



Low Vision Resource Center

Resource Directory For People with Visual Impairment

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www.viewfinderlowvision.com

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The ViewFinder Low Vision Resource Centers

ViewFinder

Low Vision Resource Center

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Mesa, AZ 85210
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ViewFinder

Low Vision Resource Center

10001 W. Bell Road #115
Sun City, AZ 85251
623-583-2800

When ordinary eyeglasses, contact lenses, surgery or intraocular implants cannot provide sharp vision, an individual is said to have low vision. **Macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and retinitis pigmentosa**, along with many other eye diseases, are causes of visual impairment or low vision.

People with low vision still have useful vision and should seek out the care of an eye doctor who specializes in vision rehabilitation. Doctors Lynne Noon and Kevin Huff of *the ViewFinder Low Vision Resource Centers specialize in Low Vision Rehabilitation Optometry*. They focus on how their patient functions visually in day-to-day life. Our doctors help their patients enhance their remaining vision with special low vision eyeglasses and microscopic and telescopic low vision aids. The doctors will also prescribe other optical and non-optical low vision aids as well as appropriate low vision services. They help their patients perform their daily activities despite a visual impairment so that they can enjoy life and remain independent.

Our doctors do not take the place of your current optometrist or ophthalmologist. They will work in conjunction with your eye doctor to maximize your remaining vision. To make an appointment for a low vision evaluation with one of our doctors, please call either *ViewFinder* location. Medicare and most private insurances are accepted for your examination

Our Low Vision Programs:

- ◆ Visual impairment rehabilitation
- ◆ Macular degeneration rehabilitation
- ◆ Diabetic retinopathy rehabilitation
- ◆ Driving with visual impairment program
- ◆ Stroke and brain injury rehabilitation
- ◆ Nystagmus rehabilitation
- ◆ Job re-entry program
- ◆ Computer modification for people with visual impairment

Occupational Therapy Services:

Independent living services, bioptic driving, eccentric viewing, reading rehabilitation and low vision aid training. In-home services are available.

Low Vision Products

ViewFinder offers a comprehensive selection of custom and pre-made magnification products and helpful daily living aids to assist people with visual impairment. We also serve as a low vision resource center to provide information on other services and agencies available to assist those with visual impairment.

Visit our offices to see our large selection of new and used Personal Electronic Reading Machines (Video Magnifiers), magnifiers, spectacle mounted and hand held telescopes, task lamps, sewing and craft aids, large print games, books, calendars, watches, clocks, calculators and large print kitchen aids. We also have a large selection of talking products.

Monthly Lecture

You can join the *ViewFinder* staff and one of our doctors at either the Mesa or Sun City office for our informative monthly low vision rehabilitation lecture. On the last Thursday of every month, you will learn how to improve your vision so that you can read, enjoy your hobbies and maintain your independence. You will be able to address your specific vision questions. There will be a hands-on demonstration and refreshments will be served. Please call for the time and a reservation, as seating is limited.

Dr. Lynne Noon and Dr. Kevin Huff can be seen for appointment at the following locations. Medicare and other health insurances are accepted.

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Low Vision Resource Center
1830 S. Alma School Rd. Suite 131
Mesa, AZ 85210
480-924-8755

ViewFinder
Low Vision Resource Center
10001 W. Bell Road, Suite 115
Sun City, AZ 85351
623-583-2800

Our doctors also see patients at satellite offices in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona and Yuma. Please call our toll free number 866.924.8755 or 480.924.8755 to schedule an appointment at one of these offices.

If you live in Arizona, New Mexico or Las Vegas, please call for an in-home demonstration of our Personal reading Machines (CCTV's, Video Magnifiers). Call ViewFinder for product information and product brochures. Our toll-free number is 866.924.8755.

www.ViewFinderLowVision.com

Advocacy & Membership Organizations

Arizona Center for Disability Law

5025 E. Washington St., Suite 202
Phoenix, AZ 85034
602.274.6287 (Voice/TTY)
800.927.2260 (Toll Free Voice/TTY)
www.azdisabilitylaw.org

100 North Stone Ave., Suite 305
Tucson, AZ 85701
520.327.9547 voice
877.327.7754 Toll Free TTY
800.922.1447 Toll Free voice

The Arizona Center for Disability Law is a not for profit public interest law firm, dedicated to protecting the rights of individuals with a wide range of physical, mental, psychiatric, sensory and cognitive disabilities.

