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Compendium for Low Vision Services and Aids

The Continuing Medical Education Department of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmery of Mount Sinai provides this *Compendium for Low Vision Services and Aids* as a service to our patients, their families, caregivers and physicians.

If you are aware of additional low vision services or aids not included in this compendium, please contact the New York Eye and Ear Infirmery of Mount Sinai CME office at cme-nyee@nyee.edu and we will add the information to this booklet.

Thank you!

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Connecticut Bureau of Education Services for the Blind (BESB)
State of CT Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
184 Windsor Avenue
Windsor, Connecticut 06095

<http://www.ct.gov/besb/site/default.asp>

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About BESB

The Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB), within the Department of Rehabilitation Services provides resources, comprehensive low vision services, specialized education services, life skills training, case management, and vocational services to individuals of all ages who are legally blind and to children who are visually impaired.

If you are experiencing a vision loss that makes simple daily tasks difficult or impossible, you may be eligible for [services](#) from the Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB). Talk to your eye care professional, physician, or a neurologist about submitting an [eye report form](#) to BESB.

Would you like to help a blind neighbor by driving, shopping, reading, or sorting their mail?
Call the [Volunteer Coordinator](#) at 800-842-4510 for more information and an application.

EMPLOYERS! -- BESB can offer on-the-job training funds when you hire a BESB job referral candidate. For more information, follow this link [Services for Employers](#).

Connecticut Low Vision Resources

[Connecticut Tech Act Project](#)

55 Farmington Avenue, 12th Floor
Hartford, CT 06105

Local Telephone: (860) 424-4881

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 537-2549

TDD/TTY Telephone: (860) 424-4839

[Connecticut Association of Optometrists](#)

35 Cold Spring Road, Suite 211
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Local Telephone: (860) 529.1900

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 677-7714

[Connecticut Braille Association](#)

44 Imperial Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

Local Telephone: (203) 227-5243

Email: Micki1@juno.com

[Connecticut Bureau of Aging Community](#)

55 Farmington Avenue – 12th Floor
Hartford, CT 06105-3730

Local Telephone: (860) 424-5274

Toll Free Telephone: 1-866-218-6631

[Connecticut Birth to Three System](#)

460 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1308

Local Telephone: (860) 418-6141

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 505-7000

[Connecticut Radio Information Systems](#)

315 Windsor Ave.
Windsor, CT 06095

Local Telephone: (860) 527-8000

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 708-0004

[Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind](#)

184 Windsor Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095

Local Telephone: (860) 602-4000

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 842-4510

TDD/TTY Telephone: (860) 602-4221

Connecticut State Department of Education: Bureau of Early Childhood, Career and Adult Education, Preschool Special Education Program

165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Local Telephone: (860) 713-6740

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 505-7000

Darien Community Association Program for the Blind

274 Middlesex Road
Darien, CT 06820

Local Telephone: (203) 655-9050

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation

103 Vision Way
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Local Telephone: (860) 243-5200

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Connecticut State Library

198 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Local Telephone: (860) 721-2020

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 842-4516

Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut

PO Box 43
Colchester, CT 06415

Toll Free : (860) 377-2063

Music and Arts Center for Humanity

510 Barnum Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Local Telephone: (203) 366-3300

Oak Hill

33 Coventry St,
Hartford, CT 06112

Local Telephone: (866) 526-4492

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Connecticut Healthcare System
950-124 Campbell Ave
West Haven, CT 06516

Local Telephone: (203) 932-5711

Assistive Technology Advocacy Center of Disability Rights New Jersey

210 South Broad Street - 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608, United States

Phone: (609) 292-9742

Fax: (609) 777-0187

Website: <http://backinaction.drnj.org/>

The Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) is New Jersey's designated Assistive Technology Act program. The Center is a program of Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ), with the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) as its lead agency, and has served as the central clearing house for information about AT devices and services statewide since 1997.

- Provide telephone and e-mail information and referral
- A comprehensive website with links to AT resources
- Training and education
- Technical assistance
- Outreach
- Individual legal and non-legal advocacy assistance to support people with disabilities of all ages
- Access the Assistive Technology that they need through device loan, device demonstration, and device reutilization services.

Bergen Family Center

44 Armory Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
201-568-0817
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adc@bergenfamilycenter.org

www.bergenfamilycenter.org

Counseling Services Available At:

Bergen Family Center

10 Banta Place

Hackensack, NJ 07601

201-342-9200

Hours from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM,

Monday through Friday

- **SHINING LIGHTS: For Blind and Visually Impaired Adults**
Programs are designed to maximize social interaction in a warm and caring atmosphere. Meets: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **LIFE: Living Independence for Frail Elders**
Programs for mentally and physically frail elders. Meets: Monday through Friday.
- **Adult Day Care provides a “Respite to Caregivers/”**
The programs stimulate social interaction and communication skills; Exercise, Art and Dance Therapy, games music, ESL Class, holiday celebrations, summer barbecues are among the activities offered.
- **Breakfast and Snack served daily**
- **NUTRITION:** Lunch is provided by the B.C. Division of Senior Services Nutrition Program and is open to all older adults. Reservations are required for those not attending the ADC program. Donation of \$1.25 accepted.
- **Transportation** provided through B.C. Community Transportation

