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## Introduction

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## **National Organizations**

### **American Academy of Ophthalmology**

P.O. Box 7424

San Francisco, CA 94120-7424

(415) 561-8500

(415) 561-8575 fax

customer\_service@aao.org

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

Serves as a national membership association of ophthalmologists. Supports public service programs: EyeCare America-National Eye Care Project® to provide medical eye care to senior citizens, International Public Service Programs to enhance eye care services in economically developing countries, and School Eye Safety Program. Produces publications for ophthalmologists and their patients.

### **American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults**

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9315

acc@roudley.com

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

Produces and distributes Twin Vision (print-braille) books free of charge throughout the United States; a free braille news magazine, *Hot Line to Deaf-Blind*, for individuals who are deaf-blind; and free braille calendars. Lends print-braille and braille books through the Kenneth Jernigan Library for Blind Children.

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

1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 467-5081

800-424-8666  
(202) 467-5085 fax  
info@acb.org  
<http://www.acb.org/>

Principal publication: *Braille Forum*, monthly

Serves as an informational clearinghouse on blindness and provides advisory service on federal legislation. Acts as an advocate for civil rights, educational opportunities, vocational training, social security benefits, and health and social services for persons who are blind or visually impaired. Special-interest affiliated organizations include: Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss, American Blind Lawyers Association, Braille Revival League, Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, Council of Families with Visual Impairment, Friends-in-Art, Guide Dog Users, Library Users of America, National Alliance of Blind Students, National Association of Blind Teachers, and Visually Impaired Data Processors International.

**American Foundation for the Blind**

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300  
New York, NY 10001  
(212) 502-7600  
800-232-5463  
(212) 502-7777 fax  
(212) 502-7662 TTY  
afbinfo@afb.net  
<http://www.afb.org/>

Principal publications:

*AccessWorld*, 6/year

*Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, monthly

Develops and provides programs and services for persons who are blind

or visually impaired in the areas of public education, social and technological research, consultation and referrals, and governmental relations. Sells publications in print, on cassette, and in braille and videos. AFB's National Technology Center is a centralized resource on adaptive technology. The AFB legislative information network presents details on legislation and regulations of concern to blind and visually impaired persons. The Careers and Technology Information Bank is a national data and networking resource on the competitive employment of persons who are blind or visually impaired.

**American Optometric Association**

243 North Lindbergh Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63141

(314) 991-4100

(314) 991-4101 fax

HOZinn@theaoa.org

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

Represents doctors of optometry, students of optometry, and paraoptometric assistants and technicians who are dedicated to improving the quality and availability of eye care in the United States. Sponsors Volunteers in Service in Our Nation (VISION) USA one month per year to provide vision care services, without charge, to individuals who have no other means of obtaining care. Offers consumer information.

**American Printing House for the Blind**

1839 Frankfort Avenue

P.O. Box 6085

Louisville, KY 40206-0085

(502) 895-2405

800-223-1839

(502) 899-2274 fax

[info@aph.org](mailto:info@aph.org)

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

Principal publications: *APH Slate*, quarterly  
*APH Technology Update*, quarterly

Designated and funded by an 1879 act of Congress as the official source of educational texts (primary through secondary level) for students who are visually impaired in the United States and its possessions.

Maintains *Louis*, an electronic database that lists textbooks in braille, large print, and computer file format and on cassette that are produced by APH, by volunteers, and by commercial companies. Engages in research and development to create products for students and adults who are blind. Manufactures and sells assistive devices. Also produces recreational and religious literature in special format.

**Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

4600 Duke Street, #430

P.O. Box 22397

Alexandria, VA 22304

(703) 823-9690

(703) 823-9695 fax

[aer@aerbvi.org](mailto:aer@aerbvi.org)

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

Principal publications: *AER Report*, bimonthly  
*Job Exchange*, monthly  
*RE:view*, quarterly

Renders support to the professionals who work in all phases of education and rehabilitation of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Offers members opportunities for professional development through publications and certification programs and by networking at meetings and conferences, timely news and research

information, and career advancement through job exchange services.

**Better Vision Institute**

1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 200

Arlington, VA 22209

(703) 243-1508

877-642-3253

(703) 243-1537 fax

[vca@visionsite.org](mailto:vca@visionsite.org)

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

Serves as the Vision Council of America's channel for public education about quality eye care and eyewear.