Arizona Council of the Blind

A statewide affiliate of the American Council of the Blind

3124 E. Roosevelt, Suite 4
Phoenix, AZ 85008-5088
602.273.1510
www.acb.org/arizona

The Arizona Council of the Blind is a nonprofit IRS exempt organization made up of blind, visually impaired, and sighted Arizonans, with a broad diversity of occupations and professions. Primary focus is on blindness-related issues - especially on dealing effectively with the challenges of daily living, whether a person be a child or adult, regardless of the cause of sight impairment.

Arizona Office of Americans with Disabilities Act

100 N. 15th Avenue, Suite 361
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602.542.6276
www.azada.gov

Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.

210 E. 64th Street
New York, NY 10065
212.605.3719
www.macula.org/

This association is an entirely volunteer non profit association dedicated to helping people with macular degeneration lead independent lives. Members will receive regular newsletters and medical research updates.

Commission on Disability Issues

P.O. Box 27210
Tucson, AZ 85276
520.791.3221

Foundation Fighting Blindness

National Headquarters

11435 Cron Hill Drive
Owing Mills, MD 22117
1.800.683.5555
TDD# 800.683.5551

The mission of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

Governor's Council on Blindness & Visual Impairment

1789 West Jefferson 930A
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602.364.1773

www.azdes.gov/rsa/gcbvi.asp

The Purpose of the Council to provide a mechanism to ensure that the specialized needs of blind and visually impaired Arizonans are addressed effectively; encourage broad participation by other organizations and individuals interested in blind and visually impaired Arizonans and develop and periodically review and recommend goals and objectives to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired Arizonans, based upon identified needs and gaps in existing services.

National Federation of the Blind

9014 East Bellevue Street
Tucson, AZ 85715

Bob Kresmer – President – 520.733.5894

Phoenix Chapter: Vicki Hodges, President – 602.956.0230

Tucson Chapter: Lee Kerr, President – 520.751.9989

East Valley: Mary Hartle-Smith, President – 480.890.8943

www.nfbarizona.com

The National Federation of the Blind is the largest and most influential membership organization of blind people in the United States. The NFB improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. It is the leading force in the blindness field today and the voice of the nations blind.

Arizona State University Disability Resources for Students, Matthews Center
P.O. Box 873202
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287
480.965.1234
www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc

Arizona Western College (Yuma) Student Services
928.344.7629
www.azwestern.edu

Chandler-Gilbert Community College Student Services
480.732.7050
www.cgc.maricopa.edu

Eastern Arizona College Disabilities Specialist
800.678.3808
www.eac.edu

Estrella Mountain Community College
623.935.8925
www.emc.maricopa.edu

Gateway Community College Disabled Student Services
602.392.5041
www.gwc.maricopa.edu

Glendale Community College Disabled Student Services
623.845.3080
www.gccaz.edu

Mesa Community College, Special Services
1833 West Southern Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85202
480.461.7447

Mohave Community College Disability Services
800.664.2832
www.mohave.edu
Contact Susan Brasby – 928.757. 0813
Kingman Campus: 928.757.0848
Lake Havasu Campus: 928.757.0813
Mohave Valley Campus (Bullhead City): 928.704.7794

Northland Pioneer College Office of Special Needs
928.532.6178 (Sandy Maynor)

928.532.6179

www.npc.edu

Paradise Valley Community College Special Services

602.787.7174

www.pvc.maricopa.edu

Phoenix College Disability Support Services

602.285.7477

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISABLED STUDENT RESOURCES:

520.206.7286

www.pima.edu

Desert Vista Campus: 520.206.5151

Downtown Campus: 520.206.7286

East Campus: 520.206.7699

Northwest Campus: 520.206.2209

West Campus: 520.206.6688

Rio Salado Campus Disability Services Resources

480.517.8562

www.rio.maricopa.edu

Scottsdale Community College Disability Resources

480.423.6517

www.sc.maricopa.edu

South Mountain Community College

602.243.8027

www.smc.maricopa.edu

**University of Arizona Department of Special Education\
Rehabilitation & Scholl Psychology**

P.O. Box 210069

Tucson, AZ 85721-0069

520.621.0945

www.ed.arizona.edu/vi/

Employment Services

Arizona Foundation for the Blind - Career Connect

www.afb.org/careerconnect

Arizona Human Resources

602.542.5482

www.hr.state.az.us

DES Rehabilitation Services Administration

602.542.3332

www.az.des.gov/rsa

Arizona Industries for the Blind

3013 West Lincoln Street

Phoenix, AZ 85009

602.269.35131

www.azdes.gov/aib/

Business Enterprise Program

4620 North 16th Street, Suite A206

Phoenix, AZ 85016

602.266.9070

Job Services:

602.542.5216 (state human resources office)

www.azdes.gov/rsa

Vocational Rehabilitation

www.azdes.gov/rsa/blind.asp

Vocational Rehabilitation offers a wide range of services to help individuals prepare for, or maintain employment. Each person works directly with a vocational rehabilitation counselor in the development of an individualized written rehabilitation plan.

Phoenix:	602.266.9579
Gilbert:	480.926.5100
Phoenix:	623.873.4310
Tucson:	520.629.0225
Coolidge:	520.723.5351
Globe:	928.425.3101
Payson:	928.474.0784
Benson:	520.586.3520 X129
Douglas:	520.364.4446
Safford:	928.428.7700
Sierra Vista:	520.459.6901
Nogales:	520.287.6538
Flagstaff:	928.637.7960
Prescott:	928.277.2788
Yuma:	928.329.9462
Show Low:	928.532.4300
Cottonwood:	928.649.6873
Kingman:	928.753.5105
Bullhead City:	928.704.7776
Lake Havasu:	928.680.6007

American Council of the Blind Job Connection

202.467.5081

www.acb.org/acbjobs/index.html

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired

3767 East Grant Road

Tucson, AZ 85705

520.795.1331

www.saavi.us

Financial Assistance

American Council of the Blind

2200 Wilson Boulevard,

Suite 650,

Arlington, VA 22201

800.424.8666

www.acb.org

The Arizona Council of the Blind runs a credit union for the blind and visually impaired. The council also assists with scholarships and employment referrals. They are advocates for the blind and visually impaired.

Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

3427 North 32nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85018-5606

602.954.1723

The center provides "sight" surgery and hearing aids for low income patients. They also provide vision and hearing screenings and collect old glasses and hearing aids for distribution.

Lions Vision Center

1016 North 32nd Street, Suite 2

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602.267.7573

Lions Club members sponsor low income families, individuals and children on AHCCCS with eye examinations, referrals to Ophthalmologists and Optometrists for eyeglasses and eyeglass repairs.

Eye Care America

P.O. Box 429098

San Francisco, CA 94142

877.887.6327

www.eyecareamerica.org

A program offering medical eye care medical information to disadvantaged adults 65+ years.

Sight Conservation

4620 North 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602.266.7284
www.azdes.gov

Sight Conservation offers a range of eye care services to AHCCCS eligible adult Arizonians who cannot otherwise obtain them. Services are provided through frequent sight conservation clinics held at convenient locations statewide.

Independent Living & Rehabilitation Services

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

3100 East Roosevelt
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.273.7411
www.acbvi.org

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living - ABIL

5052 East Washington Street, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85034
800.280.2245
www.abil.org

Assist to Independence: Center for Independent Living

P.O. Box 4133,
Tuba City, AZ 86045
928.283.6261
www.assisttoindependence.org

Direct Center for Independence

1023 North Tyndall Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719
800.342.1853
Voice/TDD: 520.624.6452
www.directilc.org