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

153 Halsey St., 6th Floor, P.O. Box 47017, Newark, NJ 07101

Toll Free Number: 877-685-8878

(973) 648-3333; Fax: 973-648-2043

Web Site: www.cbvi.nj.gov

- **MISSION:** The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired works to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families and the community.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** CBVI services and programs are available to all blind or visually impaired NJ residents without regard to other disabling condition, sex, age, race, nationality or religious and cultural orientation. A person may be eligible for services if he or she is experiencing a vision impairment that is affecting his or her normal daily life activities.
- **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:** CBVI provides educational services from birth through high school years to eligible children and their families. These services are designed to allow students who are visually impaired to participate equally with other students in regular classroom activities.
- **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION:** The goal of this program area is to assist persons who are blind or visually impaired develop, acquire or update skills that will help in securing and maintaining suitable employment. This may include working in the competitive labor force, operating their own business, supportive employment, or managing their own home.
- **INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS:** The goal of this program is to enable persons who are blind or visually impaired to lead a full and productive life and to assist them in adjusting to their vision loss.
- **EYE HEALTH SERVICES:** The goal of this program is to save sight and restore vision whenever it is medically possible.
- **BLINDNESS PREVENTION:** Free of charge CBVI conducts and sponsors a variety of educational programs and eye health screenings throughout the state to detect vision problems.
- **THE SELMA AND NATHAN ROGOFF LOW VISION CENTER:** The Selma and Nathan Rogoff Low Vision Center provides clinical and training services. Services include education about vision loss, demonstration and prescribing of optical devices including high tech magnification devices, evaluation of non-optical devices such as sunshields, and triaging of emergencies. The Center works in conjunction with community low vision providers as well as ophthalmological sub-specialists to ensure best possible follow-up services. Group discussions are also held to further facilitate consumers' ability to convey what reasonable accommodations might be needed to function independently at home as well as in the work environment.
- **ADDITIONAL SERVICES:** services for people who are deaf-blind; business and entrepreneurial training; recreational programs for visually impaired children; adjustment to vision loss training and counseling; educational materials for visually impaired children; self-help peer groups; referral to community based programs and services; and low and high technical aids and appliances for people that are blind or visually impaired.

Vision Loss Alliance of New Jersey

Building Skills and Confide

155 Morris Avenue Ste.2
Denville, NJ 07834
973-627-0055
info@vlanj.org

Mission Statement

To provide the emotional support and practical training to help
visually impaired return to a full and meaningful life, adjust to vision loss, acquire
independent living skills and regain their physical and mental health.

Courses

Health & Wellness Program- Designed to help adults lead rich, fulfilling lives after vision loss occurs. Combining therapeutic courses such as Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Drumming and Horticulture, with opportunities to meet others who are facing similar challenges, helps our students attain a sense of well-being. Students attend this program weekly for ten weeks. Classes held at the Denville facility and various community locations.

Essential Low Vision Program- In just a few hours, this program provides immediate help to adults living with vision loss through expert instruction in techniques that will increase home safety, improve functioning in daily tasks, and provide understanding of assistive technologies and devices that greatly enhance quality of life and self-reliance. A friend, family member or caregiver is encouraged to accompany the participant at no extra cost. Also included is information about resources and services for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Comprehensive Core Program- This program is based on grant availability. A functional performance evaluation is required. Training includes instruction in ADLs (Activities of Daily Living), Low-tech Communication Skills, Orientation & Mobility and Assistive Technology.

Community Resources

Vision Store: Low Vision Aids and Catalog Ordering. Call for hours. Arts at Diamond Spring: Musical Performances and Art Exhibitions open to the community.

**Contact: Linda Groszew, 973-627-0055, Ext. 312, email: lgroszew@vlanj.org.
M - F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

The Seeing Eye

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Morristown, NJ 07963
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info@SeeingEye.org
www.seeingeye.org

Our Mission & History

Since 1929, The Seeing Eye has partnered with people who are blind and visually impaired who seek to enhance their independence and self confidence through the use of Seeing Eye® dogs.

About 15,000 of these specially bred and trained dogs have brought a new level of mobility, safety, and self-sufficiency to almost 8,000 men and women. The school is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and receives no government funding. Its work is accomplished through the generosity of its donors. The programs The Seeing Eye offers all have one common goal: The empowerment of people who are blind.

INSTRUCTION & TRAINING admissions@seeingeye.org

Twelve times each year, a group of up to 24 students arrives in Morristown from all over the United States and Canada to begin their instruction with Seeing Eye dogs. Every dog is specifically matched to meet the individual needs of each student. Matches are made based on handler/dog compatibility in strength, pace, temperament, and home environment. Students arrive on campus on Saturday and receive their dogs two days later. If receiving their first dog guides, they stay to train with the dogs for 27 days; for subsequent dogs, the instruction lasts about 20 days. Each student is assigned to work with one instructor, who has no more than four or five students in a class.

Daily instructional routines may include traveling throughout the heavily trafficked streets of downtown Morristown, the quiet residential areas, country roads, shopping malls, train stations, bus routes, hotels, and even the nearby streets of New York City. When the newly formed teams leave The Seeing Eye, they have mastered the techniques they will need to navigate safely through daily life in their hometowns.

PUPPY RAISING puppyraisers@seeingeye.org

When Seeing Eye puppies reach the age of 7 or 8 weeks, they are delivered to the homes of volunteer “foster families” who nurture and care for their charges until they are about 16 to 18 months old. Families in New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and parts of Maryland and New York, give the dogs abundant affection, teach them basic obedience, and expose them to a variety of social situations they will later encounter as working dogs. Many of these volunteer families have children, while a number of retired adults also volunteer their time for our puppies.

GENETICS & BREEDING

Before conception even occurs, throughout training, and until the end of its working career, a Seeing Eye dog has been directed to its special destiny with the benefit of science. Today, The Seeing Eye leads the way in its research in canine genetics, breeding, disease control, and behavior.

The Seeing Eye breeds German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, and Lab/golden crosses. Our breeding station, dedicated in 2002, consists of interconnected geometric pavilions, designed so that dogs can see each other and see people enter the kennel, so barking –not to mention stress – are greatly reduced. The goal was to provide a facility most conducive to a positive early childhood experience for the puppies and to providing a healthy, active lifestyle for the adult dogs.

