RESOURCES FOR OUR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATIENTS

Indianapolis Eye Care Center
(317) 321-1470

Indiana University
School of Optometry
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Accessible Services:

Below are just a few of the companies who offer accessible services. It is strongly recommended that you contact companies, organizations, medical facilities, etc. to learn about any special accommodations provided to individuals who are visually impaired.

**AT&T Long Distance Customer Service**
(800) 222-0300  
Website: [http://www.att.com](http://www.att.com)  
The AT&T Long Distance Calling Card is available in Braille. Additionally, bills can be provided in large print.

**Bank One**
(877) 226-5663 (Request Alternative Formats)  
(877) 241-8665 (Talking ATMs Info.)  
E-mail: access@mail.ndc.bankone.com  
Website: [http://www.bankone.com](http://www.bankone.com)  
At no extra charge, Relationship Bankers are equipped to read and explain appropriate materials to customers who need assistance opening products/services or to conduct financial transactions. Stop by or call your local banking center for an appointment. Bank One documents, including monthly statements and credit card statements, may be provided in alternative formats at no additional charge to our customers. Formats include large print, Braille, audiocassette or computer disk. Stop by your local banking center or call a telephone banker at the above number. Raised line checks are now available at the same price as standard basic checks. In addition, Bank One's bill pay service is free to the blind. Bank One continues to install Talking ATMs throughout the country where customers can use standard headphones to access financial services. Compatible headphones can also be obtained from Bank One branches that have talking ATMs or by calling the above number. Visit the above Website to use the convenient ATM/Branch locator to search by city and/or state for a talking ATM near you.

**Citizens Gas**
(317) 924-3311       (800) GAS-4217  
E-mail: write@cgcu.com  
Website: [http://www.citizensgas.com](http://www.citizensgas.com)  
Supplies bills in alternative format upon request.
Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL)
(317) 261-8222     (888) 261-8222
E-mail: customerservices.ipalco@aes.com
Website: http://www.ipalco.com
Individuals who are visually impaired may request their bills in Braille or large-print.

SBC Indiana
(800) 742-8771 (Residential Customers)
(800) 660-3000 (Small Business Customers)
Website: http://www.sbc.com
Qualified customers can be exempt from Local Directory Assistance Charges when dialing 1+ 411, and Local Directory Assistance Call Completion when dialing 1 + 411. If you are making a Local Directory Assistance call from another location you may use your Calling Card and ask the operator to bill your call to your exempt telephone number. By dialing 1 + 411, you can also reach National Directory Assistance and receive phone listings anywhere in the country -- at just $0.95 per call, 2 listings per call. Exemptions do not apply to requests for National Directory Assistance. For customers who have difficulty reading a standard bill, bills have been designed to meet the needs of customers with visual impairments. Your standard telephone bill is available in large print or Braille. Both bills contain all of the same information as your standard bill. Lifeline Telephone Assistance is available to help qualified customers with their monthly phone bill. Lifeline service provides a discount on your monthly bill. You may be qualified if you receive some form of government assistance. Use the above contact information to apply for these services.

Sears Response Center
(800) 733-0815
Sears credit card statements are available in Braille or in large print.

Sprint
(888) 788-5001
Website: http://www.sprintpcs.com
Sprint will provide billing statements in Braille or large print. However, billing statements in Braille or large print will be received approximately two weeks after the initial bill. Wireless handset manufacturers are required to offer handset user guides in alternate formats. Please contact the manufacturer.
Many PCS Phones have voice activated dialing software that allows a user to enter a list of names and numbers that can be dialed by speaking into the microphone.

**Verizon Wireless**  
(800) 974-6006  
Website: [http://www.verizon.com/disabilities](http://www.verizon.com/disabilities)  
To assist customers with visual impairments, Verizon Wireless provides their bills as well as their product and services brochures, where readily available, in alternate media formats. These formats include Braille, large print format, 3.5 diskette and audio recordings.

**Advocacy/Consumer Groups:**

**American Council for the Blind of Indiana (ACBI)**  
Gerry Koors  
5885 N. Central  
Indpls., IN 46220  
(317) 251-2562  
E-mail: gerrykoors@aol.com  
Website: [http://acb.org/indiana](http://acb.org/indiana)  
The ACB strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by: serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people. ACB is always striving to increase the independence security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people. The Indianapolis chapter meets the first Friday of every month at the Bank One Tower downtown. Use the above contact information to find a chapter near you.