New Horizons Independent Living Centers

8085 East Manley Drive, Suite 1
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
928.772.1266

Rehabilitation Instructional Services

4620 North 16th Street, Suite A-20

Phoenix, AZ 85016

602.266.9286

www.azdes.gov/rsa/ris.asp

Bridget Parker: 520.723.5351 X1067 Coolidge, AZ

Mimi Marsh: 520.364.1291 X2234 Douglas, AZ

Barbara Steen: 928.779.4147 Flagstaff, AZ

Todd Steen: 928.779.4147 X3987 Flagstaff, AZ

Glen Culp: 520.629.0225 X225 Tucson, AZ

Joan Ellis: 602.266.9286 Phoenix, AZ

Paul Ziebell: 928.277.2788 Prescott, AZ

Nancy Lacock: 520.629.0225 X233 Tucson, AZ

Alfred Zulli: 520.629.0225 Tucson, AZ

Jose Padilla: 928.329.9462 Yuma, AZ

Through rehabilitation teaching, the client develops adaptive skills for carrying on activities in daily living which are made difficult by lack of normal eyesight. Orientation and mobility services help individuals learn how to be fully aware of their surroundings and how to move about safely, efficiently and independently around home, school, job and town. Services may be provided in the person's home, at the Rehabilitation Instructional Services Skills Center, or at any other location where applied skills can be developed most effectively.

Services Maximizing Independent Living and Empowerment - S.M.I.L.E

1929 South Arizona Avenue, Suite 15

Yuma, AZ 85364

928.329.6681

www.smile-az.org

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired – SAAVI

3767 East Grant Road

Tucson, AZ 85716

520.795.1331

www.saavi.us

Sun Health Olive Branch Senior Center

Visually Impaired Program

10765 Peoria Avenue

Sun City, AZ 85351

623.974.6791

www.sunhealth.org/olivebranch1

Library, Radio & Media

ACB Radio

www.acb.org

Accessible web based radio for persons who are visually impaired.

American Printing House for the Blind

1839 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky 40206-0085

502.895.2405

800.223.1839

www.aph.org

Instructional aids, tools, and supplies, accessible books (large type, Braille, recorded and computer disc)

Arizona Newsline & Jobline

The Braille and Talking Book Library

1030 N. 32nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

1-888-882-1629

Phoenix: 1.800.414.5748

Tucson: 520.624.3720

Prescott: 520.717.0726

AZ Newsline and Job Line help the visually impaired gain access to news and job information. Newsline delivers today's, yesterday's, and the previous Sunday's issue of selected newspapers via touch tone phone to the homes of those who are eligible to subscribe. Users can easily choose which newspaper, section, and article to "read" by keying in their selection on their touch tone telephone. National newspapers available are The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times and USA Today.

Arizona State Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

Arizona Braille & Talking Book Library

A Regional Library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress

1030 North 32nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602.255.5578

www.lib.az.us/braille

Braille, talking books, magazines and play back equipment are loaned to individuals who cannot hold, handle or read conventional printed matter due to a visual or physical limitation. There is no charge for the books, equipment, supplies or mailings. This service is provided by the federal government through the Library of Congress in conjunction with the Arizona State Library.

Aurora Ministries/ The Bible Alliance

P.O. Box 621

Bradenton, FL 34206

941.748.3031

www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org

The Bible Alliance provides audio bibles in 70 languages world wide as a gift to individuals who are visually impaired. Some materials are available on MP3 disks. MP3 materials

may be used with most computers, MP3 and DVD players and on CD players that are MP3 compatible. All languages are available on audio cassette.

Blindskills, Inc

P.O. Box 5181
Salem, OR 97304
800.860.4224
www.blindskills.com

Blindskills publishes *Dialogue*, a magazine written specifically for persons who are blind or are experiencing sight loss. Each issue contains ideas and solutions intended to enhance the readers' quality of life. Dialogue is published in three formats: Braille, large print, computer diskette and 4-track cassette tape.

Braille Plus

PO Box 1104
Gilbert, AZ 852—
480.782.0223
www.brailleplus@aol.com
Document conversion.

Choice Magazine Listening

85 Chanel drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
516.883.8280 1-888-724-6423
www.choicemagazinelistening.org/

Choice Magazine Listening is a free audio anthology for a special audience of blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or dyslexic subscribers. They offer the best of contemporary magazine writing without charge, to adults unable to read standard print.

Christian Record Services, Inc

1224 East Saguaro Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85020
www.christianrecord.org

Descriptive Video Services - WGBH

800.333.1203 Braille Catalog
888.818.1999 Large Print Catalog
www.mail.wgbh.org/wgbh/access/access.html

The Descriptive Video Service is a free national service that makes television more accessible to visually impaired audiences. The service is carried by a number of public television stations across the country. Viewers can receive DVS with a stereo TV or video-cassette recorder that includes the Separate Audio Program (SAP) channel or with a stereo TV adapter. New services include Motion Picture Access Project (MOPIX) which makes films accessible to moviegoers, who are visually impaired. New Releases are playing at MOPIX equipped theatres.

