
**Resource Directory of Massachusetts Agencies
and Organizations Serving Individuals Who
Are Blind or Visually Impaired**

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Definition of Legal Blindness in Massachusetts

Legal blindness is defined as central vision (or acuity) of not more than 20/200 in the better eye with correction (glasses), or as having peripheral fields (side vision) of no more than 20 degrees diameter or 10 degrees radius.

Agencies and Organizations

**Access Center
Boston Public Library, Copley Square
700 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02114**

Phone: (617) 536-5400 x2295
TTY: (617) 536-7055
Email: lharris@bpl.org
Web: www.bpl.org

The center offers special materials, formats, equipment and personnel to serve library patrons with disabilities.

**Braille & Talking Book Library
Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472**

Phone: (617) 972-7240 or (800) 852-3133 (New England only)
Fax: (617) 972-7363
TTY: (617) 972-7690
Email: library@perkins.org
Web: www.perkinslibrary.org

The library provides talking books and playback equipment, audio described movies, large print, braille materials and downloadable audio books to individuals unable to read regular print due to a visual, physical or reading disability. Institutions providing services to individuals with disabilities are also eligible for the program.

Other services include reference, reader advisory services, the Newslime program (telephone-based access to daily newspapers), foreign language materials, children and young adult programming and services, and presentations to community groups. Offers several newsletters including *Dots & Decibels*, *PerKIDS* and *El Narrador* (in Spanish), operates a braille repair program, a CCTV loan program and has in-house adaptive computer equipment available for borrowers use. Fee-for-service braille production and digital audio recording services are also available.

Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458

Phone: (617) 969-6200 or (800) 852-3131

Fax: (617) 969-6204

Email: info@carroll.org

Web: www.carroll.org or www.carrolltech.org

The Carroll Center for the Blind offers a wide variety of services to people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Services are available both at the Carroll Center and in the community. Services provided include:

- The Residential Rehabilitation Program provides intensive training in daily living, travel and communication skills for adults whose vision loss is affecting their independence. Special programs are available for elders.

- The Computer Training Services Program offers instruction in the use of speech, large print and braille access software and hardware to individuals of all ages who are blind or have low vision, or professionals in the field of blindness. Training takes place at the Carroll Center's Technology Center, at the home, office or classroom of the client or online through the Carroll Tech distance learning program.
- The Community Mobility Program provides instruction in safe travel skills to individuals of all ages at home, work or school.
- The Educational Services Program provides school consultation services, student evaluation and professional development courses, and itinerant teachers of the visually impaired who deliver direct instruction.
- Job Placement Services offers clients resources, support and guidance for those seeking employment, or who need worksite adaptations or consultation in order to remain on the job.
- Summer programs are offered to youth ages 8-22 from June-August including: the Youth-In-Transition Program, focusing on social development and independent living readiness; the Real World of Work Program emphasizing work experience in the community; the Computing for College program helps college-bound youth in improving their computer skills and preparing for college life; and Carroll Kids / Teens provides enrichment opportunities for school-age children.
- Outdoor Recreational Programs include: sailing, hiking, canoeing, skiing, and tandem biking. Adaptive techniques are taught with the help of trained volunteers, and participants can enjoy local and overnight trips throughout New England.

- The Carroll Center Store sells a wide range of adaptive devices and products such as white canes, talking and braille watches, timers, clocks, labeling supplies and much more.

Deafblind Contact Center
215 Brighton Avenue
Allston, MA 02134

Phone: (617) 254-4925 (TTY/VCO)
Relay: 711
Email: DBCC_MA@yahoo.com

The center provides social/recreational activities and SSP (support service provider) volunteer services during events for people who are deafblind. Training and education about deafblindness is also provided.

Descriptive Video Service (DVS)
WGBH Educational Foundation
One Guest Street
Boston, MA 02135

Phone: (617) 300-3490 or (800) 333-1203 (DVS info line)
Fax: (617) 300-1035
Email: access@wgbh.org
Web: access.wgbh.org

WGBH's Descriptive Video Service, part of the Media Access Group at WGBH, provides video description for all types of media, from public and commercial television programs to DVDs to first-run and IMAX films. DVS also works with organizations and individuals to increase the availability of description through marketing efforts within the media industry and advocacy within the disability community.