**National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Indiana**  
P.O. Box 11007  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
(317) 205-9226       (800) 326-9190  
Website: [http://www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)
The purpose of the NFB is two-fold—to help blind persons achieve self-confidence and self-respect and to act as a vehicle for collective self-expression by the blind. By providing public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families, members of the NFB strive to educate the public that the blind are normal individuals who can compete on terms of equality.

Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services (IPAS)
4701 N. Keystone Ave. Ste. 222
Indpls., IN 46205
(317) 722-5555 (800) 622-4845
E-mail: kpedevilla@ipas.state.in.us
Website: http://www.in.gov/ipas
Protects and promotes the rights of individuals with disabilities, through empowerment and advocacy. Client Assistance Program (CAP) is one of eight Federally Mandated and Funded Programs for Indiana. Contact CAP if you are having difficulty seeking or receiving services from VR or other programs and projects under the Rehabilitation Act (commonly known as the Rehab Act), such as independent living. CAP is administered by IPAS and is completely independent of VR and other programs. CAP can help you to find a solution to a variety of problems. CAP will listen to any problems or questions or complaint and after getting the facts, help you work with your VR counselor to try to solve the problem.

Education:

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm St.
Winnetka, IL 60093-2554
(800) 323-4238
E-mail: Info@Hadley-School.org
Website: http://hadley-school.org
Hadley offers more than 90 distance education courses completely free of charge. From “Braille Reading for Family Members” to “Birdsong Tutor,” you can select from a wide variety of courses. Study in the comfort of your own home at a time convenient for you. Course materials arrive in the mail (a few are downloadable), and instructors are just a toll-free call away. Hadley has a course for you if you are: a visually impaired adult (14+ years of age),
a relative of a visually impaired child, a family member of a visually impaired adult, or a professional in the blindness field.

**Indiana School for the Blind (ISB)**  
7725 North College Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240  
(317) 253-1481  
Email: tmesser@isb.state.in.us  
Website: [http://isb.butler.edu/](http://isb.butler.edu/)  
ISB provides preschool through high school education for young people of Indiana who are blind or visually impaired.

**Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D)**  
20 Rozell Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(800) 221-4792  
E-mail: custserv@rfbd.org  
Website: [http://www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)  
Provides recorded and electronic formatted material. The RFB&D collection includes publications containing technical and reference information. Many students obtain textbooks from RFB&D. Anyone with a documented disability including a visual impairment, learning disability or other physical disability which makes reading standard print difficult or impossible is eligible to use RFB&D's services. Effective April 1, 2004, a $65 registration fee, and a $35 annual fee will be charged to individual members. Please inquire with RFB&D for information about institutional memberships.

**Employment:**

**AFB CareerConnect™**  
(888) 824-2184  
E-mail: careerconnect@afb.net  
Website: [http://www.afb.org/CareerConnect](http://www.afb.org/CareerConnect)  
The American Foundation for the Blind offers AFB CareerConnect™—a resource to learn about the range and diversity of jobs performed by adults who are blind or visually impaired. CareerConnect introduces techniques for self-analysis, to determine what you can offer an employer, and then helps to explore what careers are available in today's labor market. Members of this service can search for career information, and find successfully employed blind or visually impaired workers who are willing to discuss their jobs. CareerConnect provides helpful tips for finding a job, getting hired, and
keeping a job. Advice is offered on organizing a workspace, finding job leads, interviewing successfully, and deciding when to disclose your disability. Also gain important insight into employer expectations and how they change over time. This service includes a number of tools for career exploration in job seeking. These tools assist in generating a personal data sheet (for use when someone helps fill out print applications), or to develop a resume. Learn about the materials and tools available to assist in career exploration and in a job search. Link to information on Internet sites, find listings of organizations that provide career counseling and job placement for people with visual impairments, and find a list of books for job seekers. Anyone may read the articles or search the databases for careers or mentors, but to contact a mentor or to use the MyCareerConnect features, you must be a registered user. Registration is free and confidential.

**Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc.**
59 S. State Ave.
Indpls., IN 46201-3876
(317) 684-0600
E-mail: info@bosma.org
Website: [http://www.bosma.org](http://www.bosma.org)
The mission of Bosma Industries is to enhance opportunities for individuals, who are blind or visually impaired, to achieve their potential in vocational, economic, social, and personal independence. This goal is achieved through three programs: Vocational Evaluation, Transitional Employment, and Placement Services. In addition to these programs, other community services -- such as information and referral services with various consumer groups, public education, networking within the community of social service agencies, and outreach to individuals with visual impairment are provided.

**Crossroads Rehabilitation Center**
4740 Kingsway Dr.
Indpls., IN 46205
(317) 466-1000
Website: [http://www.crossroads.easterseals.com](http://www.crossroads.easterseals.com)
Easter Seals Crossroads provides a variety of programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs. Services may be offered in an individual's home, in the community or at the Crossroads facility. Adults with disabilities looking for meaningful employment support can find vocational assessment, computer training, job placement and supported employment services through Crossroads. Staff helps individuals identify their
employment goals and assist in developing a plan to meet these personal goals. A nationwide leader in delivering comprehensive assistive technology solutions, the state-of-the-art facility is an excellent resource for individuals with disabilities who need specialized accommodations for home, work or school in order to increase their independence. Crossroads low vision in-home occupational therapy program works with individuals with low vision diagnoses to increase their independence and safety by teaching them how to best use their residual vision. A registered occupational therapist provides training in the use of optical and non-optical aids; self care skills and home management skills in addition to performing home safety and lighting evaluations.

**Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.**
1635 West Michigan Street
Indpls., IN 46222
(317) 524-4313
E-mail: goodwill@goodwill-indy.org
Website: [http://www.goodwill-indy.org](http://www.goodwill-indy.org)

Goodwill assists individuals with barriers to employment in achieving fuller participation in society by expanding their opportunities and enhancing their employability. In addition to training for jobs, assistance is given to advance their education.

**Help for Indiana Residents:**

**Circle City Resource Center**
445 N. Pennsylvania Street Ste. 707
Indpls, IN 46204
(317) 637-0130

Sponsored by the American Council for the Blind, this organization provides information and referral. Adaptive equipment for the visually impaired is sold.

**Hank Hofstetter Opportunity Grant Fund**
Indiana School for the Blind
7725 N. College Ave.
Indpls., IN 46240
(317) 253-1481
Website: [http://acb.org/indiana](http://acb.org/indiana)

This Grant is available in part or whole to assist any certified legally blind resident of Indiana. The intent is to partially or fully fund such activities,
materials, and/or equipment as may enhance the educational or vocational aims of one who may be unable to get funding any other way. The following information should be included with the request: name, address, phone, date of birth, what the need is, a one page statement as to why one should be considered for the grant, a list of other sources/sources of funding that have been tried, letter of support (reference) from anyone other than personal friend or family member, and one self-addressed stamped envelope. Applications should be submitted at least three months prior to the need to give the selection committee time to review the request. The Hank Hofstetter Opportunity Grant Fund is a project of the American Council of the Blind of Indiana.

Indiana University Diabetes Center
Indiana University Hospital
550 N. University Blvd.
Room 2110
Indpls., IN 46202
(317) 274-3500
E-mail: bcarter@clarian.org
Website: http://www.clarian.org/clinical/diabetes
State-of-the-art education and self-management skills are provided for those with diabetes, their families or caregivers, and the community. Individuals who are visually impaired will develop alternative methods for managing diabetes. Staff includes Certified Diabetes Educators (CDEs), who are nurses and dietitians with specialized training in diabetes care. A team of specialists will assist in developing an individual plan to meet specific needs for diabetes self-management. Along with your physician, our team of nurses, dietitians, pharmacists and social workers will be your partners as you learn the skills needed to manage your diabetes, cope with a chronic disease, and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Indianapolis Resource Center for Independent Living Inc. (IRCIL)
2110 N. Capitol Ave.
Indpls., IN 46202
(317) 596-6440 (800) 860-7181
E-mail: ircil@netdirect.net Website: http://www.ircil.org
IRCIL is a center for independent living, and serves as an advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities; removing physical and other barriers to full access and participation in the community; and, the creation of full opportunity for education, employment and other activities of daily life.
Recreation/Leisure:

ACB Radio
E-mail: mailto:support@acbradio.org
Website: http://www.acbradio.org
ACB Radio is a webcasting service where you can listen to programs on your computer. Owned and operated by the American Council of the Blind, a wide variety of programming is made available for those interested in blindness issues. The service currently offers four Internet radio stations. ACB Radio Mainstream is the flagship product. Broadcasting two hours of new content every week day from Sunday to Thursday 8 to 10 PM Eastern Standard Time. The programs are repeated around the clock. ACB Radio Mainstream features the Main Menu technology show, the Blind Line general blindness talk show, Faith Matters, Cry Justice, the Blind Handyman show, and much more. Many of these programs are live and interactive, allowing you to phone in. As well as the four ACB Radio streams, many of the Mainstream shows are available through the web site, on demand. This simply means that you're in control. Choose what you want to hear, when you want to hear it.

Beep Baseball
Darnell Booker (Indianapolis Thunder Coach)
(317) 253-5194
E-mail: indianapolisthunder@yahoo.com (Indianapolis Thunder Secretary)
Website: http://www.nbba.org (NBBA Website)
Beep Baseball is a version of conventional baseball that has been adapted to allow athletes who are visually impaired to compete. Currently, the Indianapolis Thunder is the only organized Beep Baseball team in the state of Indiana participating in the National Beep Baseball Association (NBBA).

Blind Breakfast Bunch (BBB)
(317) 894-1032
E-mail: lanedon@Indy.net
This fun loving group meets monthly to dine and socialize. Every month a restaurant is selected, and anyone with a visual impairment and/or their family/friends is invited to join. For more information, or to be added to the list of those invited to the monthly gatherings, contact Don Lane using the above contact information.
Descriptive Video Service (DVS Home Video®)
P.O. Box 55742
Indpls., IN 46205
(317) 579-0439 (customer service/order videos)
(800) 333-1203 (automated service providing list of videos)
(888) 818-1999 (large print catalog)
(888) 818-1181 (Braille catalog)
E-mail: access@wgbh.org  Website: http://www.wgbh.org/dvs
A variety of services are offered that help to make television and movies accessible. Videos containing auditory narration of action or visual elements are sold at retail cost, and do not require any special equipment, only a standard TV/VCR.

Indiana Reading and Information Services (IRIS)
1401 N. Meridian
Indpls., IN 46202
(317) 636 2020   (877) 854-0077
(317) 633 7447 - Dial-up System
(888) 522-9394 - Dial-up System
E-mail: dnewman@wfy.org  Website: http://www.wfyi.org/iris
Provides a radio receiver for listening to reading of the daily newspaper for those in a 45-mile radius. Programs are aired 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the news, programs include the reading of grocery and department ads, comics, TV/cable schedule, editorials, columns, etc. Program schedules are provided on tape and in large print. Many of the IRIS programs can be accessed via the Dial-up System. This may be more convenient for those who prefer to select and read articles as they please.

Indianapolis Bowling League for the Blind
Mrs. Jeanettea Schaefer
(317) 898-3408
E-mail: jazs@comcast.net (Put Bowling in the Subject Line!)
This league contains a majority of visually impaired bowlers who meet weekly beginning in August. They meet at Eastgate’s All Star Bowl. A guide rail is available for those who find it helpful.

American Blind Skiing Foundation  www.absf.org
2228 Grand Pointe Trail
Aurora, IL 60504
The NLS administers a program referred to as the "Talking Book Program." Books, magazines, music scores, and lessons for playing a variety of instruments are available in Braille, large print, or on audiotape. Specially designed playback equipment is provided for members who borrow recorded materials. The NLS administers the program nationally while direct service to eligible individuals and institutions is the responsibility of cooperating libraries.

