

Vision Related Resources

- **Training:**

The Hadley School for the Blind: tuition free distance education, with tracks for people with vision impairment, parents & caregivers, and continuing education for professionals.

www.hadley.edu 800-323-4238
700 Elm St., Winnetka, Il. 60093

- **Organizations:**

American Printing House for the Blind: a national organization dedicated to the production of literature & the manufacture of educational aids for people with vision impairment.

www.aph.org 800-223-1839
1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY. 40206
<http://shopaph.org>: their instructional products catalog

American Foundation for the Blind: can find services in your state on their home page

www.afb.org 800-232-5463

Lighthouse International: a not for profit agency providing direct services to individuals with vision impairment of all ages.

<http://lighthouse.org> (English)
<http://lighthouse.org/espanol/> (Spanish)
800-829-0500

National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health

<http://nei.nih.gov/> (English); <http://nei.nih.gov/health/espanol> (Spanish)

National Federation of the Blind

<http://www.nfb.org/>

National Association for Parents of Children with Vision Impairment (NAPVI):

Enables parents to find information & resources for children with VI and blindness, and other disabilities. Outreach, support, advocacy

www.napvi.org 800-562-6265

Family Connect: an online community offering tips and supports for parents; videos, personal stories, events, etc.

<http://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitehome.asp> (English)

<http://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitehome.asp?lang=esp> (Spanish)

** Specific to Florida** :

Division of Blind Services (DBS): a state program that assists blind & visually impaired individuals access specialized services to fully participate in family, community, & educational settings. Each district has an office.

<http://dbs.myflorida.com>

Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind (FAASB): contact to determine what types of programs are available in specific geographic areas

www.FAASB.org

Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES): administers school programs for students; coordinates student services & inter-agency efforts to strengthen the quality and variety of services.

www.myfloridaeducation.com 1-850-245-0478

Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (FSDB): a residential school for children who are blind/visually impaired, and/or deaf, and provides early intervention through an outreach department. Ages 3 – 22 years.

www.fsdb.k12.fl.us.

Florida Outreach Project for Children and Young Adults Who are Deaf-Blind

www.deafblind.ufl.edu 800-667-4052

- **Miscellaneous Additional Resources:**

Seedlings Braille Books for Children: low cost books for children 0 – 14

www.seedlings.org 800-777-8552

Seeing Clearly: Fun Activities for Improving Visual Skills, L. Hickman, MS, OTR, FAOTA & R. Hutchins OD, FCOVD

www.SensoryResources.com 888-357-5867

Early Focus – Working with Young Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired and Their Families, R. Pogrund & D. L. Fazzi, Eds.

Available through AFB Press

MaxiAids: a catalog of assistive and adaptive aids for individuals in areas of hearing, vision, mobility, medical, computers, & household.

www.MaxiAids.com

Crossroads Magazine: a quarterly magazine devoted to provide information, Inspiration, & inclusion for families dealing with children with special needs
FloridaCrossroadsOnline.com

Can Do Video Library, Visually Impaired Preschool Services: a series of DVD's covering a variety of topics teaching how to work with children with VI to support independence of function (older series, but good information). www.vips.org

All Kids Have Different Eyes: a storybook for children about learning to play and make friends with children with VI. service@vidipress.com

Selecting a Program – A Guide for Parents of Infants & Preschoolers with Visual Impairment, Deborah Chen, PhD, and M.E. McCann, M.A.
The Blind Children's Center, Los Angeles, CA 800-222-3566

What Can baby See?, D. Chen, PhD: Vision tests and interventions for infants with multiple disabilities. AFB Press

Bookshare: for those with print disabilities, offers free membership to qualified students and schools, making books available digitally

<https://www.bookshare.org>

LOUIS: a database of info on titles in accessible formats, such as Braille, large print, sound recordings, & electronic files <http://louis.aph.org>

Education for Students with Blindness or VI: entire section of Perkin's School for The Blind's website

<http://www.perkins.org/resources/scout/education>

www.flashingblinkylights.com: variety of light up toys at reasonable prices

www.inclusivetlc.com: variety of technology & software appropriate to support learning for children with VI and other disabilities.

Priddy series of cloth books: simple bold pictures & textures; good for babies & toddlers and any age who are developing simple picture exploration and attending; available at Barnes & Noble; any of the Karen Katz board/flap books, e.g. "Where is Baby's Belly Button"; any of the Eric Carle series of books.