**Greater Boston Guild for the Blind (GBGB)
1980 Centre Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Phone: (617) 323-5111
Fax: (617) 323-6687
Email: info@gbgb.org
Web: www.gbgb.org

GBGB provides personal support and rehabilitation for adults who are visually impaired or legally blind. Clients age 50 and over from eastern and Central Massachusetts are served through center-based or community programs. GBGB also offers the following programs:

- The Adult Day Health program offers a variety of daily activities, featuring pottery/ceramics, woodworking, music, sewing, & crafts. Special events compliment the program, along with classes in orientation and mobility. Daily living skills are covered including adaptive cooking, medication organization, aids for reading/writing, money management and more. A nurse, social worker and activity assistants comprise the team, which provides case management along with the client's primary care team. Coordination of door-to-door transportation and a hot meal are provided.
- Community-based education programs (short-term, comprehensive, group programs) focus on vision rehabilitation, health education, information/resources and counseling.
- The Adaptive Technology Center is equipped with hardware and software capable of producing large print, braille and/or speech output. Evaluation and training services are provided.

- The Diabetes Outreach and Education Program increases awareness about diabetes and diabetes related services. Through education, clients learn how to reduce the risk of complications such as blindness and kidney disease.
- In-home rehabilitation and training services are also available for blind and visually impaired adults, to restore or improve independent functioning and increase safety in activities of daily living at home.

Helen Keller Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults (HKNC)
New England Regional Office
152 Lincoln Road, PO Box 266
Lincoln, MA 01773

Phone: (781) 259-7100 (Voice/TTY)
Fax: (781) 259-4014
Email: HKNC1mab@aol.com

HKNC provides evaluation, counseling, training, placement and related services for youth and adults who are deafblind.

Lowell Association for the Blind (LAB)
169 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor
Lowell, MA 01852

Phone: (978) 454-5704
Fax: (978) 458-5563
Email: labinfo@lowellassociationfortheblind.org
Web: www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org

The LAB Adult Program provides social, educational and recreational activities, adaptive computer training, information and referral, and braille instruction. Youth Programs are available for ages 5 and up, as well as the VIP (Visually Impaired Partners) mentoring Program; the BEST Program (Blind Exploration of Science and Technology), and the STEP (Senior Teen Employment Program) offers teens an opportunity to explore a variety of careers with paid internships. The LAB/TIC Radio Reading affiliate offers programming five days a week. LAB is also an authorized agent for the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program.

**MAB Community Services
(Formerly Massachusetts Association for the Blind)
Administrative Headquarters
200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02446**

Phone: (617) 738-5110
Email: benglish@mabcommunity.org
Web: www.mabcommunity.org

**Greater Boston
313 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone:** (617) 926-4232
Fax: (617) 926-1412

**Central Massachusetts
799 Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
Phone:** (508) 854-0700 or (888) 613-2777
Fax: (508) 854-0733

**Western Massachusetts
267 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040**

Phone: (413) 734-7343

Fax: (413) 747-7224

MAB Community Services offers a variety of programs and services to several populations.

- The Developmental Disabilities Program provides residential and vocational services to adults with developmental disabilities.
- The Orientation and Mobility Program provides travel training to adults with vision loss and developmental disabilities in Southeastern Massachusetts. Referrals are made through the Department of Mental Retardation.
- Brain Injury Services for adolescents and adults through residential programs provide special education and rehabilitation services to people with acquired brain injuries.
- Vision Community Services provides assistance to people coping with sight loss. Services include self-help support groups coordinated by visually impaired peer leaders; and training in elders' homes. Information and referral, volunteer readers and shoppers, and education and outreach are also provided.

**MABWorks
51 Spring Street
Watertown, MA 02472**

Phone: (617) 926-7026

MABWorks is an employment training program in Watertown for adults with a variety of disabilities.

