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The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Institute for Continuing Medical Education is providing this Compendium for Low Vision Services and Aids in the tri-state area as a service to our patients and Physicians.

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- 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 cassette players without charge and will start to provide digital players in 2009. Commercial players that can play the National Library Service format can be purchased elsewhere in the meantime.
- 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.
- The library hosts programs and activities that appeal to people with visual impairments. Applicants with reading or learning disabilities must be certified by a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy
- 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.

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Blindline® is a uniquely comprehensive information and referral service for people who are blind or visually impaired, their family members, caregivers, and professional service providers. The service includes a toll-free telephone number as well as a fully-accessible website, both of which are linked to a New York State database of accessible products and services, such as:

- Museums with audio and tactile exhibits
- Restaurants with Braille menus
- Local government and social service offices
- Accessible libraries
- Recreational facilities
- Rehabilitation agencies

If a particular information request cannot be found in the internal database, a Blindline® Information Specialist will continue to research the subject, and will return any findings to the caller in his or her preferred format: voice, email, Braille, large or standard sized print. In addition, Blindline® is a vocational training program, designed to enhance the performance skills of the volunteers, who themselves are blind or visually impaired.

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired proudly acknowledges its partnership with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) whose expertise in accessible web design, deployment and maintenance has been largely responsible for the success of the Blindline® website. Blindline® received primary funding from the Lavelle Fund for the Blind, along with generous support from the American Express Foundation, the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and several other sources.

The Blindline® Call Center is available **Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. For more information, or to learn how you can become a Blindline® Information Specialist, contact:

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At CCVIP we offer:

- Computer classes for visually impaired students of all ages and skill levels.
- Free monthly open house with demonstration of assistive technology.
- Computer skills assessment.
- Small group and individual instruction.
- Day, weekend, and evening classes.
- Independent practice labs.
- In addition to introductory courses, we provide instruction in the full range of the Microsoft Office suite.
- Short document Braille production, upon request, with competitive pricing.
- Monthly demonstrations and individual sessions showcasing the latest in assistive technology.

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc

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- 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 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

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www.helenkeller.org

Low Vision Eye Service

- Staffed by NYS Certified Low Vision doctors
- Offices in Kings, 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 in three counties for vision limitations.
- For more information please contact Bill Dale at 516-485-1234, extension 607 or visit our website at www.helenkeller.org.

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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.



The Jewish Guild for the Blind

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The Jewish Guild for the Blind is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian agency serving persons of all ages who are visually impaired, blind and multidisabled.

The Guild offers a broad range of programs that include:

- Medical
- Vision
- Low vision
- Psychiatric
- Rehabilitative services
- Managed long-term care (GuildNetSM)
- Residential services
- Schools and educational training programs for independent living
- Adult Day Health Care services (GuildCareSM) are offered in five cities in New York State
- SightCareSM its vision care education and training program, addresses the special needs of thousands of people nationwide
- National tele-support network for parents of children with visual impairment
- GuildScholar - scholarships for visually impaired high school students



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Lighthouse International is dedicated to fighting vision loss through prevention, treatment and empowerment. Our services include:

- **Low Vision Care:** specialized eye exams by low vision doctors evaluate a person's remaining vision and overall visual functioning to help make best use of existing vision – often with the prescription of optical devices along with instruction in how to use them effectively.
- **Psychosocial Services:** emotional support to help people – and their families – cope with vision loss at any stage of life.
- **Occupational Therapy:** training to help people utilize other senses and residual vision to improve functioning.
- **Vision Rehabilitation Therapy:** introduction of safe, new ways to manage household tasks such as cooking, personal grooming, and to manage medications and finances;
- **Orientation & Mobility:** training that helps people travel safely, take public transportation on their own, and prevent falls and injuries.
- **Career Services:** programs to enable people with vision loss to prepare for, obtain or retain a job; also match employers with qualified candidates.
- **The Diabetes Center:** education and disease management for people with diabetes-related vision loss.
- **Children's Services:** including the early intervention program, which helps infants born with vision loss reach important developmental milestones. The integrated Lighthouse preschool welcomes children who are sighted and visually impaired for an enriched educational experience for all.
- **Youth Services:** programs enable teens with vision loss to build confidence and independent living skills to achieve success in school and, ultimately, in the working world.
- **The Filomen M. D'Agostino Greenberg Music School:** offerings that encourage people of all ages to pursue their interest in, and study of, music through lessons in voice and a broad range of instruments, along with Braille and assistive music technology.
- **Print Access Center:** conversion of printed materials needed for academic, personal or professional use into accessible formats; Braille transcription, reading and recording services.
- **The Center for Education:** training for professionals and paraprofessionals in low vision care and vision rehabilitation.
- **The Arlene R. Gordon Research Institute:** advancing knowledge of how people who are visually impaired function in everyday life.
- **The Lighthouse Store:** featuring a wide selection of lighting, magnification and talking products that make living with vision loss more manageable.

Lighthouse International provides services for residents throughout the greater New York metropolitan area wherever they are needed – in the home, on-site at our Manhattan headquarters, at work or in the community.

