Resources for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Services

Department of Health Services
Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1 West Wilson Street
PO Box 2659
Madison, WI 53701-2659
888-879-0017
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/blind/

Statewide group of rehabilitation specialists who teach independent living skills to people in their homes, provide group trainings, demonstrate adaptive equipment, and provide information and referral services.

Department of Workforce Development
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
201 East Washington Avenue
PO Box 7852
Madison, WI 53707
800-442-3477
dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/

Vocational rehabilitation counselors who work with consumers, employers, and other partners to obtain, maintain, and improve employment for people with disabilities.
Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired
754 Williamson Street 800-783-5213
Madison, WI 53703 wcblind.org/
Nonprofit agency that offers white canes, adaptive equipment, information and referral, low vision evaluations, rehabilitation teaching, computer training, and scholarships.

Vision Forward Association
912 North Hawley Road 855-878-6056
Milwaukee, WI 53213 vision-forward.org/
Nonprofit organization that offers adaptive equipment, housing, low vision evaluations, rehabilitation services for children and adults, computer training, support groups, volunteer opportunities, and social and recreational programs.

Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss
4505 West Superior Street 800-422-0833
Duluth, MN 55807 www.lcfvl.org/
Nonprofit organization that provides information and referral services, rehabilitation training, transition programs for students, support groups, adaptive aids, and assistive technology.

Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library
813 West Wells Street 800-242-8822
dpi.wi.gov/talkingbooks/
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1436
Library that lends books and magazines in audio and braille formats to people with vision loss, physical disabilities, or reading disabilities.
Adaptive Aids Retailers

**Independent Living Aids**
137 Rano Street 800-537-2218
Buffalo, NY 14207 [www.independentliving.com/](http://www.independentliving.com/)

**Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss Store**
4505 West Superior Street 218-624-4828
Duluth, MN 55807 [www.lcfvl.org/](http://www.lcfvl.org/)

**The Low Vision Store**
2200 University Avenue W #200 800-871-8780
Saint Paul, MN 55114 [www.lowvisionstore.org/](http://www.lowvisionstore.org/)

**LS&S**
145 River Rock Drive 800-468-4789
Buffalo, NY 14207 [www.lssproducts.com/](http://www.lssproducts.com/)

**Maxi Aids**
42 Executive Boulevard 800-522-6294
Farmingdale, NY 11735 [www.maxiaids.com/](http://www.maxiaids.com/)

**Vision Forward Store**
912 North Hawley Road 414-615-0111
Milwaukee, WI 53213 [vision-forward.org/store/](http://vision-forward.org/store/)

**Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired Sharper Vision Store**
754 Williamson Street 608-237-8100
Madison, WI 53703 [store.wcblind.org/](http://store.wcblind.org/)
**Advocacy Groups**

**Wisconsin Statutory Council on Blindness**
1 West Wilson Street  
PO Box 2659  
Madison, WI 53701-2659  
800-879-0017  
[scob.wisconsin.gov/](http://scob.wisconsin.gov/)

A statutory body appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services to advise and make recommendations to state agencies on issues regarding blindness.

**Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired**
800-783-5213  
[wcbblind.org/](http://wcbblind.org/)

**American Foundation for the Blind**
800-783-5213  
[www.afb.org/](http://www.afb.org/)

**National Federation of the Blind**
410-659-9314  
[nfb.org/](http://nfb.org/)

**American Council of the Blind**
800-424-8666  
[acb.org/](http://acb.org/)

**Prevent Blindness**
800-331-2020  
[www.preventblindness.org/](http://www.preventblindness.org/)

**Foundation Fighting Blindness**
800-683-5555  
[www.blindness.org](http://www.blindness.org)
Education

Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired
700 Elm Street  800-323-4238
Winnetka, IL 60093  www.hadley.edu/

Nonprofit institution that offers distance learning courses for people who are blind and visually impaired, their families, and professionals in the blindness field, at low or no cost to the student.

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1700 West State Street  800-832-9784
Janesville, WI 53546-5344  www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us/

Public school and statewide outreach, administered by the Department of Public Instruction, that offers an educational facility for children who are visually impaired and summer rehabilitation program for adults with vision loss.

Wisconsin Lions Camp
3834 County Road A  715-677-4969
Rosholt, WI 54473  www.wisconsinlionscamp.com/

Camp that provides educational camping experiences free of charge to eligible children and adults with disabilities from Wisconsin.

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