**Blind Children's Center**

4120 Marathon Street

Los Angeles, CA 90029-3584

(323) 664-2153

800-222-3567 in California

800-222-3566 in United States

(323) 665-3828 fax

[cathy@blindcntr.org](mailto:cathy@blindcntr.org)

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

Serves children with visual impairment from birth to school age by providing information about adaptive devices, educational materials, toys, and other resources. Makes referrals to early intervention programs, social service agencies, advocacy groups, and self-help organizations. Produces publications for sale, some in Spanish.

**Blind Children's Fund**

4740 Okemos Road

Okemos, MI 48864-1637

(517) 347-1357



(517) 347-1459 fax  
blindchfd@aol.com  
<http://www.blindchildrensfund.org/>

Principal publication: *VIP Newsletter*, quarterly

Promotes the development of materials and methods pertaining to the growth, development, and education of infants and young children who are blind or visually impaired or have multiple disabilities. Sells books and learning tools.

**Blinded American Veterans Foundation**

P.O. Box 65900  
Washington, DC 20035-5900  
(202) 462-4430  
800-284-2283  
email@bavf.org  
<http://www.bavf.org/>

Principal publication: *Raising Cane*, quarterly

Offers employment networking and rehabilitation counseling for veterans who are blind. Supports medical research on sensory disabilities.

**Blinded Veterans Association**

477 H Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2694  
(202) 371-8880  
bva@bva.org  
<http://www.bva.org/>

Principal publication: *BVA Bulletin*, bimonthly

A membership organization for veterans who became blind or visually impaired during or after their military service. Counsels veterans and assists them in obtaining benefits and rehabilitation training and in finding jobs. Offers scholarships to their spouses and dependents.

**Hadley School for the Blind**

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093-0299

800-323-4238

(847) 446-0855 fax

Info@Hadley-School.org

<http://www.hadley-school.org/>

Offers distance education courses at no charge to adults who are blind, to family members of an adult who is blind, and to a parent or grandparent of a child who is blind.

**International Association of Audio Information Services**

c/o Ben Martin, President

WVTF Public Radio

4235 Electric Road, Suite 105

Roanoke, VA 24014

(785) 864-4625

800-280-5325

lrmiller@ukans.edu and revtrask@netscape.net

<http://iaais.org/>

Principal publications: *IAAIS Directory*, annual  
*IAAIS Newsletter*, quarterly

Represents radio and information services, dial-in newspapers, and Internet broadcasters that deliver audio broadcasts of daily newspapers and other printed materials to individuals with a visual or physical disability.

**International Association of Lions Clubs**

**Lions Clubs International**

300 22nd Street

Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

(630) 571-5466

(630) 571-8890 fax

Lions@lionsclubs.org

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

Principal publication: *The Lion*, monthly

Initiates service projects in such areas as sight conservation and diabetes education through more than 44,500 clubs in 185 countries. Provides free professional glaucoma screenings, free eye care, eyeglasses, braille writers, large-print texts, white canes, and guide dogs. Establishes and supports eye banks, eye clinics, and eye research centers worldwide.

**Library of Congress**

**National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Washington, DC 20542

(202) 707-5100

(202) 707-0712 fax

(202) 707-0744 TTY

nls@loc.gov

<http://www.loc.gov/nls>

Principal publications:

*Address List: Regional and Subregional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped*, 2/year

*Facts: Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals*, annual

*Facts: Music for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals*, annual

*News, quarterly*

Administers a free national library program of braille and recorded books and magazines for persons who are visually impaired and physically disabled. Distributes reading materials and playback machines through cooperating regional and subregional (local) libraries to eligible borrowers. Lends music materials directly from the Music Section of NLS, including scores in braille and large print; magazines and books about music and musicians in braille, large print, and recorded format; and instruction for voice and for instruments.

**Lighthouse International  
National Center for Vision and Aging**

111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9200  
800-334-5497 and 800-829-0500  
(212) 821-9705 fax  
(212) 821-9713 TTY  
info@lighthouse.org  
<http://www.lighthouse.org/>

**Principal publications:**

*Aging and Vision News*, 2/year (for professionals)  
*Sharing Solutions*, 2/year (for support networks)

Serves as a clearinghouse for information on vision and aging. Disseminates videos, brochures, and books about and conducts research on age-related vision loss. Provides referrals to low vision services rehabilitation agencies, support groups, and state agencies. Offers a continuing education program to professionals.