**Massachusetts Braille Literacy Advisory Council (BLAC)
C/O Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472**

Phone: (617) 972-7249

Fax: (617) 972-7363

The BLAC is a 9-member advisory council, appointed by the Board of Education, which provides policy advice and guidance to the Massachusetts Department of Education on various aspects of implementation of the Massachusetts Braille Literacy Act. Areas covered include braille instruction, literacy assessment for students with visual impairments, teacher certification and recertification, MCAS testing, and availability of instructional materials and braille production activities.

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)

Web: www.mass.gov/mcb

Field Offices:

Region 1

436 Dwight Street, Room 109

Springfield, MA 01103

Phone: (413) 781-1290 or (800) 332-2772 (MA only)

Fax: (413) 746-8570

Region 2

390 Main Street, Suite 620

Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: (508) 754-1148 or (800) 263-6944 (MA only)

Fax: (508) 752-7832

Region 5**800 Purchase Street, Suite 290****New Bedford, MA 02742****Phone:** (508) 993-6140 or (800) 989-4411 (MA only)**Fax:** (508) 992-4147**Regions 3, 4, and 6****48 Boylston Street****Boston, MA 02116****Phone:** (617) 727-5550 or (800) 392-6450 (MA only)**TTY:** (800) 392-6556**Fax:** (617) 626-7685

MCB is the state agency mandated to provide services to legally blind persons of all ages. Services include vocational rehabilitation and employment services, independent living, social services for elders, low vision services, orientation and mobility training, rehabilitation teaching, advocacy, services for children & families, and services to deafblind individuals.

Ferguson Industries for the Blind**11 Highland Avenue****Malden, MA 02148****Phone:** (781) 324-1800**Fax:** (781) 324-3111

MCB also operates Ferguson Industries for the Blind which employs people who are legally blind, who may also have other disabilities. Products and services include linens, brooms, mops, writing instruments, and braille production.

Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE)**350 Main Street****Malden, MA 02148**

Phone: (781) 338-3000
Web: www.doe.mass.edu

DOE specialists provide information on the educational rights and opportunities provided for all students in Massachusetts. DOE's Problem Resolution System ensures that students receive services to which they are entitled.

**Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation (DMR)
MCB/DMR Partnership Project for Orientation & Mobility/
Low Vision Services
PO Box 144
Wrentham, MA 02093**

Phone: (508) 384-5539
Fax: (508) 384-5612
Web: www.mass.gov/dmr/visionloss

Services, training and resources are available to adults in the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation's Southeast Region. Provides Orientation and Mobility and Low Vision Services to adults with cognitive disabilities and vision loss including vision impairment, legal blindness, and deafblindness. Referrals are made by DMR Service Coordinators or MCB Case Managers. Check the web page for services in your area.

**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
27-43 Wormwood Street
Boston, MA 02210**

Phone: (617) 204-3600 or (800) 245-6543
Independent Living Number: (617) 204-3851
Fax: (617) 727-1354
Web: www.state.ma.us/mrc

Provides information about Independent Living Centers serving individuals with disabilities including those who are visually impaired.

**National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115**

Phone: (617) 266-6160 or (888) 965-8965
Fax: (617) 437-0456
Email: orders@nbp.org
Web: www.nbp.org

Produces low-cost braille books and magazines covering subjects such as computers, cooking, philosophy, children's print & braille books, women's issues, news and commentary, grammar and writing. Free print or braille catalog upon request.

**Northeast Vision Consultants, Inc.
PO Box 486
Sharon, MA 02067**

Phone: (781) 784-0642
Fax: (781) 784-0642

Provides contractual vision education, orientation and mobility services to children and adults in Eastern Massachusetts. All teachers are Massachusetts certified.

**Perkins School for the Blind
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472**

Phone: (617) 924-3434
Fax: (617) 926-2027
Email: info@perkins.org
Web: www.perkins.org

Perkins offers a wide range of programs and services:

- **Perkins Outreach Services**

Phone: (617) 972-7432

Fax: (617) 972-7586

Email: outreach@perkins.org

Outreach weekend, vacation, and summer programs offer students a chance to share each other's company, ideas, seminars, trips and specific skill instruction. Services to professionals and parents including a one-week summer institute with college credit, and short-term conferences and workshops are also offered.