To make a gift: donate@seeingeye.org

ANDREW HEISKELL BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

40 West 20 St
New York, NY 10011
212-206-5400

Head Librarian Jill Rothstein: 212-206-5499

The New York Public Library's website is currently under maintenance. For Braille and Talking Book information please check the following links.

http://browse.nypl.org/iii/encore/search/C_Stalking%20books_Orightresult_U?lang=eng&suite=def
http://browse.nypl.org/iii/encore/search/C_Sbraille%20books_Orightresult_U?lang=eng&suite=def

ahlbph@nypl.org

- The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library lends talking books and books in Braille to borrowers who are eligible to receive them according to the terms of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress.
- A person is eligible if resident in New York City or Long Island, and if he or she has difficulty reading standard printed materials because of: blindness; a visual impairment; a physical disability that limits the ability to hold a book or turn pages; or a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction.
- Talking books are available in cassette and digital formats and require special playback machines. The Library provides digital and cassette players without charge..
- Talking books, talking book players, and Braille books can be requested by mail, by telephone, by email, through the library's online catalog, or in person, and can be sent and returned through the mail without cost to the borrower
- To qualify for service a patron has to complete an application, available at the Andrew Heiskell Library, any other public library in New York City, or from the Andrew Heiskell Library website at www.talkingbooks.nypl.org.
- The application must be certified by a competent authority such as a professional in health care, education, or rehabilitation. Librarians may certify an applicant except for reading or learning disabilities¹. Family members may not certify applicants. Applicants with reading or learning disabilities must be certified by a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy. All applications must be sent to the library with the original signature of the certifier; copies or faxes do not meet the Federal requirements of the program.
- The library hosts programs and activities that appeal to people with visual impairments.
- The library offers adaptive technology that allows people with visual impairments to use computers and access the internet. We offer classes in how to use this equipment.
- The library's audio book studio produces 40 to 50 talking books per year to supplement the collection of National Library Service titles.
- The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library is part of the New York Public Library, which operates it under the guidelines of the National Library Service. Its operation is funded by the State of New York, the City of New York, and the federal government. The National Library Service provides most Braille and talking book materials.



www.blindline.org

Blindline® is an information and referral service for people who are blind or visually impaired, their family members, friends, and professional service providers.

Our ever-growing database currently comprises more than 750 records of specialized resources located throughout New York State. The database contains a comprehensive list of blindness-related agencies, as well as many commercial businesses that provide accessible services and/or products to people with vision loss. As a "work in progress," we encourage consumers to let us know about businesses, products, or services that should be included in the database, or to comment on any of the products and services we currently catalogue.

Blindline® consists of both the web site and a telephone hotline staffed by trained individuals who are themselves visually impaired. If you are unable to find what you are looking for on the web site, please phone us toll-free, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at (888) 625-1616. Our trained Information Specialists will conduct additional research on any blindness-related topic, and return the results to you in the format of your choice (braille, large-print, via e-mail or phone).

VISIONS Partners and Corporate Funders

Blindline® (web site, call center and vocational training program) is an ongoing project of VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. VISIONS acknowledges the many non-profit partners and corporate funders who support the project.

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) has been invaluable to the project, by sharing information from its *Directory of Services*, and by providing technical expertise in creating both the web site and database.

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) and the American Council of the Blind (ACB) have strongly supported the project from the start.

As the primary source of financial support, the Lavelle Fund for the Blind awarded VISIONS a major grant in support of Blindline®.

American Express responded with a grant for the cost of seven toll-free phone lines and marketing efforts.

IBM graciously donated seven state-of-the-art computer workstations and a printer, to get the call center up-and-running.

An exceptional Advisory Board of blindness professionals, consumers, technology and I&R experts assists our staff in expanding and strengthening the project, and planning for growth.

Blindline® Headquarters

Located at VISIONS main administrative office in Lower Manhattan (500 Greenwich Street), the call center is well-appointed and spacious. Employers, potential trainees, educators, and/or technical consultants are welcome to tour the center during normal business hours. Please phone or e-mail us to arrange a visit, to learn more about our training program, or to volunteer:

Michael J. Cush, Blindline® Coordinator

(888) 625-1616

mcush@visionsvcb.org

The Blindline® project is just one of many ways in which VISIONS manifests its mission to promote the independence of people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. VISIONS programs include rehabilitation services, therapeutic recreation for individuals and families at Vacation Camp for the Blind in Rockland County, NY, and a community center for blind adults and seniors at Selis Manor on West 23rd Street in Manhattan.

Computer Center for Visually Impaired People (CCVIP) Expanding Technological Access for Greater New York's Vision Loss Community

Who We Are

Since 1978, CCVIP, conveniently based at Baruch College in New York City's Gramercy Park neighborhood, has been in the business of empowering people through access to Assistive computer technology. We accomplish this through training, applied research, product testing and development, and community awareness initiatives.

What We Offer

Courses and seminars - Contact Judith Gerber, 646-312-1420

Designed to meet students' changing needs and to keep pace with advances in software and Assistive technology. People can be introduced to the computer and learn to type, master the basics of e-mail, Internet, word processing, and data management, explore what social networking is all about and acquire the skills that will assure success in the ever-expanding world of portable digital information and entertainment devices.

Learning Lab--Contact Judith Gerber, 646-312-1420

Where independent computer users and current CCVIP students can practice on Assistive technological systems under expert supervision.

Computer Skills Check-Ups--Contact Judith Gerber, 646-312-1420

Designed for job hunters and prospective college students, these assessments were specially developed by CCVIP to determine user strengths and weaknesses and help our advisors to identify further training needs and make placement recommendations.

Demonstration Center and bimonthly Tech Demos—Senior Instructor, 646 312-1422

Provide potential users opportunities to experience new devices from a variety of vendors before making a personal investment in Assistive equipment. Recent sessions—delivered on site and online—have reviewed magnification devices, Apple's I products, color and object identifiers, accessible book readers and GPS devices.

SERVICES FOR AREA BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

BRAILLE PRODUCTION--Contact Judith Gerber, 646-312-1420

CCVIP's Braille production service is fast and affordable. Our basic rate for literary Braille is \$1.50 per page for documents submitted in electronic text format with at least 24 hours notice. Our rush orders rate is \$2.00 per Braille page. Price exclude shipping or special formatting. Volume discounts are available.

SCRIPTING SERVICES--Contact Karen Gourgey, 646-312-1426

CCVIP now programs custom scripts for JAWS® screen reading software, its companion screen magnification program, MAGic® and the screen reader program Window-Eyes® to insure that you and your employer get the maximum accessibility possible from your software.

WEB USABILITY TESTING--Contact Bill Reed, 646-312-1420

CCVIP tests the degree to which web sites are useable by blind and visually impaired computer users for businesses and nonprofits. We offer feedback and suggest what must be done to make specific sites and screens accessible.