**Lighthouse International**  
**National Center for Vision and Child Development**  
111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 821-9200  
800-334-5497 and 800-829-0500  
(212) 821-9705 fax  
(212) 821-9713 TTY  
info@lighthouse.org  
[http://www.lighthouse.org/educ\\_children.htm](http://www.lighthouse.org/educ_children.htm)

Principal publication: *EnVision*, 2/year

Provides for the needs of children who are visually impaired through parent and professional training and research. Works with schools, day care centers, and health and human services organizations to facilitate early identification of visual problems in children and to design strategies that enhance development. Conducts empirical studies in the fields of child development, family systems, and education as they relate to vision loss.

**Mississippi State University**  
**Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision**  
P.O. Box 6189  
Mississippi State, MS 39762  
(662) 325-2694  
800-675-7782  
(662) 325-8989 fax  
(662) 325-8693 TTY  
bjmax@ra.msstate.edu  
<http://www.blind.msstate.edu/irr>

Maintains the Information and Resource Referral Project as the

outreach arm of the Center to provide an accessible database of resources on blindness and low vision to consumers and professionals. Sells research publications.

**National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired**

260 Northland Boulevard, Suite 233

Cincinnati, OH 45246

(513) 772-8449

(513) 772-8854 fax

nacweb260@aol.com

<http://www.nac-bvi.com/>

Develops standards and administers a voluntary system of accreditation for agencies and schools providing services to persons who are visually impaired and blind. Sells manuals on management, agency, and education standards.

**National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments**

P.O. Box 317

Watertown, MA 02471-0317

(617) 972-7441

800-562-6265

(617) 972-7444 fax

napvi@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us

<http://www.spedex.com/napvi/>

Principle publication: *Awareness*, quarterly

Provides a national support and information network and a referral service for parents and families of children with visual impairment. Advocates for the educational needs and welfare of children who are blind or visually impaired and initiates outreach programs.

**National Association for Visually Handicapped**

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

22 West 21st Street, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10010

(212) 889-3141

(212) 727-2931 fax

[staff@navh.org](mailto:staff@navh.org)

3201 Balboa Street

San Francisco, CA 94121

(415) 221-3201

(415) 221 8754 fax

[staffca@navh.org](mailto:staffca@navh.org)

Principal publication: *Update*, quarterly

Offers information, referral, and emotional support to individuals with low vision, their families, and the professionals who work with them. Maintains a large-print loan library. Sells assistive devices.

**National Braille Association, Inc.**

Three Townline Circle

Rochester, NY 14623-2513

(716) 427-8260

(716) 427-0263 fax

[nbaoffice@compuserve.com](mailto:nbaoffice@compuserve.com)

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

Principal publication: *NBA Bulletin*, quarterly

Provides educational forums to groups and individuals on braille transcribing and translation, audio tape recording techniques, tactile graphics, and other areas of production in media other than print.

Maintains a depository for braille masters and sells braille college textbooks, music texts, and career and technical materials at below cost to students and professionals who are blind. Has catalogs of the titles in these collections in braille and in print.

**National Braille Press**

88 St. Stephen Street

Boston, MA 02115

(617) 266-6160

800-548-7323

(617) 437-0456 fax

orders@nbp.org

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

Promotes literacy for individuals who are blind and deaf-blind by printing and selling braille and print-braille books and transcribing printed materials. Produces up to fifty copies in the Desktop Publishing Division and provides full-scale braille pressing services for fifty copies or more. Offers a Children's Braille Book Club, titles on computer disk, and PortaBooks™ to be read with a portable braille device.

**National Federation of the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314

(410) 685-5653 fax

nfb@nfb.org

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

<http://www.nfbnet.org/> Telnet, BBS, FTP service

Principal publications: *Braille Monitor*, monthly  
*Future Reflections*, quarterly  
*Voice of the Diabetic*, quarterly



Seeks the complete integration of persons who are blind into society on a basis of equality. Monitors state and federal laws and regulations affecting people with visual impairments. Informs members of services available to them and of their rights under the law. Maintains the International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind. Operates Newsline®, a talking newspaper service free to persons who are legally blind, and America's Jobline® in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor and state job service agencies. Sells publications and assistive devices through its Materials Center. Divisions include: Deaf-Blind, National Association of Blind Educators, National Association of Blind Lawyers, National Association of Blind Students, National Association to Promote the Use of Braille, National Diabetes Action Network, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, National Organization of the Senior Blind, and Writers.