The Museum of Modern Art

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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 pick up a MoMA Learning brochure in the Museum's main lobby or visit www.moma.org/education.

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.

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 http://moma.org/education/moma_access.html or by calling Access Programs at 212-408-6347.



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National Association for Visually Handicapped (NAVH) is a national nonprofit organization that ensures that people with limited vision do not experience limits in living. For over 55 years, we have encouraged and trained people of all ages to use their residual vision so they can remain independent and active. We provide:

- Training in using remaining vision and selecting and using the appropriate aids and lighting
- An extensive selection of vision-enhancing products, special lighting and aids for daily living
- Large print educational materials for the public and information and training for professionals
- Senior discussion groups and outreach services to seniors, including presentations on vision, eye disease, living with low vision and visual aids
- Referrals to local eye care specialists and other resources
- Assistance to organizations and businesses supplying products, services and large print publications to people with limited vision

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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 176 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, or 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 Jack Cuggy, the Camp Director at (718) 519-7000 x372 or email your request to jackcuggy@yahoo.com.

New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

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- 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 Optometric Center

SUNY State College of Optometry

Low Vision Service

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- **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 rehabilitative 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 CCTV's (video magnifiers), computer adaptations and specialized software, and other electronic low vision aids.



Verbal Imaging 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 Imaging and Touch Tours for partially sighted and blind audiences, making it one of six museums in New York to offer such programming. Free with museum admission, tours are one hour in length and take visitors on a journey interweaving the arts, history, religion, and culture of the Himalayas.

RMA guides have been trained to offer partially sighted and blind audiences 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 also touch objects, including sculpture, art materials, wood blocks, and ritual implements, and also experience some of the sacred sounds and smells of the Himalayas through incense and traditional music.

Himalayan art is known for its rich iconography and vibrant artistic tradition. Partially sighted and blind visitors will 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.

Group and individual tours are offered. To book a tour, please contact Group Visits two weeks in advance at 212-620-5000 ext. 345, or email reservations@rmanyc.org.

Rubin Museum of Art is located at 150 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011. To reach the museum by subway, visitors may take the A, C or E to 14th Street; the 1 to 18th Street; 1, 2, 3 to 14th Street; F and V to 14th Street; N, R, Q, W, 4, 5 and 6 to 14th or the L to 6th Avenue. By bus, visitors may take the B20 to the corner of 7th Avenue and 17th Street.

RMA 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.

Admission to RMA is \$10.00 for adults; \$7.00 for seniors, middle- and high-school students, and artists (with ID); \$2.00 for college students (with ID); \$7.00 for neighbors (zip codes 10011 & 10001 with ID); free for seniors the first Monday of every month; and free for children under 12 and for museum members. Gallery admission is free to all on Fridays between 7 pm and 10 pm.

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

Founded 84 years ago in 1926, VISIONS serves over 4000 individuals each year. The agency is driven by its mission to promote the independence of people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired and to educate the public about the needs and abilities of people who are blind. VISIONS was chosen in November/December 2007 by Contribute Magazine as the #2 Top Performing Charity in the medical and health category in New York.

- Individuals are eligible for VISIONS services if they experience vision loss that interferes with daily tasks or independent functioning at home, 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 color where vision loss is more prevalent, as well as people with multiple disabilities.
- VISIONS works in every neighborhood in New York City offering free presentations on vision loss, organizing community events including educational forums and creating local advisory boards. VISIONS staff are available to make presentations and offer educational workshops.

Vision rehabilitation training is provided within the five boroughs of New York City 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.
- Clinical social work counseling helps consumers adjust to deteriorating vision or blindness.

Other programs offered by VISIONS include:

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

- Provides information through a toll-free number 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 Specialist assists high school and college young adults who are blind or low vision with finding paid internships after school or during the summer.

VISIONS at Selis Manor community center program, located in housing for low-income people who are blind on West 23rd Street in Manhattan, offers services for blind tenants as well as blind community users who travel to the center from throughout the NY metropolitan area:

- Social services including 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 an after school and summer program for blind and visually impaired high school students.
- Senior services including Senior Speak Out, a weekly seminar that includes speakers on topics of interest to blind seniors, a hot dinner meal and peer networking, and the opportunity to make use of volunteer readers.
- 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.

and 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 Diane Cruz (English/Spanish) or ext. 143 Kaitlin Nelson.



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 and supervised recreation located at VISIONS at Selis Manor 135 W. 23rd Street, NY, NY. Activities include work in a snack bar, adapted computer center and other programs including bowling, dance, drama, photography, crafts, etc. Must be able to travel independently or use Access-a-ride.

For More Information Contact:

Melissa Phipps
VISIONS at Selis Manor
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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 at Vacation Camp for the Blind during February school vacation and a June session.

Funded by the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

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Family Services at VISIONS Center on Blindness (VCB) during selected weekends from October through June and during three summer sessions. Blind and 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.