FREE EVENTS

Monthly Open Houses--Register with Madelyn Guilbeault, 646-312-1420

Conducted by CCVIP faculty to introduce the public to our courses and the latest in Assistive technology.

Annual Conference on Employment and Visual Impairment: Policy and Practice

Held in conjunction with the Baruch College School of Public Affairs usually in April. Check www.baruch.cuny.edu/ccvip for announcement and registration invitation—or join our mailing list and be kept up-to-date about all CCVIP activities.

CONTACT US: For more information on our courses, seminars or services, to join our mailing list, and to register for a course or a free Open House:

Computer Center for Visually Impaired People (CCVIP)

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www.baruch.cuny.edu/ccvip

-Facebook: Computer Center for Visually Impaired People

-Twitter: CCVIP

-YouTube: ccvipatbaruch

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc.

120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005
212-742-9000 24-hour number

www.eyedonation.org

Email: info@ebsr.org

- The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, the world's first eye bank, is devoted to restoring sight through eye donations and cornea transplants, as well as providing ocular tissue for research into treatment and cures for blinding eye diseases. Public awareness about the need for eye donations is a key component of our efforts to restore sight to thousands of men, women and children each year.
- View a Story, Tell a Story, Share a Story! Find The Eye-Bank on Facebook www.facebook.com/EyeBankforSightRestoration and read, tell or share a story about eye donation and restoring sight.

Patricia Dahl
Executive Director/CEO

See what your eyes can do for others

www.eyedonation.org



Low Vision Eye Service

<https://www.helenkeller.org/hksb>

- Staffed by NYS Certified Low Vision doctors
- Serve New York City, Nassau and Suffolk Counties
- Patients are seen by a doctor for both eye health evaluations and vision rehabilitation
- Optical aids may be prescribed which include magnifiers, telescopes, spectacles, and electronic vision aids such as desktop video magnifiers
- Training in the use of the aids and the patient's residual vision is of great importance to gain optimum use of remaining vision. This service is one part of the overall care available to someone with vision impairment as we assist the patient with daily living training and the psychological adjustment to sight reduction too.
- An affiliated program of the Low Vision Eye Service is our Preschool Vision Screening Program where approximately 30,000 children are screened per year for vision limitations.
- In Richmond County, we are a member of the Staten Island Inter-Agency Council with access to a wide range of services and resources for seniors including partnerships with local ophthalmologists.
- For more information please contact William Dale (Nassau County, HKSB) at 516-485-1234, extension 607 or visit our website at www.helenkeller.org.

New York City

57 Willoughby St
Brooklyn, NY 11201-5211
718-522-2122

Nassau County

1 Helen Keller Way
Hempstead NY 11550
516-485-1234

Suffolk County

3385 Veterans Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-424-0022

The Low Vision Eye Service at Helen Keller Services for the Blind was established in 1953. It is the first Low Vision Service integrated into an agency for individuals, both children and adults, who are legally blind. This service sees 1,000 patients on average a year, with Age Related Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma being the eye disorders most commonly cared for.



Is now a part of the Lighthouse Guild International

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info@guildhealth.org
<https://www.lighthouseguild.org/>

The **Lighthouse Guild International** is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian agency serving persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind and multi-disabled. Jewish Guild Healthcare has been helping people with vision loss since 1914. We provide a wide range of programs and services developed to help seniors, parents and children as well as healthcare professionals and people who are blind or visually impaired. - See more at: <http://www.guildhealth.org/Programs-And-Services-Overview/Programs-And-Services-Overview>

The Guild offers a broad range of programs and services that include:

- **Clinical Services:** Low Vision Rehabilitation, Diagnostic and Treatment Clinic, Psychiatric Clinic, Diabetes Self-Management, Orientation and Mobility.
- **Managed and Continuing Care:** GuildNet, a Medicaid Managed Long Term Care Plan; The Guild Institute for Vision & Aging, a residential health care facility.
- **Therapeutic Day Programs:** GuildCare, an Adult Day Health Care program; Mental Health Day Treatment; Developmental Disabilities Day Treatment.
- **Education, Training & Support:** Guild School for students aged five to 21; Tele-support Groups for parents of children with visual impairment, as well as for teenagers planning to attend college; Academic skills instruction; SightCare education and training for care providers and professionals.
- **Awards:** The Guild Scholar program offers scholarships to blind and visually impaired college bound students.

The Museum of Modern Art

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New York, NY 10019
212-708-9400
www.moma.org

For [Education Support](#)

Contact Us: Phone: (212) 408-6347 - TTY: (212) 247-1230
Fax: (212) 333-1118 - Email: accessprograms@moma.org

The Museum of Modern Art is committed to enabling all visitors to experience its unparalleled collection of modern art. We recognize the diversity of our general public's abilities and needs and offer a variety of programs and services to ensure the accessibility of the Museum and its collections. We hope to provide the most inclusive environment for every Museum visitor.

Programs and Services for Blind and Partially Sighted Visitors

For a complete schedule of dates and program topics, please visit <http://www.moma.org/learn/disabilities/sight>.

Art inSight

This program for blind and partially sighted adults is held monthly in the Museum galleries. Specially trained Museum lecturers highlight specific themes, artists, and exhibitions, engaging participants through extensive verbal descriptions.

Touch Tours

Blind and partially sighted visitors experience a selection of sculptures and design objects from the collection. These tours take place in the Museum's galleries and Sculpture Garden and are available to individuals or groups by appointment. To schedule a touch tour, please call 212-708-9685 or visit <http://www.moma.org/visit/plan/groups/accessform>.

MoMAudio: Visual Descriptions

(English only) An audio program for blind and partially sighted visitors as well as the general public is available free of charge inside the Museum at the audio program desks. Developed with Acoustiguide in consultation with an advisory board of people with sight loss, this audio program provides vivid and detailed descriptions of key works from the Museum's collection. Expert commentary, musical accompaniment, and historical perspective enhance the experience. Transcripts of this and all Museum audio programs are available in regular and large print upon request.

Tactile diagrams of numerous works from the Museum's collection are available for loan at no charge for classroom use.