**NFB-Newsline®**
(410) 659-9314 (to subscribe)
(888) 882-1629
E-mail: nfb@nfb.org
Website: [http://www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)
The National Federation of the Blind's NEWSLINE® service enables those who cannot read conventional print to have access to newspapers. A ® user can easily choose from dozens of national and local newspapers, sections, and articles with the use of a standard touch-tone phone. The user can change the speed and voice quality, spell out, or search for words. The reader needs no computer and no special training. After entering an ID number and security code, the system prompts new callers to make their selections. This free, revolutionary, totally electronic system has been designed to receive digital transmissions from newspapers on the morning of publication, reformat the data for conversion to synthetic speech, and upload to the NFB-NEWSLINE®. Blind and visually impaired individuals become eligible for this free service by filling out a simple application.

**Special Services - Indiana State Library**
140 N. Senate Ave.
Indpls., IN 46204
(317) 232 3684
(800) 622 4970
E-mail: lbph@statelib.lib.in.us  Website: [http://www.statelib.lib.in.us](http://www.statelib.lib.in.us)
As a NLS cooperating library, Special Services circulates numerous publications, postage-free by mail. The NLS collection includes best sellers, novels, classics, magazines, cookbooks, religious materials, etc. All aspects of the program are free.

**Sports Program (Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana)**
4141 Shore Dr.
Indpls., IN 46254
(317) 329-2281
E-mail: rhisp@rhin.com
Website: [http://www.rhin.com](http://www.rhin.com)

Sports programs on a competitive and noncompetitive recreational level are offered to any person with a physical disability. Sport clinics are offered year-round, along with education regarding adaptive equipment and community resources. Participants must have their physician's approval.

**VSA arts of Indiana (VSAl)**
Harrison Centre for the Arts
1505 N. Delaware St. Ste. 100
Indpls., IN 46202
(317) 974-4123
E-mail: jimm@vsai.org
Website: [http://www.vsaï.org](http://www.vsaï.org)

VSAl provides associated services to ensure accessible and adaptive arts services are developed in the community. Examples include audio description equipment and interpreting fees for performance groups, technical assistance to partner agencies that need help with accessibility issues, and support to artists and administrators in developing the skills necessary to deliver quality adaptive programming. Disabled individuals and their families can participate in a free ceramics class, and/or can learn to play various instruments. Transportation can be arranged if necessary.

**Religion:**

**Braille Bible Foundation**
Post Office Box 948307
Maitland, FL 32794-8307
(800) 766-9080

Provides books of the Bible in Braille, large print, and on cassette free of charge to eligible candidates.
Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc.
110 East 30th St.
New York, NY 10016
(800) 433-1531
Provides Free publications to the blind and reading disabled.

Xavier Society for the Blind
154 E. 23rd St.
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800
Provides materials for the Catholic religion.

Aurora Ministries
P.O. Box 621
Bradenton, FL 34206
(941)748-3031
Provides FREE copy of the Scriptures, bible studies and other messages on cassette. 64 languages are available. For those with low vision, visual impairment or those who can no longer use standard print. Verification is required.

Support Groups in Indianapolis:

Macular Degeneration support group
(317) 872-6427
Meets every other month in the Cooling Auditorium at St. Vincent Hospital. Must call for reservations to attend.

Marion County Association of Workers for the Blind
Gloria Franklin
1709 Lesley Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46218
(317) 357-1468
Group provides an opportunity for socialization. Information is also provided through guest speakers and members of the group. This is not an advocacy organization! Except for Jan. and Feb., meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month in Room 6 of the English Foundation Bldg. (615 N. Alabama).
Visually Impaired Program, PVIA Support Group (Family Services)
615 N. Alabama St., Rm. 8
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-634-6341
http://www.family-service-inc.org
Provides a network to allow adults w/ low vision or blindness to socialize and educate themselves. Provides increased awareness of coping w/ vision loss and services available in the community. Involvement in community activities and informative speakers are also available. Lunch is provided. Interested persons should call and reserve a space for the next meeting. Meetings are held in Indy, Danville, and Lebanon.

Vision World Wide  www.visionww.org
5707 Brockton Dr., #302
Indianapolis, IN 46220-5481
317-254-1332
Vision World Wide is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of the vision impaired through direct interaction and indirectly through the care giving community. We serve both the totally blind and those with various degrees and forms of vision loss. We provide invaluable information, education, guidance, support and consumer protection, not only to the blind and visually impaired, but to the many professionals (medical, social and technical) who serve them.