- **Strategies for Life: Perkins Outreach Services for Ages 55 and Older**

Phone: (617) 972-7643

Fax: (617) 972-7586

Email: outreach@perkins.org

Rehabilitation specialists provide evaluation, direct teaching and consultation to individuals and families in the community. At the Elder Learning Center (ELC), older adults with vision loss come together for training via adult education classes on the Perkins campus. Workshops are provided to community organizations.

- **Perkins Training Center**

Phone: (617) 972-7712

Email: perkinstrainingcenter@perkins.org

In-service training program development, financial support, and planning assistance are offered to internal groups and external organizations. The goal is to increase access to training, throughout New England, for educational professionals who work with children who are blind, visually impaired or who have multiple disabilities.

- **The New England Deafblind Consortium**

Phone: (617) 972-7515

Fax: (617) 972-7354

Email: nec@perkins.org

Technical assistance, consultation and training for professionals and families of infants, children and youth who are deafblind in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

- **Perkins Products/Howe Press**

Phone: (617) 972-7308

Email: perkinsproducts@perkins.org or howepress@perkins.org

Web: www.perkinsproducts.org (online shopping available)

Perkins Products / Howe Press manufactures and sells the Perkins Braille, the most widely sold braille writer in the world, as well as many other products for people who are blind or visually impaired.

- **Adaptive Technology: A Division of Perkins Products
PO Box 778**

Amesbury, MA 01913

Phone: (978) 462-3817

Fax: (978) 462-3928

Web: www.perkinsproducts.org

Carries a range of products that cover all blindness, low vision and learning disability needs involving information access, data storage and manipulation. Adaptive Technology provides training, technical support and system installation; operates a retail center selling products to assist visually impaired individuals in their everyday lives. Call for directions or to schedule an appointment at the demonstration center.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
2067 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140

Phone: (617) 577-1111
Fax: (617) 577-1113
Email: boston@rkbd.org
Web: volboston@rkbd.org

Provides a lending library of educational books on CD and recording services for people with print disabilities.

- **Lenox Studio**
55 Pittsfield-Lenox Road
Lenox, MA 01240
Phone: (413) 637-0889
Fax: (413) 637-3516
Email: jbeaudin@rkbd.org
- **Williamstown Studio**
622-A Main Street
Williamstown, MA 01267
Phone: (413) 458-3641
Fax: (413) 458-3641
Email: jowens@rkbd.org

Sight Loss Services, Inc. Cape Cod and the Islands
87 School Street, PO Box 414
West Dennis, MA 02670

Phone: (508) 394-3904 or (800) 427-6842 (MA only)
Fax: (508) 398-0792
Email: sightloss@verizon.net
Web: www.sightloss.org

Provides peer support, information and referral, and home independence training to individuals on Cape Cod and the Islands who are learning to cope, function safely and independently with the loss of vision.

**Talking Information Center (TIC)
PO Box 519, 130 Enterprise Drive
Marshfield, MA 02050**

Phone: (781) 834-4400 or (800) 696-9505
Fax: (781) 834-7716
Email: general@ticnetwork.com
Web: www.ticnetwork.com

TIC is the radio reading service for persons with a print disability in Massachusetts. The following are TIC affiliates that provide access to information to residents with a print disability in their areas:

- **Audible Local Ledger**
Deer Crossing Mall
681 Falmouth Road
Mashpee, MA 02649
Phone: (508) 539-2030 or (877) 255-2260
Fax: (508) 539-2080
Email: allradio@verizon.net
Web: www.audiblelocalledger.org
- **Audio Journal**
799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
Phone: (508) 797-1117
Fax: (508) 757-4074
Email: info@audiojournal.net
Web: www.audiojournal.net
- **Berkshire Talking Chronicle**
8 Depot Street
Dalton, MA 01226
Phone: (413) 684-0880
Email: berkshiretalkingchronicle@verizon.net
Web: www.talkingchronicle.org