**National Industries for the Blind**

1901 North Beauregard Street, Suite 200

Alexandria, VA 22311-1727

(703) 998-0770

800-433-2304

(703) 998-8268 fax

info@nib.org

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

Principal publication: *Opportunity*, quarterly

Enhances the opportunities for economic and personal independence of persons who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining, and improving employment. Develops business opportunities in the federal, state, and commercial marketplaces for not-for-profit agencies and organizations associated with NIB. Allocates federal government contracts under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

**New Eyes for the Needy**  
549 Millburn Avenue  
P.O. Box 332  
Short Hills, NJ 07078-0332  
(973) 376-4903  
(973) 376-3807 fax

Provides new prescription eyeglasses for individuals in the United States for whom no other funds are available. Sends reusable eyeglasses to overseas medical missions and welfare agencies for distribution.

**Prevent Blindness America**  
500 East Remington Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60173-5611  
(847) 843-2020  
800-331-2020  
(847) 843-8458 fax  
info@preventblindness.org  
<http://www.preventblindness.org/>

Principal publication: *Prevent Blindness News*, 3/year

Offers programs and services to help fight blindness and save sight, including adult and children's vision screenings; a toll-free information hotline; patient, public, and professional education; school-based programs; and Fight for Sight research grants. Sells publications, some in Spanish, and videos.

**Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Inc.**  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 452-0606  
800-221-4792

(609) 987-8116 fax  
custserv@rfd.org  
<http://www.rfd.org/>

Principal publication: *Recording for the Blind News*, 3/year

Lends recorded books, ranging in educational level from late elementary through graduate school, to persons with a verified visual, physical, or specific learning disability that substantially limits reading. Requires a one-time registration fee and annual membership fee. Also sells books on computer disk called E-text (electronic text).

**Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute**  
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center  
2318 Fillmore Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 345-2000  
(415) 345-8455 fax  
(415) 561-1665 TTY  
RERC@ski.org  
<http://www.ski.org/Rehab/index.html>

Principal publication: *Smith-Kettlewell Technical File*, quarterly

Develops sensory aids and educational devices for persons who are blind, deaf-blind, and visually impaired. Acts as a national information resource on sensory aids technology. Conducts research and development in these areas and compiles the findings in publications available on its web site, including *Access to computerized music production by blind and vision-impaired musicians*, *Compendium of technology for blind and visually impaired persons*, and *Source material on remote infrared signage*.

**Telephone Pioneers of America**  
930 15th Street, Suite 1200  
Denver, CO 80202  
(303) 571-1200  
800-872-5995  
(303) 572-0520 fax  
<http://www.telephone-pioneers.org/>

Principal publication: *Telephone Pioneer*, quarterly

Maintains a directory of senior and retired telephone employees who repair and service record players and cassette machines of the talking-books program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. May visit homes of new readers to demonstrate use of the equipment and may help library staffs inspect returned talking books for damage before the books are loaned to other readers.

**Vision World Wide, Inc.**  
5707 Brockton Drive, #302  
Indianapolis, IN 46220-5481  
(317) 254-1332  
800-431-1739  
(317) 251-6588 fax  
[info@visionww.org](mailto:info@visionww.org)  
<http://www.visionww.org/>

Principal publication: *Vision Enhancement*, quarterly

Provides information, support, a referral helpline, and a free e-mail list to persons with low vision and their families. Maintains a web site with links that include sources for electronic books, assistive devices, associations and organizations, and eye diseases.

## **Organizations on Eye Diseases and Eye Injuries**

### **American Diabetes Association**

National Office

1701 North Beauregard Street

Alexandria, VA 22311

(703) 549-1500

800-342-2383 (800-DIABETES)

customerservice@diabetes.org

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

Seeks to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of people with diabetes. Conducts a comprehensive program of public, patient, and professional education. Publishes a variety of pamphlets and a monthly periodical, *Diabetes Forecast*, for persons with diabetes and their families. Also publishes research journals for physicians who specialize in diabetes and for general practitioners.