The information plan and select special-exhibition brochures are available in **large print** and **Braille** from the lobby information desk.

Detailed information about all Access Programs can be found on our website at <https://www.moma.org/visit/accessibility/> or by calling Access Programs at 212-408-6347.

The New York Institute for Special Education

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www.nyise.org

The New York Institute for Special Education (NYISE) supports four quality programs for children who are blind or visually disabled, emotionally and learning disabled and preschoolers who are developmentally delayed.

- The [Schermerhorn Program](#) recognizes our 179 year commitment to children who are blind and visually impaired. Many of these children, who range in age from 5 to 21 years, have a mild secondary disability and need a specialized educational environment in order to be successful in school. Students are placed in either the day or five day residential program.
- The children of the [Van Cleve Program](#) have emotional or learning difficulties. The highly structured educational day and residential component includes specialized services such as counseling for the students and their families. Our goal is to reduce the behavioral and learning deficits of students by providing academic and social skills necessary to enter less restrictive programs.
- The [Readiness Program](#) is a pre-school that helps children who are developmentally delayed from ages 3 to 5. They have disabilities that include speech impairment, mild orthopedic impairment, a learning or emotional disability. By providing specialized instruction, intensive therapies and early intervention many are able to be mainstreamed or are placed in a least restrictive educational environment when they reach the age of five.

As the only Summer Camp program in New York City for children that are blind or visually impaired, Camp Wanaqua is truly a unique offering of NYISE. Totally dependant on private support the camp provides children with classes, field trips, and activities that focus on the development of critical life skills. Applications are accepted each Spring. Please contact Anthony George, the Camp Director at (718) 519-7000 x356 or email your request to ageorge@nyise.org

New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped New York City District Office

Arnold Kramer, District Manager
80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Floor
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Phone: (212) 825-5710

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/>

Toll Free Telephone: 1-866-871-3000 TDD: 1-866-871-6000 Fax: (212) 825-5716 or (212) 825-5717

Email: arnold.kramer@ocfs.state.ny.us

For other District Offices and contact info go to: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/distoffices.asp>

- The New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) provides vocational rehabilitation and other direct services to legally blind New York State residents, including children, adults, and elderly persons.
- One of CBVH's primary objectives is to assist consumers in achieving economic self-sufficiency and full integration into society.
- The mission of CBVH is to work with and on behalf of persons who have vision impairment or blindness in order to
 - Enhance employability
 - Maximize independence
 - Assist in the development of capacities and strengths
- We value the worth, dignity and rights of people who are legally blind and we will:
 - Continue to empower the consumer and foster independence and self-sufficiency
 - Be non-judgmental toward a consumer's choice of services and goals
 - Incorporate an interactive teamwork approach to providing quality vocational rehabilitation services that meet and exceed consumer needs.
- New York CBVH is unique among other state VR agencies in its cooperative relationship with private [not-for-profit provider agencies](#). Supported in part by CBVH contracts, these agencies deliver a variety of services to individuals who are legally blind in all parts of the state.
- **How We Can Help People Who Have Blindness and Vision Impairment**
 - Individualized Counseling and guidance
 - Career counseling and Help towards Developing a Vocational Goal
 - Referrals to Resources
 - Rehabilitation Teaching (Activities of Daily Living)
 - Orientation and Mobility Training
 - Vocational Assessments and Training
 - Academic Assessments and Training
 - Computer Training
 - Social Work
 - Adaptive Equipment and Assistive Technology
 - Programs for Children and Families
 - Programs for the Elderly
 - Programs for Those Who Are Not Seeking Employment
 - Business Enterprise Program
- We have several offices throughout New York State, including two offices in New York City – one in the Wall Street area and one in Harlem.

University Eye Center
SUNY State College of Optometry
Low Vision Service
33 West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036
(877) 570-5222
<https://www.universityeyecenter.org/>

- **Our Mission** To design visual rehabilitation programs for patients of all ages with congenital or acquired vision loss.

- Our comprehensive low vision evaluation assesses the patient's current visual status, identifies goals and visual needs, and designs an individualized rehabilitation program to meet those needs.

- **Our Services**
 - Prescription and training in the use of optical low vision aids (hand and stand magnifiers, high-powered spectacles, telescopes, etc.) and other adaptive equipment.
 - Sunwear and lighting evaluations
 - Bioptic (spectacle mounted telescope) fitting and evaluation
 - Evaluation and training in the use of High-Tech devices such as CCTVs (video magnifiers), computer adaptations and specialized software, and other electronic low vision aids.
 - Prism evaluation for patients who have peripheral vision loss from a stroke or advanced eye disease
 - Rehabilitation training to improve eye movements for more efficient reading, tracking, and viewing around a blind spot.



RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART
150 West 17th Street, NYC 10011
212.620.5000 RMANyc.org

www.rubinmuseum.org
<http://rubinmuseum.org/visit/accessibility>

Verbal Description and Touch Tours at Rubin Museum of Art

The Rubin Museum of Art, a cultural and educational institution dedicated to the art of the Himalayas, is now offering **Verbal Description and Touch Tours** for audiences who are partially sighted and blind. Free with museum admission, tours are one-hour in length and take visitors on a journey that interweaves the arts, history, religion, and culture of the Himalayas.

The Rubin Museum guides have been trained to offer audiences who are partially sighted and blind multiple points of access into Himalayan art. Guides provide participants with close, careful descriptions of images and sculpture, helping them to form visualizations of the pieces. Participants are then invited to touch objects, including sculpture, art materials, wood blocks, and ritual implements. Visitors also experience some of the sacred sounds and smells of the Himalayas through incense and traditional music.

FOR BLIND OR PARTIALLY SIGHTED VISITORS LARGE PRINT EXHIBITION LABELS

High-contrast, large-print labels are available for every exhibition. They can be found in binders in each gallery to assist visitors in their viewing and understanding of the exhibition.

VERBAL DESCRIPTION AND SENSORY TOURS

The Rubin Museum offers verbal description and sensory tours for visitors who are blind or partially sighted. These free tours are one hour in length and are included with Museum admission.