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Children's vision rehabilitation services at home. Funding from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for legally blind children. Funding from private grants for children with low vision and other disabilities. Service in all five boroughs may include vision rehabilitation therapy, orientation and mobility, occupational therapy and adapted equipment.

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FREE Services for Adults with Legal Blindness and Low Vision

Vision Rehabilitation Services

VISIONS Rehabilitation Department helps blind and visually impaired individuals 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 low vision, occupational therapy, social work, and assistance with employment.

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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:

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VISIONS at Selis Manor

VISIONS at Selis Manor is an adapted and accessible learning environment and center for blind youth, adults and seniors, located at 135 West 23rd Street in Manhattan. VISIONS at Selis Manor offers employment services, support groups, adapted computer training, adapted recreation, various classes from fitness to photography, assistance with benefits, social programs such as Senior Speak Out, volunteers and social work services for people who are totally or partially blind.

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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 including people who are independent wheelchair users. Sessions offered include employment and technology training, social and wellness programs and adapted recreation. 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:

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Blindline®

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For More Information Contact:

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FREE Services for Seniors with Legal Blindness and Low Vision

Vision Rehabilitation Services

VISIONS Rehabilitation Department helps blind and visually impaired 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:

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Community Outreach and Training

Through inter-agency collaborations, VISIONS ensures that individuals who are blind have access to community-based resources. VISIONS works closely with advisory boards in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. VISIONS provides training in senior centers, assistance in utilizing senior programs in local communities, public education forums on eye disease and blindness prevention in all five boroughs of New York City, and has affiliations with 144 senior centers.

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VISIONS at Selis Manor

VISIONS at Selis Manor is an adapted learning environment and meeting place for blind youth, adults and seniors. Located at 135 West 23rd Street in Manhattan, Visions at Selis Manor offers support groups, adapted recreation from fitness to computer training, assistance with benefits, social programs such as Senior Speak Out, and various volunteer and social work services for seniors who are blind.

For More Information Contact:

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Intergenerational Volunteer Program

VISIONS Intergenerational Volunteer Program recruits and trains high school students to assist blind seniors in their homes, and at Selis Manor. The youth provide companionship, escort, assistance with reading and shopping.

For More Information Contact:

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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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845-574-4944 fax

avi@avi-eyes.org

www.avi-eyes.org

- 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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“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 (C.A.B.V.I.) 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, with the majority of those served over the age of 60. Services offered include:

- **Low Vision-** Certified low vision specialists provide evaluation and prescribe low vision optical aides and devices to maximize remaining vision.
- **Independent Living Services-** Vision Rehabilitation Therapists, in conjunction, with Occupational 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. We offer employment opportunities in manufacturing, shipping/receiving and call centers.

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

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

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518-792-3421
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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 – Headquarters & Training School

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Fax: 914-243-2232

Website: www.guidingeyes.org

Email: info@guidingeyes.org

President & CEO: William Badger

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

P.O. Box 9000

Bellport, NY 11713-9000

Phone: (631)286-1600, X1365

FAX: (631)286-1647

Valerie Lewis, Director

vlewis@suffolk.lib.ny.us

The Long Island Talking Book Library is a sub regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

- 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
301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
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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
- Training for business enterprise managers
- 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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NEW YORK LOW VISION SERVICES

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Assistive Technology Advocacy Center of Disability Rights New Jersey

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Website: <http://www.drnj.org/atac/>
<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.

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- **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

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- **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.



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NJ Foundation for the Blind

Building Skills and Confidence for Independent Lives

Mission Statement

NJ Foundation for the Blind (NJFFB) is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. Its mission is to enable adults who have become blind or visually impaired to lead independent and productive lives through a non-residential vision rehabilitation program consisting of assistive technologies, home management skills, orientation and mobility and supplemental electives.

Courses

- **Comprehensive Program** consists of core vision rehabilitation courses, computer courses, and a supplemental electives program. The Comprehensive Course is available as a one-day or two-day a week schedule for ten weeks. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- **One Day Essential Low Vision Program** is an innovative approach for small groups of visually impaired adults and their family caregivers who need immediate assistance and resources.

Core Courses

Home Management
Get Up and Go
Hot Dots (Uncontracted braille)

Computer Courses

Surfing the Web
Email with Outlook Express
Microsoft Word
Advanced Email and Internet

Fitness Courses

Yoga
Fit & Balance

Music Courses

Music Studio
African Drum Circle
Chorus
One-on-One Musical Instruction

The Arts at Diamond Spring

Artist Studio
Art Therapy
Pottery Studio
Weaving Studio
Sewing Studio

Elective Courses

Healthy Cooking
Nutrition
Horticulture
Bingo Blast

*electives based on student interest & staff availability

Community Resources

Vision Store: Low Vision Aids and Catalog Ordering. Call for hours.

Tutorials: One Hour Tutorials on Optical Aids, Assistive Technologies and Cane Travel
Arts at Diamond Spring: Musical Performances and Art Exhibitions open to the community.

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

The Seeing Eye

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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 14,000 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

LOW VISION PRODUCT CATALOGS

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