Guideposts

212.684.0404

www.guideposts.com

Guideposts is a monthly, inspirational, interfaith, non-profit, publication written by people from all walks of life. Its articles present tested methods for developing courage, strength and positive attitudes through faith in God. Available in large print.

Jewish Heritage for the Blind

800.995.1888

www.jhbinternational.org

Individuals who have a vision problem may obtain a free copy of the Extra-large Print *Hebrew/English Passover Haggadah* which will enhance their Seder table.

LDS Materials for the Visually Impaired & Physically Disabled

Salt Lake City Distribution Center

1999 W. 1700 South

Salt Lake City, UT 841041

800.537.5950 - Customer service ext. 5951

National Library Services for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

1291 Taylor SR N.W.

Washington, DC 20542

www.loc.gov/nls/

1.888.657.7323 to connect to a local library

202.707.5100

TDD: 202.707.0744

Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of Braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail.

Newsline

602.357.4408 Maricopa County Registration

800.255.5578 Outside Maricopa County Registration

www.lib.az.us/Braille/newsline.cfm

Access to local and national newspapers through the telephone.

New York Times Large Type Weekly

229 W. 43rd Street

New York, NY 10063

800.631.2580

www.homedelivery.nytimes.com

Phoenix Public Library

Special Needs Center

Burton Barr Central Library

1221 N. Central

Phoenix, AZ 85004

602.261.8690

www.phxlib.org

Large print, Braille and recorded books and magazines as well as books about disabilities are also available. A Kurzweil Reading Machine which voices a page of text after scanning it is available for use by appointment. The library also provides large print books and talking books by mail to home bound readers

Readers Digest Large Print Edition

P.O. Box 3010

Harlan, Iowa 51593

www.rd.com/offer/rdlp/giftown06_53/index.jsp?trkid=lrd_google2

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Phoenix Location:

3627 E. Indian School Road, Suite 108

Phoenix, AZ 850108

602.468.9144

Sun Cities Location:

9449 North 99th Avenue

Peoria, AZ 85345

623.977.6020

This is a non-profit organization providing recorded textbooks, library services and other educational resources to the visually impaired.

Sun Cities Talking News

9447 N 99th Ave

Peoria, AZ 85345

623.933.0985

Volunteers, mainly from the Sun City area, donate their time and expertise to record stories of interest about the Sun Cities, Youngtown and the Northwest Valley that were published in the **Arizona Republic**, the **Phoenix Gazette**, **The Daily News-Sun** and the **Sun Cities Independent**. The group also reads books for the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library and is responsible for taping every issue of **Modern Maturity Magazine**.

Sun Sounds Radio

2323 W. 14th Street

Tempe, AZ 85281

480.774.8300

www.sunsounds.org

Tuscon: 520.296.2400

Flagstaff: 928.779.1775

Yuma: 866.967.8300

A radio reading service for the visually impaired or physically handicapped. Sun Sounds service is free. Special receivers are on loan to all eligible persons.

Thorndike Press

P.O. Box 159
Thorndike, Maine 04986
1.800.223.1244
The largest collection of titles offered in Large Print.

Miscellaneous Services

IRS Tax Information

Legally blind persons are entitled an income tax exemption. The #907 Tax Information for Handicapped and Disabled Individuals publication is available from the IRS. Contact your tax preparer or the IRS for information.

Social Security Administration

Disability Information: 1.800.772.1213
www.ssa.gov/disability/

U.S. Postal Service

The postal service provides free postage for applicable articles mailed for use by the legally blind. Contact your post office for more information.

Recreation & Arts

Arizona Game and Fish Department

5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086
602.942.3000
Legally blind persons are not required to obtain a fishing license.

ARTability

P.O. Box 25159
Phoenix, AZ 85002
602.757.8118 Phoenix
520.631.6253 Tucson
ARTability serves as a bridge between arts organizations and individuals with disabilities by promoting accessible programming in the arts and facilitating connections to services and resources.

