol.gov/ofccp/index.htm

#### Section 504

Section 504 states that "no qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall be excluded from, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under" any program or activity that either receives Federal financial assistance or is conducted by any Executive agency or the United States Postal Service.

Each Federal agency has its own set of section 504 regulations that apply to its own programs. Agencies that provide Federal financial assistance also have section 504 regulations covering entities that receive Federal aid. Requirements common to these regulations include reasonable accommodation for employees with disabilities; program accessibility; effective communication with people who have hearing or vision disabilities; and accessible new construction and alterations. Each agency is responsible for enforcing its own regulations. Section 504 may also be enforced through private lawsuits. It is not necessary to file a complaint with a Federal agency or to receive a "right-to-sue" letter before going to court.

For information on how to file 504 complaints with the appropriate agency, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division - Disability Rights Section - NYAV
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530
<a href="https://www.ada.gov">www.ada.gov</a>

(800) 514-0301 (voice) (800) 514-0383 (TTY)

#### Section 508

Section 508 establishes requirements for electronic and information technology developed, maintained, procured, or used by the Federal government. Section 508 requires Federal electronic and information technology to be accessible to people with disabilities, including employees and members of the public.

An accessible information technology system is one that can be operated in a variety of ways and does not rely on a single sense or ability of the user. For example, a system that provides output only in visual format may not be accessible to people with visual impairments and a system that provides output only in audio format may not be accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Some individuals with disabilities may need accessibility-related software or peripheral devices in order to use systems that comply with Section 508. For more information on section 508, contact:

U.S. General Services Administration
Office of Government-wide Policy - IT Accessiblity & Workflow Division (ITAW) Room 2222 - MEC:ITAW
1800 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20405-0001
(202) 501-4906 (voice)
www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105254

U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board 1331 F Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111 800-872-2253 (voice) 800-993-2822 (TTY) www.access-board.gov

#### **Architectural Barriers Act**

The Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) requires that buildings and facilities that are designed, constructed, or altered with Federal funds, or leased by a Federal agency, comply with Federal standards for physical accessibility. ABA requirements are limited to architectural standards in new and altered buildings and in newly leased facilities. They do not address the activities conducted in those buildings and facilities. Facilities of the U.S. Postal Service are covered by the ABA. For more information or to file a complaint, contact:

U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers
Compliance Board
1331 F St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004
(800) 872-2253 (voice)
(800) 993-2822 (TTY)
www.access-board.gov

### **General Sources of Disability Rights Information**

ADA Information Line (800) 514-0301 (voice) (800) 514-0383 (TTY) www.ada.gov

Regional Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (800) 949-4232 (voice/TTY) <a href="https://www.adata.org">www.adata.org</a>

# Appendix: B

### **Braille Apps**

### **Braille Keyboard Apps**

BraillePad (EN) allows users to write SMS, mails and social posts, more quickly using the braille code. Free.

The MBraille app provides the user with a mobile braille keyboard. Type, edit and send tweets and text messages using contracted or uncontracted English braille. Free.

The Visual Brailler by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is a simple braille writer for the iPad. This app can be useful in practicing the UEB braille code! Free.

### **Touch Gesture Practice App**

The Ballyland Magic App by Sonokids is an educational iPad game specifically designed for children who are blind or have low vision to learn and practice a number of touch gestures for VoiceOver, Apple's built-in screen reader. \$2.99.

### **Braille Code Reference Apps**

Braille Sonar Pro allows for the lookup of Contracted braille symbols, some basic computer braille symbols, and Nemeth code. It is intended to be used as a reference (not a full translation tool). \$9.99.

PocketBraille Lite provides the ability for sighted and blind users of the iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad to learn the Braille code. PocketBraille Lite lets the user learn the alphabet and punctuation symbols of the

Braille code as an entry point to the language.

### **Braille Tutorial/Practice Apps**

Braille Pro is a tutorial for self-paced braille instruction. It translates English letters and words into the six-dot cells of the characters comprising the braille alphabet. The app teaches letters, words, and contractions and has built-in quizzes and a Help section to reinforce learning. \$2.99

The Braille Driller is for students with vision learning the braille alphabet. In includes a review of the braille alphabet and four activities of increasing difficulty to help become proficient with it. All drills can be performed timed or untimed.

Free.

Braille Tutor allows the user to learn and practice contracted braille (Unified English Braille) on the iOS device. The free

version includes practice writing letters and the contractions
And, For, Of, The, and With. For \$1.99, you can upgrade to lessons that include wordsigns, groupsigns, shortforms, as well as beginning and final letter contractions. Free+.

**Exploring Braille with Madilyn and Ruff** was created to introduce young children with visual impairments to the braille alphabet in a fun, interactive way. \$1.99

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