Transportation:

Amtrak
(800) 872-7245, or (800) USA-RAIL
Website: http://www.amtrak.com
Amtrak is pleased to offer rail fare discounts for passengers with disabilities. To receive the discount, you are required to provide written documentation of disability at the ticket counter and when boarding the train. Types of acceptable documentation are an identification card that many transit systems provides, a membership card for a disability organization or a letter from a doctor. Please note that we do not combine these discounts with other discounts that might be available. For example, a student with a disability could not receive both a student discount and a disability discount. Ask the Reservation Sales Agent about any restrictions that may apply. These special fares are **only available by calling our toll-free number and are not available online.**
Greyhound
Customers with Disabilities Travel Assistance
(800) 752-4841
E-mail: jpierso@greyhound.com
Website: http://www.greyhound.com
Call the above phone number, 48-hours in advance of your trip, to request assistance with boarding/unboarding coaches, to purchase tickets, etc. This service is provided during transfers, meal and rest stops and other times as reasonably requested. Sighted guides traveling with legally blind customers can receive a 50% discount on their ticket.

IndyGo Open Door
(317) 917-8747 Reservations
(317) 917-8758 ETA/Same Day Cancellation
(317) 635 3344 Complaints, Etc.
E-mail: info@indygo.net
Website: http://www.indygo.net/
Open Door serves the needs of customers, who because of a disability, are unable to use IndyGo’s regular fixed route system.

Indianapolis Yellow Cab-Taxi Coupon Discount Program
Send your written request to: Taxi Discount Program
708 E. Michigan St.
Indianapolis, IN  46202
(317) 487-7777               Website: http://www.seniortransportation.org
Criteria: Person must be 60 yrs old or older, Reside in Marion County, have Proof of age and ID.
A sheet of ten tickets, valued at $1.00 per ticket, can be purchased for $5.00. There is a limit of 30 tickets per month. Discounts are also available for individuals who use a wheelchair. Please see current list of distribution sites.

Andrews Garden
3333 Boulevard Place
Indpls, IN  46208

Bethany Village Apartments
3554 S. Shelby St.
Indpls, IN  46227

Citizens Multi-Service Center
# 926-2351
601 E.17th St.
Indpls, IN  46260

Flanner House
# 925-4231
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Rehabilitation Services:

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
(317) 232-1352
(800) 545-7763
Website: [http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr](http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr)

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation provides quality, individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain, or retain employment. Through active participation in their rehabilitation, people with disabilities achieve a greater level of independence in their work place and living environments. To find the VR office nearest to you, use the above contact information.

Crossroads Rehabilitation Center
4740 Kingsway Dr.
Indianapolis, IN  46205
(317) 466-1000
Fax (317) 466-2000
TTY (317) 479-3232
Website: [http://www.eastersealscrossroads.org](http://www.eastersealscrossroads.org)

Provides in-home occupational therapy services for the evaluation of activities of daily living and instruction in appropriate compensatory techniques; evaluation and training for appropriate career skill and employment opportunities; evaluation of the individual’s potential to qualify for bioptic driver training and evaluation of the need for assistive technology devices and training as needed.

Blind and Visually Impaired Services (BVIS)
(317) 232-1433
(877) 241-8144
Website: [http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind](http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind)

Provides statewide assistance and services to enable the achievement of vocational and personal independence to the citizens of Indiana who are
blind or visually impaired. BVIS offers the following four programs:

**Adaptive Technology Lab**
445 N. Pennsylvania Ste. 200
Indpls., IN 46204
(317) 232-0611
(877) 241-9292
The Adaptive Technology Lab, a division of BVIS, is a state-of-the-art computer lab that is specifically designed to expose and teach blind and visually impaired individuals in the use of adaptive equipment. The Lab is designed for customers of VR, as well as individuals who work with blind or visually impaired persons, or any individual who has an interest in adaptive technology. Services the Lab offers include: computer and CCTV assessments, worksite and home assessments, employer consultation, and vocational interest assessments.
Website: [http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/lab.html](http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/lab.html)