Association of Disabled American Golfers

303.922.5228
Email: adag@usga.org
www.allbusiness.com/membership-organizations/membership-organizations/4048260-1.html
Disabled Golfers Association holds tournaments and provides frequent clinics to golfers who are blind and or otherwise disabled.

Lions Camp Tatiyee, Inc.

5280 White Mountain Blvd.

Lakeside, AZ 85929

928.537.4781

480.380.4254

www.arizonalionscamp.com

The Mission of Lions Camp Tatiyee is to provide a camping experience for challenged individuals, among their peers, that encourages independence and self-confidence.

Tactile Museum for the Blind & Visually Impaired

c/o The Foundation for Blind Children

1235 E. Harmont Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85020-3864

602.331.1470

www.azcentral.com/thingstodo/venues/Tactile_Museum_for_the_Blind_and_Visually_Impaired_850145552166

The museum is an Arizona non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a forum for the presentation of art for the blind and visually impaired. The museum encourages artists to create art experienced by senses other than, but not excluding, sight. The art is also used as an education tool for the sighted to gain insight into the blind experience.

United States Association of Blind Athletes

33 North Institute Street

Colorado Springs, Co 80903

719.630.0422

www.usaba.org

The USABA is a community based organization of the United States Olympic Committee. The United States Association of Blind Athletes enhances the lives of blind and visually impaired people by providing the opportunity for participation in sports and physical activity.

Services for Children

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & the Blind

1200 West Speedway

Tucson, AZ 85754

520.770.3213

www.asdb.state.az.us

Regional Cooperative Programs - Northern Region (Phoenix, Lakeside, & Flagstaff)

Contact: Judy Paris 602.336.6804

Regional Cooperative Programs - Southern Region (Tucson and Yuma areas)

Contact: Bob Fitzsimmons 520.770.3229

Visually Impaired Preschoolers Center

1200 W. Speedway
Tucson, AZ 85754
520.770.3002

The school has residential and day programs for children ages preschool through 21. There is an outreach program for infants. The school is through the State of Arizona. There is a regional service program in Flagstaff (520) 774-0655.

The Foundation for Blind Children

1235 East Harmont Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85020
602.331.1470
www.the-fbc.org

This is a private, non-profit agency providing education, counseling and teaching of independent living skills to blind and visually impaired children from birth to age 22, and their families. The foundation provides a comprehensive system of services which will optimize the blind or visually impaired child's development and consequent opportunities to lead to a more a more independent productive life.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired Arizona Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired

Julie Urban, Regional Representative at Large
NAPVI Legislative Committee
Glendale, AZ 85302
Home Phone: 623.931.2313

The National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired strives to help parents of children who are visually impaired or blind to recognize what is "right" with their child and what their child can do. The association provides support, information and services to families of children who are visually impaired or blind

Support Groups & Social Centers

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

3100 East Roosevelt
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.267.0453
www.acbvi.org

Fellowship Square

6945 East Main St
Mesa , AZ 85207
Contact Dorothy Wolf: 480.654.0877

East Valley RP/Macular Degeneration Support Group

423 East Fairmont Drive

Tempe, AZ 85282
Contact Jacque Olsen: 480.894.0712

Friendship Village Low Vision Support Group

2645 East Southern Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85282
480.831.3155
Contact Anne Ahland: 480.831.3155

Granite Reef Senior Center Low Vision Support Group

1700 North Granite Reef
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
480.312.1719
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors/social/groups.asp

Lake Havasu Senior Center

450 Acoma Blvd. South
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406-7786
Contact Catherine Walenty: 928.855.2491

Leisure World Low Vision Support Group

908 South Power Road
Mesa, AZ 85206

Light Beams

Faith Presbyterian Church

16000 North Del Webb Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85351
623.974.3611
www.scfaith.org

National Federation of the Blind – Tucson Chapter

Contact: Bob Kresmer 520.733.5894

Red Mountain Active Adult Center

7550 East Adobe Road
Mesa, AZ 85207
480.218.2221

Services Maximizing Independent Living and Empowerment – S.M.I.L.E

1929 South Arizona Avenue, Suite 12
Yuma, AZ 85364
928.329.6681
www.smile-az.org

Sierra Vista Low Vision Support Group

Oscar Yrun Community Center

3020 East Tacoma Street

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Contact Bill Hall: 520.458.6441