### **American Macular Degeneration Foundation**

P.O. Box 515

Northampton, MA 01061-0515

(413) 268-7660

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

Principal publication: *In the Spotlight*, quarterly

Works for the prevention, treatment, and cure of macular degeneration by raising funds, educating the public, and supporting scientific research.

### **The Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.**

210 East 64th Street, Eighth Floor

New York, NY 10021

(212) 605-3719

(212) 605-3795 fax  
association@retinalresearch.org  
www.macula.org/

Principal publication: *Eyes Only*, quarterly

Acts as a national support group for individuals and their families who are adjusting to the practical and emotional problems related to macular diseases.

**Center for Keratoconus**  
6551 Vanalden Avenue, #8  
Reseda, CA 91335  
(818) 754-8600  
info@kcenter.org  
<http://www.kcenter.org/>

Dedicated to eliminating keratoconus as a health problem through research, education, patient service, and advocacy.

**The Foundation Fighting Blindness**  
11435 Cronhill Drive  
Owings Mills, MD 21117-2220  
(410) 568-0150  
800-683-5555  
(410) 363-2393 fax  
(410) 363-7139, 800-683-5551 TTY  
<http://www.blindness.org/>

Principal publication: *Fighting Blindness News*, 6/year (3 full issues and 3 *Update* supplements)

Funds research to find treatments and cures for retinal degenerative diseases, including retinitis pigmentosa, Usher syndrome, and juvenile

and age-related macular degeneration. Provides free information and referral services.

**The Glaucoma Foundation**

116 John Street, Suite 1605

New York, NY 10038

(212) 285-0080

800-452-8266 (800-GLAUCOMA)

(212) 651-1888 fax

[info@glaucoma-foundation.org](mailto:info@glaucoma-foundation.org)

<http://www.glaucoma-foundation.org/>

Principal publication: *Eye to Eye*, quarterly

Provides funding for medical research programs on glaucoma. Has public education programs, including a worldwide toll-free hotline and workplace and community outreach screening programs. Offers free educational publications.

**Glaucoma Research Foundation**

200 Pine Street, Suite 200

San Francisco, CA 94104

(415) 986-3162

(415) 986-3763 fax

[info@glaucoma.org](mailto:info@glaucoma.org)

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

Principal publication: *Gleams*, quarterly

Dedicated to protecting the sight and independence of people with glaucoma through research and education. Has free publications on glaucoma.

**Macular Degeneration Foundation**

P.O. Box 9752

San José, CA 95157

(408) 260-1335

888-633-3937

eyesight@eyesight.org

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

Principle publication: *The Magnifier*, electronic version only

Seeks to develop cures for macular degeneration and educate patients, professionals, and the public about methods of prevention and treatment.

**Macular Degeneration International**

6700 North Oracle Road, Suite 505

Tucson, AZ 85704

(520) 795-2525

800-393-7634

(520) 797-8018 fax

info@maculardegeneration.org

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

Principle publication: *Around the Edges*, 2/year

Serves the needs of individuals with early onset (juvenile) or late onset (age-related) macular degeneration through educational and support programs.

**Macular Degeneration Partnership**

8733 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 201

Los Angeles, CA 90048

(310) 423-6455

888-430-9898 recorded information



(310) 423-0163 fax  
contactus@discoveryfund.org  
<http://www.MacD.net/>

Principle publication: *MDP Newsletter*, electronic version only

Provides information on age-related macular degeneration to the public; supports research; and coordinates advocacy efforts.

### **National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse**

One Information Way  
Bethesda, MD 20892-3560  
(301) 654-3327  
800-860-8747  
(301) 907-8906 fax  
ndic@info.niddk.nih.gov  
<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/ndic.htm>

Principal publication: *Diabetes Dateline*, 2/year

Responds to inquiries about diabetes from people with diabetes and their families, health care professionals, and the public. Distributes professional and patient education publications, including fact sheets, booklets, *The Diabetes Dictionary*, and Spanish materials.

**National Eye Institute**  
National Institutes of Health  
2020 Vision Place  
Bethesda, MD 20892-3655  
(301) 496-5248  
2020@nei.nih.gov  
<http://www.nei.nih.gov/>

Conducts and supports research on eye diseases and vision disorders.

Offers professional and public education programs that include a school curriculum on vision for grades 4-8 and a traveling exhibit. Has free publications.