Museum guides are specially trained to lead these tours, which allow participants to form visualizations of the art through close, careful descriptions as well as touch objects like sculptures, art materials, woodblocks, and ritual implements.

Reservations are required, as space is limited, so please contact the reservations office by phone: 212.620.5000 x319, or by email, access@rubinmuseum.org in advance of your visit.

Himalayan art is known for its rich iconography and vibrant artistic tradition. Visitors who are partially sighted and blind will not only be exposed to the rich visual culture, but will also begin to understand what lies beneath: art that expresses the concept of the enlightened mind, the personification of wisdom, compassion, protection and loving kindness, the concept of cyclical existence, and so much more.

The Rubin Museum is located at 150 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011 (between 6th and 7th Avenues).

The Rubin Museum is open Monday 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday 11 am to 7 pm, Thursday 11 am to 5 pm, Friday 11 am to 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm; closed on Tuesday.



<https://visionsvcb.org/>

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VISIONS Offers FREE Innovative Programs for People of All Ages with Vision Loss

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a nonprofit rehabilitation and social service organization whose purpose is to develop and implement programs to:

- Assist people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired to lead independent and active lives in their homes and communities
- Educate the public to understand the capabilities and needs of people who are blind or visually impaired so that they may be integrated into all aspects of community life.

VISIONS fulfills its purpose by providing:

- Individualized rehabilitation training at home or in the community
- Social services
- Employment training and job development
- Group and community education and activities

Individuals are eligible for VISIONS services if they experience vision loss that interferes with daily tasks or independent functioning at home, school, work or in the community. VISIONS services are provided free of charge (no co-pays, no billing of Medicaid or Medicare). Services are funded through VISIONS unrestricted income, foundation, corporate and government grants, and individual donations. VISIONS consumers are primarily people of low income, frail elders, non-English speakers, living in communities of culturally diverse consumers where vision loss is more prevalent, as well as people with multiple disabilities. Services are offered in 17 languages utilizing multi-lingual staff and interpreters.

- VISIONS offers free presentations on vision loss, organizing community events including educational forums and creating local advisory boards.

Vision rehabilitation training is provided according to an individualized plan based on the consumer's expressed needs and level of ability. Instruction is tailored to meet specific goals such as meeting a school bus, family care giving, or gaining "soft skills" to become more employable.

- Vision rehabilitation therapy provides training by certified professional specialists in adaptive living skills to help consumers of all ages to carry out their daily activities with confidence and independence.
- Orientation & mobility training by certified professional specialists teaches consumers how to navigate safely at home, in school and college, in their neighborhoods, and throughout New York City.
- Occupational therapy by licensed professionals addresses visual and physical impairment needs of blind and low vision individuals with additional disabilities.
- Low vision enables people with vision loss to use their residual vision efficiently and effectively through refraction and the use of prescribed optical aids.
- Adaptive aids such as a prescribed long cane, talking watch or large print calendar enable individuals to manage their household, attend school, hold a job, and travel safely and independently and are supplied free of charge as part of a rehabilitation plan.
- Licensed social workers counsel consumers adjusting to deteriorating vision or blindness.

Other programs include:

Blindline®, a database of services in New York State and resources for people who are blind or low vision:

- Provides information by phone 1-212-625-3301 or 1-888-625-1616 and an accessible web site www.blindline.org.
- Serves as a vocational training and job internship placement for blind adults and seniors, from Westchester, NYC and Long Island who can travel to Manhattan, to learn help desk, information and referral and customer services skills.

Employment services for New York City residents & Technology programs for consumers without geographic restriction:

- Technology training in the use of adapted software is provided in the Computer Center at VISIONS at Selis Manor, at VISIONS/VCB, and the Blindline® program.
- Employment and Technology Institutes (held at VISIONS/VCB) offer employment-related seminars, hands-on workshops, resume writing and interviewing clinics, and demonstrations of the latest adaptive technology for youth and adults who are blind or low vision.
- Workforce Development Office at VISIONS at Selis Manor offers individual assistance with job searches and job placement for blind youth, adults and seniors.
- Youth Employment Coordinator assists high school and college youth who are blind or low vision with finding paid internships after school or during the summer.

VISIONS at Selis Manor is a community center program, located in housing for low-income people who are blind on West 23rd Street in Manhattan. Services include:

- Social services, benefits assistance and individual and group counseling to adjust to and cope with vision loss.
- Individual and group vision rehabilitation training including learning Braille.
- Employment services including computer technology training and job placement.
- Youth services including after school and summer programs for blind or visually impaired high school students.
- Senior services including Senior Speak Out, a weekly seminar on Monday that includes speakers on topics of interest, a hot dinner meal and peer networking
- Wide variety of adapted classes including photography, fitness, yoga, bowling, ceramics, quilting, computers, Braille, etc.
- Volunteer readers and shoppers.

VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB), a 35-acre year-round adapted temporary residential training center in Rockland County, New York, offers:

- Vision rehabilitation training including orientation & mobility and rehab classes.
- Services for populations with special needs (families with blind and/or multi-disabled babies, pre-school or school age children; frail seniors; grandparent caregivers of blind children).
- Employment and Technology Institutes throughout the year for youth and adults.

VISIONS Intergenerational and Caregiver Support programs enable seniors with vision loss to live at home as independently as possible with help from trained paid high school students and respite for unpaid caregivers (family, partners, companions, friends).

Visit us on the Internet at www.visionsvcb.org

To make a referral or to request services call VISIONS at 212-625-1616 ext. 134 Carmen Rivera (English/Spanish).

FREE Services for Children and Youth with Legal Blindness and Low Vision

After School and Summer Program for New York City High School Youth with Legal Blindness or Vision Loss Funding by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development Out of School Time (OST) grant includes paid employment, academic support and supervised recreation located at VISIONS at Selis Manor 135 W. 23rd Street, NY, NY. Activities include paid work experience in a snack bar, adapted computer center and bowling, dance, drama, photography, poetry, etc. Must be able to travel independently or use Access-a-ride.

For More Information Contact: Melissa Phipps
VISIONS at Selis Manor
646-486-4444
Email: MPhipps@visionsvcb.org

After School and summer paid work experience training for legally blind high school students, graduates and college youth funded by the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in worksites throughout New York City.