Sight & Sound Low Vision Support Group

Devonshire Senior Center

2802 East Devonshire
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602.256.3131

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired- SAAVI

3767 East Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
www.saavi.us

The Springs Low Vision Group

6220 East Broadway
Mesa, AZ 858206
480.985.8900

Sun Cities Visually Impaired Program

Olive Branch Senior Center

10765 West Peoria Avenue
Sun City, AZ 85351
623.974.6797

Sun City West Support Group

14495 RH Johnson Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623.584.0040

Tucson Society of the Blind

Christ Presbyterian Church

6565 East Broadway
Tucson, AZ
Contact Janna Peyton: 520.886.1913

Verde Valley Support Group

Contact John Hunter: 928.639.2300

Via Linda Senior Center Low Vision Support Group

10440 East Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ 85259
480.312.8451
www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors/social/groups.asp

VIP Low Vision Support Group

Meets at Santa Catalina Villas
Tucson, AZ

Contact Ed Karn: 520.797.0996

Vision Impaired Person Support Group

Mohave County Nutrition Center

Trane Road

BullHead City, AZ 86442

928.758.0718

Yavapi Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired

440 North Washington

Prescott, AZ 86301

928.778.0055

Yuma Center for the Visually Impaired

2770 South Avenue B

Yuma, AZ 85364

928.726.1310

www.yccc.yumaed.org/local/new_page_141.htm

Technology Assessment, Training & Equipment

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

3100 East Roosevelt

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602.273.7411

www.acbvi.org

Arizona Industries for the Blind

Rehabilitation Services Unit

3012 West Lincoln Street

Phoenix, AZ 85009

602.269.5131

www.azdes.gov/aib

The Arizona Technology Access Program – AzTAP

Northern Arizona University

2400 North Central Avenue, Suite 300

Phoenix, AZ 85004

602.728.9534

www2.nau.edu/aztap-p/

ViewFinder

Low Vision Resource Center

1830 South Alma School Road, Suite 131

Mesa, Arizona 85210

480.924.8755

10001 West Bell Road, Suite 115
Sun City, Arizona 85351
623.583.2800

Transportation & Volunteer Support Services

About Care

480.802.2331

www.aboutcare.org

A nonprofit serving homebound Chandler/Gilbert residents; provides transportation, shopping and errands, friendly visits, reassurance phone calls, and minor home repairs.

American Red Cross – Reserve-A-Ride

Prescott

928.776.1015

Apache Junction Salvation Army

605 E. Broadway

Apache Junction, AZ 85219

480.982.4110

Apache Junction Ride Choice

Apache Junction Active Adult Center

1035 North Idaho Road

Apache Junction, AZ 85219

480.474.5265

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living

5025 East Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85034

TTY: 602.256.2245

602.256.2245

Transportation available to ABIL clients in the metro areas.

Arizona Department of Transportation – Handicapped Parking Permits

602.255.0072 Phoenix

520.629.9808 Tucson

800.251.5866 Elsewhere in Arizona

Visual Impairment alone does not entitle a person to a permit. There must also be a physical disability.

Ahwatukee Seniors Yopas Outreach Program

1030 East Liberty Lane

Phoenix, AZ 8504

www.volunteermatch.org/search/org26479.jsp

Cab Connection

7447 East Indian School Road, Suite 205
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480.312.8747

Offers subsidized taxi rides in the form of vouchers to disabled or elderly residents of Scottsdale.

Cottonwood Area Transit System

928.634.2287

Dial-A-Ride

www.tripplan.phoenix.gov

Chandler/Gilbert/Mesa/Scottsdale/Tempe: 480.633.0101

East Valley: 480.633.7221

El Mirage: 623.937.0500

Glendale: 623.930.3500

Guadalupe: 480.730.3092

Peoria: 623.773.7435

Phoenix: 602.253.4000

Surprise: 623.583.1688

Yuma: 928.539.7076

Duet: Partners in Health & Aging

555 West Glendale Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
602.274.5022

Green Valley – Friends in Deed

Green Valley, AZ
520.625.1150
www.gvrec.org/information/l3.htm

Interfaith Community Care

17749 North EL Mirage Road, Suite 1
Surprise, AZ 85374
623.584.4999

www.Interfaithcommunitycare.org

Operates in Peoria, Sun City, Youngtown, Surprise, Sun City West and El Mirage.