**National Keratoconus Foundation**

8733 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 201

Los Angeles, CA 90048

800-521-2524

[nkcf@csmc.edu](mailto:nkcf@csmc.edu)

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

Principal publication: *NKCF Newsletter*, 3/year

Has a variety of programs to increase the awareness and understanding of keratoconus, including a patient information guide, a free e-mail-based mail list, the NKCF Registry, support groups, and an outreach and referral service.

**National Marfan Foundation**

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800-8-MARFAN

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[staff@marfan.org](mailto:staff@marfan.org)

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

Principal publication: *Connective Issues*, quarterly

Provides information about Marfan syndrome to patients, family members, and health care community; acts as a support network; and fosters research.

**National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation**

P.O. Box 959

East Hampstead, NH 03826-0959

(603) 887-2310 phone and fax

800-473-2310

info@albinism.org

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

Principal publication: *NOAH News*, 2/year

Offers information and support to individuals with albinism and hypopigmentation and their families through local chapters and a national conference. Educates the public and professionals about albinism and hypopigmentation and encourages research on the cause and treatment of these metabolic disorders.

**Research to Prevent Blindness**

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<http://www.rpbusa.org/hc2/index.asp>

Principal publication: *Eye Research News Briefs*, annual

Provides financial resources for eye research at medical institutions in the United States to develop cures and effective treatments for diseases of the visual system that damage and destroy sight. Provides free informational material on eye diseases.

## **United States Eye Injury Registry**

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Collects data on all serious eye injuries occurring in the United States by involving approximately 37 states that have eye injury registries sponsored by state societies of ophthalmology.

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Principle publication: *Light*, 6/year

Operates worldwide to prevent and treat blindness and other disabilities through medical care, rehabilitation training, and social integration programs.

### **Helen Keller Worldwide**

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Works in developing countries to establish services to prevent blindness, to restore sight, and to rehabilitate and educate persons whose vision cannot be restored. Supports village-based efforts to build and sustain programs by training health-care providers and upgrading the skills of teachers working in school programs for children who are blind. Sells selected publications.

**International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness**

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Principle publication: *IAPB News*, quarterly

Serves as a coordinating, umbrella organization whose members include the International Federation of Ophthalmological Societies, the World Blind Union, and international nongovernmental organizations that support global programs for community eye care. Mobilizes resources for blindness prevention activities such as disseminating ideas and information on successful approaches to eye-care delivery.

**International Eye Foundation**  
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Principal publication: *Eye to Eye*, annual

Aids developing countries in achieving self-sufficiency in eye health care through clinical, surgical, and preventive services; equipment, supplies, and medications; training and public education; technical assistance; and operational research.

**International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions  
Section of Libraries for the Blind**

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Principal publication: *Newsletter*, 2/year

Promotes national and international cooperation in delivering library services to readers who are blind and visually impaired and encourages research and development in all aspects of this area. Acts as a forum for discussing topics such as standardization, braille production, and the impact of new technology on library services to persons with visual impairments.

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Principal publication: *Horizons*, quarterly

Also known as the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. United Kingdom's oldest charity working to prevent and cure blindness in developing countries. Plans and supports a range of eye-care services, develops outreach programs for rural areas, and promotes the integration of children with visual impairment in mainstream schools.

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Principal publication: *World Blind*, quarterly

An international nongovernmental coalition of representatives from various associations for people who are blind and visually impaired and from agencies providing services to them. Members have regional groups for Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific. Works for the prevention of blindness, promotes the well-being of people with visual impairment, and serves as an international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of blindness.

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## **State Agencies That Administer Special Education and Rehabilitation Services**

Direct services provided through state-level special education departments include consultation with and referral to local school districts and development of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). The list is on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SDSE.htm> . Direct services provided through state-level departments of rehabilitation may include pre-vocational evaluation, vocational training and placement, job retention and job retraining, low-vision services and assistive devices, and counseling and social work services. These agencies also administer the vending facilities programs in each state. The list is on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SVRA.htm> .

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**Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Popular Literature, 1995**

**Learning Disabilities: Organizations and Resources, 1997**

**Parents' Guide to the Development of Preschool Children with Disabilities: Resources and Services, 1992**

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**Assistive Technology: A Selective Bibliography, 2000**

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