Pre-vocational training for legally blind youth age 14 and older. Overnight residential training is offered at VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB) during February, April and a June session funded by the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

For More Information Contact: Gia Venturo
VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
646-486-4444
Email: gventuro@visionsvcb.org

Family Services at VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB) during selected weekends from October through June and during four summer sessions. Blind or visually impaired children of all ages including those with multiple disabilities attend VCB with their siblings and parents/guardians. For children who are legally blind, funding is provided by the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

For More Information Contact: Carmen Thorne or Khaled Musa
VISIONS VCB
212-625-1616
Email: cthorne@visionsvcb.org
kmusa@visionsvcb.org

Children's vision rehabilitation services at home or in the community funded by the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for legally blind children. Funded by private grants for children with low vision who also have other disabilities. Service in all five boroughs may include vision rehabilitation therapy, orientation and mobility, occupational therapy and adapted equipment.

For More Information Contact: Bill Hixson
VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
212-625-1616
Email: whixson@visionsvcb.org

FREE Services for Adults with Legal Blindness or Severe Vision Loss

Vision Rehabilitation Services

VISIONS Rehabilitation Department helps blind or visually impaired individuals achieve their highest level of independence. Certified Vision Rehabilitation Professionals provide instruction in adaptive independent living skills and mobility at home, school, work and in the community. Low vision exams, occupational therapy and social work counseling may also be provided.

For More Information Contact: Carmen Rivera, Intake Coordinator/Outreach Specialist
212-625-1616 x 134
Email: crivera@visionsvcb.org

Employment, Job Placement and Technology Services

Employment services are provided to correspond to the age, qualifications and experience of each client. Participants explore the world of work including related social skills, interview techniques, job search skills, vocational training, adaptive computer training and visits to businesses. Work experiences provide participants with on the job training. Full time job placement matches an individual's education and experience to career opportunities. **For More Information Contact:** Dawn Suvino, Director of Workforce Development and Training

646-486-4444 x 14
Email: dsuvino@visionsvcb.org

VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB)

VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB) is a residential vision rehabilitation and training center located in Rockland County, New York. VCB is open year round and is adapted to meet the needs of people who are blind and may also be independent wheelchair users. Sessions include employment and technology training, social and wellness programs and adapted programs. Facilities include a heated ramped swimming pool, a lake for peddle boating and fishing, adapted computer lab with wireless access, library with Braille and audio books, outdoor bowling and other outdoor sports. **For More Information Contact:** Carmen Thorne, ext. 107 or Khaled Musa, ext. 130

212-625-1616
Email: cthorne@visionsvcb.org
kmusa@visionsvcb.org

Blindline®

Blindline® provides a toll-free number for access to a New York statewide database of resources and services for people who are blind or visually impaired, their family members, caregivers, and professionals. The call center is available Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm by calling 888-625-1616. A fully accessible website (www.blindline.org) with direct access to the database is open to the public. Trainees learn to use internet based technology to prepare for jobs in customer service, I & R and call center environments.

For More Information Contact: Michael Cush, Assistant Director of Workforce Development and Training
212-625-3301 x 710
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FREE Services for Seniors with Legal Blindness or Severe Vision Loss

Vision Rehabilitation Services

VISIONS Rehabilitation Department helps seniors achieve their highest level of independence. Certified Vision Rehabilitation Professionals provide instruction in adaptive independent living skills and mobility at home, at work and in the community, in addition to occupational therapy, social work counseling, and assistance with employment.

For More Information Contact: Carmen Rivera, Intake Coordinator/Outreach Specialist
212-625-1616 x 134
Email: crivera@visionsvcb.org

Community Outreach and Training

Through inter-agency collaborations, VISIONS ensures that individuals who are blind have access to community-based resources. VISIONS sponsors advisory boards in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. VISIONS provides staff training, public education forums on eye disease in all five boroughs of New York City, and has affiliations with over 150 senior centers.

For More Information Contact: Mary Springer, Director of Development and Outreach
212-625-1616 x 128
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VISIONS at Selis Manor

VISIONS at Selis Manor is a center for blind youth, adults and seniors. Located at 135 West 23rd Street in Manhattan, Visions at Selis Manor offers support groups, adapted classes from fitness to computer training, assistance with benefits, social programs such as Senior Speak Out, volunteers and social work services for seniors with vision loss.

For More Information Contact:
Ann DeShazo, Director of VISIONS at Selis Manor
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Intergenerational and Caregiver Support Programs

VISIONS Intergenerational Program recruits, trains and employs high school students to assist blind seniors in their homes, and at Selis Manor. The youth provide escort and assistance with reading, shopping, and technology. VISIONS Caregiver project supports family, partners, and friends who help a senior with vision loss. Overnight respite at VCB and day respite at Selis Manor are provided.

For More Information Contact:

Intergenerational Program Manager	Caregiver Support Program Case Manager
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- Braille Business Cards. Braille business cards make a positive, inclusive statement without saying a word. Braille cards speak volumes about your business philosophy while giving immediate information to people who are visually impaired. When you send in preprinted business cards we can add Braille to them and return them. You will feel the effect and effectiveness. Call or email for an order form.

The Association for the Visually Impaired

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- Provide vision rehabilitation services and programs to people of all ages living in Rockland and Orange Counties.
- All services are free to the consumers.
- We are a contract agency with the Comm. for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. We also are in contract with Rockland County, Office for the Aging in both counties, United Way in both counties. We have a full board of directors.
- We have vision rehabilitations teachers, orientation and mobility instructors, social workers, an employment placement program, volunteer services program, early intervention, community outreach and education, information and referral services.
- In Rockland we also provide transportation for those who have no other means of getting to a medical appointment particularly dialysis.
- And also have a Resource Technology Center in Spring Valley.
- All of the services are provided in the person's own home, preschool, school and employment environment.
- We also run two educational support groups, one in Rockland which meets two times a month and one in Orange County that meets once a month.
- We have an annual conference that is free, and have major fundraisers to help us continue to provide services such as a Golf Outing, a Distinguished Citizens' Awards Dinner Dance, and send out an Annual Appeal and newsletters.