Mesa Senior Services Caring Corps

247 North Macdonald Street
Mesa, Arizona 85201
480.962.5612

Receive help with medical and health transportation, grocery shopping, caregiver relief, visual/paperwork assistance, telephone reassurance and home visits. There is no charge for these services. Services are available in Mesa, Gilbert and Chandler.

Mountain Line Transit

Flagstaff
928.779.6624

Maricopa Special Transportation Service

602.372.4280
866.550.2211

Reserve-A-Ride

3045 South 22nd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009
602.495.5293 Phoenix
602.262.4501 Sun City areas
www.phoenix.gov/pubtrans/reserve.html

Santa Cruz Council on Aging Transportation Services

Nogales, AZ
520.287.7422

Scottsdale-Ollie the Trolley

Scottsdale, AZ
480.970.8130
www.olliehetrolley.net

Sun Cities Area Transit – SCAT

Sun City, Sun City West, Youngtown
623.977.8363

Sun Lakes Neighbors Who Care, Inc.

10450 East Riggs Road, suite 11
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
www.neighborswhocare.com
Serves Sun Lakes, Sunbird and Springfield
Eligible individuals receive free transportation from volunteers in the Sun Lakes and South Chandler areas. Other services include meals, companion service and shopping.

Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority

602.253.5000
www.valleymetro.org/transit/howto.htm
Disabled bus passes are available

Van Tran

Tucson, AZ
520.798.1000
www.vantran.org

Verde Valley Caregivers

Verde Valley, AZ
928.204.1238

www.vvcaregivers.org

Willcox Catholic Community Services

Willcox, AZ
520.559.1194

Yuma Transportation

www.azmetro.com/Yumatransportation.html

Utilities Assistance

AT&T Accessible Communications Product Center

1.800.222.0300

AT&T provides free directory assistance for people who cannot look up phone numbers because of a visual impairment. Your eye doctor must sign this form.

Cox Telephone

www.Cox.com/Arizona

Cox provides free directory assistance for people who cannot look up phone numbers because of a visual impairment. Your eye doctor must sign this form.

Department of Economic Security Utilities Assistance

DES assists senior citizens (over 65) needing financial help get a discount for telephones.

Note: For electricity and natural gas, citizens should call their provider companies.

800.582.5706

QWEST

Special Needs Center

1.800.223.3131

QWEST provides free directory assistance for people who cannot look up phone numbers because of a visual impairment. Your eye doctor must sign this form.

Salt River Project (SRP)

602.236.8888

SRP will send large print monthly electric bills to customers who are visually impaired.

Southwest Gas

10851 North Black Canyon Highway

Phoenix, AZ 85029

602.861.1999

Southwest Gas provides technical assistance in labeling gas appliances for the visually impaired.

Veterans Services & Support Groups

Blinded Veterans Association

Northern Arizona Regional Group

VA Medical Center

650 East Indian School Road
Eye Clinic Room A2101
Phoenix, AZ 85012
602.277.5551 X7776

**Blinded Veterans Association
Southern Arizona Regional Group****VA Medical Center**

3601 South 6th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85723
520.629.4643
www.bva.org

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Services****VA Medical Center**

650 East Indian School
Phoenix, AZ 85012
602.277.5551
www.phoenix.med.va.gov

**Veterans Medical Center
Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center**

3601 South 6th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85723
520.629.4643

This is a state of the art, 34 bed training facility for blinded veterans residing in the Southwestern U.S. When basic low-vision services available at VA eye clinics are no longer sufficient for veterans with low vision, intermediate and advanced low vision clinics provide clinical examinations, a full spectrum of vision-enhancing devices, and specialized training in visual perceptual and visual motor skills. Eye care specialists and Blind Rehabilitation Specialists work together in interdisciplinary teams to assure that Veterans and active duty Service Members with low vision are provided with technology and techniques to enhance their remaining sight and facilitate their independence.

Visual Impairment Services Team

500 Highway 89N
Prescott, AZ 86313