**Charles E. Bosma Rehabilitation Center**
445 N. Pennsylvania Ste. 205
Indpls., IN 46204
(317) 232-1513 (877) 241-9288
As a division of BVIS, Bosma Center enables individuals who are visually impaired to learn skills that will enhance full participation in work, community and home. Real life situations are provided through which individuals can become skillful in activities of daily living, independent travel and new methods of communication. Skills are taught under the direction of trained and experienced Rehabilitation Teachers and Orientation & Mobility Instructors. A trained social worker leads group discussions, and offers individual counseling to assist with adjustment to the loss of vision. Transportation is provided in some cases, and housing if needed.
Website: [http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/bosma.html](http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/bosma.html)

**Indiana Randolph Sheppard Business Enterprise Program (BEP)**
(877) 241-8144
BVIS seeks to expand small business opportunities to persons who are blind through the BEP. In order to be accepted for training in the BEP an applicant must be legally blind, at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, hold a high school diploma or equivalent, and must be referred to the program by VR. Manager trainee must successfully complete training (about six months) for the BEP before being licensed as a manager.
Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching
(877) 241-8144
A fourth division of BVIS is the Itinerant Rehabilitation Teaching program, which provides one-on-one instruction to individuals who are blind or visually impaired, usually in the home environment. Teachers are located statewide and serve all 92 counties in the state. Training is divided into three major categories: personal management, communication skills, and low vision follow-up.
Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/blind/teaching.html

Organizations/Foundations

There are a growing number of resources for people with low vision, their caretakers, and families. There is help and support out there, and to get you started, here are just a few of the available resources.

AARP
601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049
1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277) Mon – Fri 7am - 12 midnight ET

American Council of the Blind (www.acb.org)

American Foundation for the Blind (www.afb.org)

AMD Alliance (www.amdalliance.org)

American Optometric Association (www.aoa.org)
243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., 1st Floor
St. Louis, MO 63141
800-365-2219

American Academy of Ophthalmology (www.aoa.org)

Macular Degeneration International (www.maculardegeneration.org)

Macular Degeneration Partnership (www.macd.net)
8733 Beverly Blvd., #201
Los Angeles, CA 90048
310-423-2067
This non-profit group gives AMD pts free resources, support and up-to-date info on research, nutrition and low vision rehab. Services include AMD.org website, a tool-free telephone “warmline”, monthly online newsletter and free email AMD update.

National Eye Institute (www.nei.nih.gov/)

Foundation Fighting Blindness (www.blindness.org)

American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org)
1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311-1717
800-DIABETES

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005-4001
800-533-CURE
www.jdrf.org

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse
1 Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892-3560
800-860-8747

National Association for Visually Handicapped NAVH
22 West 21st St., 6th Floor
New York, NY 10010-6493
212-889-3141
www.navh.org

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (www.spedex.com/napvi/)

American Society on Aging (www.asaging.org)

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (www.albinism.org)
United States Association of Blind Athletes  www.usaba.org

National Eye Institute  www.nei.nih.gov
2020 Vision Place
Bethesda, MD  20892-3655

Prevent Blindness America  www.preventblindness.org
500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL  60173-4557
800-331-2020

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Stargardt’s Disease  (www.blindness.org/Stargardt/)

Retinitis Pigmentosa  (www.blindness.org/RetinitisPigmentosa/)

Glaucoma Explained  (www.avclinic.com/Glaucoma.htm)

National Eye Institute: Glaucoma  
(www.nei.nih.gov/health/glaucoma/glaucoma_facts.asp)

The Achromatopsia Network  (www.achromat.org)

Bioptic Driving Network  (www.biopticdriving.org)

www.checkyearly.com/lowvision

www.healthyvision.2010.org

www.visionconnection.org

Miscellaneous

THE BLIND READERS’ PAGE  http://blindreaders.iinfo/index.html
This site is a guide to sources of information in alternative formats (Braille, recorded cassettes, large print, e-texts, web audio) accessible by people with print disabilities--those with visual and physical handicaps as well as dyslexia. It is also a guide to information about blindness, visual handicaps
and other physical handicaps, with a special collection of Wisconsin resources. There are about 2,300 individual links, all evaluated, annotated and organized by subject. Includes the following topics: information sources in accessible formats, adaptive computers, about blindness and visual handicaps, organizations, activities, employment and helpful products.