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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(315) 797-2233

1-877-719-9996

“We help people who don't see well live like those that do”

Established in 1929, the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a not for profit agency with professional and support staff who provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation programs to individuals who are blind and visually impaired in an eight county region of New York State. C.A.B.V.I. offers programs that serve people of every age from infants to the very elderly.

Services offered include:

- **Low Vision-** Certified low vision specialists provide evaluation and prescribe low vision optical aides and devices to maximize remaining vision. We have five clinic locations Hamilton, Oneida, Fort Plain, Utica and two in Watertown.
- **Independent Living Services-** Vision Rehabilitation Therapists assist patients in maintaining and expanding independent living skills including financial management, meal preparation, childcare, personal care and health needs.
- **Orientation and Mobility-** Professionals teach consumers how to travel safely in the home, school, workplace and community.
- **Technology-** Customized training in computer adaptive technology prepare individuals for educational and employment opportunities.
- **Social Work-** Individual and group therapy options are available to assist individuals and families adjust to vision loss.
- **Children's Services-** Early intervention, preschool services and school age programs provide therapeutic teaching to ensure mainstream education. Pre-school vision screenings are provided throughout Central New York.
- **Employment-** Vocational evaluation, job training and employment search guidance prepare people for work in their chosen field.
- **Central Industries-** Our manufacturing and service divisions provides a variety of employment opportunities to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

“Our mission is to assist people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their highest levels of independence”

GLENS FALLS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC.

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The Glens Falls Association for the Blind, Inc. is an independent, private non-profit organization, founded in 1935. We are dedicated to preventing blindness and promoting the well-being of blind and visually impaired persons in all ways. The association is committed to equipping visually challenged persons with the skills needed for independent and productive life in the community.

We provide the following services to blind and visually challenged persons of all ages in Warren, Washington, Hamilton, Northern Saratoga and Eastern Fulton Counties:

- Advocacy
- Outreach and Home visits
- Educational Programs
- Medical Transportation
- Information and Referral
- Low vision
- Rehabilitation Teaching
- Orientation & Mobility Training
- Adult Social Activities
- Pre-School Vision Screening

Hours of Operation 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday

The Glens Falls Association for the Blind Inc. believes that blind and visually challenged persons should have access to the same benefits and activities that sighted persons enjoy. To that end, the association provides support, guidance and instruction, as well as public education.

The Glens Falls Association for the Blind Inc. has a full-time professional staff and is governed by a community Board of Directors. If we can assist you or someone you know, please do not hesitate to contact us. All referrals are handled confidential and with professionalism

Funding and Support:

Private donations, Tri-County United Way, Inc., NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Washington County Office for the Aging, Saratoga County Office for the Aging, Warren-Hamilton counties office for the aging, Gifts and bequests, Area Lions and Lioness Clubs.

GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND

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President & CEO: Thomas Panek

Hours: Monday-Friday / 9 am – 5 pm

Service Area: United States, Canada and other countries around the world

No fee to client for service

Handicap Accessible

Languages other than English: ASL (Sign)

Mission Statement: Guiding Eyes for the Blind is dedicated to enriching the lives of blind and visually impaired men and women by providing them with the freedom to travel safely, thereby assuring greater independence, dignity and new horizons of opportunity.

Provides professionally trained guide dogs to qualified, legally blind individuals who are seeking greater mobility and independence. Instruction includes proper use, care and handling of the guide dog. Applicants can call or write to the school for an application packet or apply on-line.

Requirements: Legally blind, 16+ yrs, physically and psychologically able to handle training and use of a guide dog, mobility trained. Application packet (includes current medical report from a physician). Applicants with a history of drug/alcohol abuse must be drug/alcohol free for at least one year. Applicants with multiple handicaps who can walk using a cane or support cane are considered for the program. We cannot serve wheelchair users.

Programs Include:

Residential Training Program: 26-day program held 11 times a year. Training experience in rural, suburban and urban settings; small class size with highly individualized instruction (typical class has 12 students with a Supervisor and two instructors).

Home Training Program: for applicants unable to attend in-residence program.

Special Needs Program: for students who, in addition to being legally blind, have a condition that affects their mobility, such as hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, MS or other.

ACTION Program: accelerated 10-day residential plus 5-day home training program for experienced guide dog users.

Long Island Talking Book Library

Suffolk Cooperative Library System
627 North Sunrise Service Road
P.O. Box 9000
Bellport, NY 11713-9000
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FAX: (631)286-1647
Valerie Lewis, Director
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Rockville Centre Public Library
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Rockville Centre, NY 11570
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Info@rcvpl.org

The Long Island Talking Book Library is a sub-regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and can be found in various locations.

- We provide books on tape and Braille to individuals with disabilities who for whatever reason cannot read regular print materials

The Outreach department for the Suffolk Cooperative Library System provides

- Demonstrations of assistive technology for people who are visually impaired or blind
- Bi-folkal kits (reminiscence kits) through our public libraries
- Consultation and training to public libraries on the topics of disability awareness, inclusive programming and equity of access
- We offer information and referral services to individuals seeking appropriate programs and services for people with disabilities
- We offer sample materials of children's Braille and tactile books

Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc.

Harry M. Judge Vision Rehabilitation Center

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SERVICES PROVIDED

- Low vision evaluations and training
- Vision rehabilitation therapy
- Orientation and mobility training
- Social casework counseling
- Job skills and placement services
- Adaptive technology assessments and training
- Pre-school vision screenings, employment in a manufacturing facility
- In-service presentations

COUNTIES COVERED

- Albany
- Columbia
- Eastern Fulton
- Greene
- Eastern Montgomery
- Rensselaer
- Southern Saratoga
- Schenectady
- Schoharie Counties of New York State

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Amityville

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Catholic Charities - Diocese of Rockville Centre
Kathleen McEntee, Program Coordinator
Office of Persons with Disabilities
147 Schleigel Boulevard
Amityville, NY 11701
(631) 789-5215 Fax: (631) 789-3844

Amherst

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Binghamton

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