**The Disability Depot**  [http://members.tcq.net/pkragnes/prat.html](http://members.tcq.net/pkragnes/prat.html)
Listings of multiple organizations, products, adaptive technology and other resources for disables individuals.

**Meals-on-Wheels ((Visit [www.mealcall.org](http://www.mealcall.org)))**
How does a person start getting meals? The first step is obviously to contact local offices near you to find out which services are right for you, which programs are available, and which programs you may qualify for.

**IRS resources for people with disabilities**
To assist people with disabilities in preparing their taxes and obtaining applicable tax credits, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers a variety of resources, including:
• **Tax Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities and the Hearing Impaired** (Teletax Topic 102) - Provides an overview of disability-related tax services and publications.
• **Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities** (Publication 907) - Highlights disability-related sections of tax law.
• **Taxpayer Help and Education** (Teletax Topic 101) - Describes IRS services for people with disabilities.
• **Child and Dependent Care Expenses** (Publication 503) - Explains the criteria for claiming a person as a dependent.
• **Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled** (Publication 524) - Explains who qualifies for this credit and how it is computed.

The IRS is also making its online tax forms more accessible to people with disabilities, breaking down a significant access barrier on the Web.

For direct links to these and other resources, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and [www.disabilityresources.org/TAX.html](http://www.disabilityresources.org/TAX.html) or contact the IRS at (800) 829-3676 (voice mail).
Vendors

Lighthouse International  www.lighthouse.org
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202
800-829-0500

Ocutech  www.ocutech.com
109 Conner Dr., Ste. 2105
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
800-326-6460

NoIR Medical Technologies  www.noir-medical.com
P.O. Box 159
South Lyon, MI 48178
800-521-9746

Designs for Vision  www.designsforvision.com
760 Koehler Ave.
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
800-727-6407

Eschenbach  www.eschenbach.com
904 Ethan Allen Highway
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Sources of Closed Circuit Televisions CCTV’s

Allied Technologies, Inc.
19630 63rd Avenue North
Corcoran, Minnesota 55340
Toll Free: (800) 267-5350

Carolyn’s Catalog
3938 South Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida 34207
Toll Free: (800) 648-2266
Email: sales@carolynscatalog.com
Web site: www.carolynscatalog.com
Enhanced Vision Systems (EVS)
17911 Sampson Lane
Huntington Beach, California 92647-9912
Telephone: (888) 811-3161
Email: info@enhancedvision.com
Web site: http://www.enhancedvision.com

Pulse Data/Humanware, Incorporated
175 Mason Circle
Concord, California 94520
Toll Free: (800) 722-3393
Email: info@humanware.com
Web site: http://www.humanware.com

Independent Living Aids
27 East Mall
Plainview, New York 11803
Telephone: (800) 537-2118
Email: indlivaid@aol.com

Innoventions, Incorporated
Suite 102
5921 South Middlefield Road
Littleton, Colorado 80123
Toll Free: (800) 854-6554
Email: magnicam@magnicam.com
Web site: http://www.magnicam.com/magnicam

LS&S Group, Incorporated
Post Office Box 673
Northbrook, Illinois 60065
Toll Free: (800) 468-4789
Email: lssgrp@aol.com
Web site: http://www.lssgroup.com

Optelec U.S., Incorporated
6 Lyberty Way
Westford, Massachusetts 01886
Toll Free: (800) 828-1056
Email: optelec@optelec.com
Web site: http://www.optelec.com

Sighted Electronics, Inc.
69 Woodland Avenue
Westwood, NJ 07675
Toll Free: (800) 666-4883
Email: sighted@idt.net
Web site: http://www.sighted.com

VideoEye Corporation
10211 West Emerald
Boise, Idaho 83704
Toll Free: (800) 416-0758
Web site: http://www.videoeyecorp.com

Vision Technology
8501 Delport Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63114
Toll Free: (800) 560-7226
Email: vti@visiontechinc.com

Visionary Reader by Beyond Sight
5650 South Windermere Street
Littleton, Colorado 80120
Phone: (303) 795-6455
Web site: http://www.beyondsight.com