- **Lowell Association for the Blind (LAB/TIC)**
169 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
Phone: (978) 454-5704
Fax: (978) 458-5563
Email: labinfo@lowellassociationfortheblind.org
Web: www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org
- **Metro-West Radio Reading Service**
Framingham State College
510-C College Center
Framingham, MA 01701
Phone: (508) 626-4627
Email: dennisp@frc.mass.edu
- **Valley Radio Reading Service**
1 Federal Street, Building 104-2R, Suite 2
Springfield, MA 01105
Phone: (413) 747-7337
Email: kcduro1@yahoo.com

Talking Book Library
Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: (508) 799-1730 or (800) 762-0085 (MA only)
Fax: (508) 799-1676
TTY: [\(508\) 799-1724](tel:(508)799-1724)
Email: talkbook@cwmars.org
Web: www.worcpublib.org/talkingbook

Provides cassette and large type books, descriptive videos and print/braille materials to individuals in Central Massachusetts unable to read regular print due to a visual, physical or reading disability. The Library offers in-house adaptive equipment, outreach services and a periodic newsletter *Talking Booklet*.

**Vision Coalition Massachusetts (formerly Prevent
Blindness Massachusetts)
100 Cummings Center #330C
Beverly, MA 01915**

Phone: (978) 524-9500
Fax: (978) 922-2300
Email: alan@thevisioncoalition.org
Web: www.thevisioncoalition.org

The Vision Coalition Massachusetts promotes eye health and safety education, screening, information and referral, and research to prevent blindness.

**Visions of Independence
34 Crest Road Way
Sharon, MA 02067**

Phone: (781) 784-3320
Fax: (781) 784-3520
Email: visions.of.independence@verizon.net
Web: www.visionsofindependence.com

Occupational therapists provide training in daily living skills to low vision patients. In addition, patients are informed about available resources and programs. In home services are provided and covered by Medicare and other insurance providers.

**Veterans Administration: Visual Impairment Services
Team (VIST)**

The VIST Coordinator/case manager has major responsibility for the coordination of all services for blind or visually impaired veterans and their families. Both service connected and non service connected veterans are eligible for VIST services. Your VIST coordinator can be contacted through the following facilities:

- **Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital**
200 Springs Road
Bedford, MA 01730
Phone: (781) 687-2344
- **VA Boston Healthcare System**
150 South Huntington Avenue
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: (617) 232-9500 x 2847
- **VA Boston Healthcare System**
Brockton Campus
940 Belmont Street
Brockton, MA 02301
Phone: (508) 583-4500 x 63451
- **Providence VA Medical Center (Cape Cod and the Islands)**
830 Chalkstone Avenue
Providence, RI 02908-4799
Phone: (401) 273-7100 x1522
- **North Hampton VA Medical Center**
421 North Main Street
Leeds, MA 01053
Phone: (413) 483-4040 x 2058
- **VA Boston Healthcare System**
West Roxbury Campus
1400 VFW Parkway
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Phone: (857) 203-5651

- **Worcester Outpatient Clinic**
605 Lincoln Street
Worcester, MA 01605
Phone: (508) 856-0104 x 7023

Massachusetts Accessible Instructional Materials Library
(formerly Vision Resource Library)
Baylies Cottage, Massachusetts Hospital School
3 Randolph Street
Canton, MA 02021

Phone: (781) 575-1843 or (800) 827-7772
Fax: (781) 575-9601
Email: cbrasier@mavisionlib.org
Web: www.mavisionlib.org

Statewide library which loans large print, braille and tangible teaching aids to legally blind students, ages 0-22, who are registered with the library.

Consumer Groups

Association of Blind Citizens
PO Box 246
Holbrook, MA 02343

Phone: (781) 961-1023
News and Activities Line: (781) 654-2000
Fax: (781) 961-0004
Email: president@blindcitizens.org
Web: www.blindcitizens.org

Bay State Council of the Blind
(Massachusetts affiliate of the American Council of the Blind)
57 Grandview Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: (781) 893-6251
Info Line: (617) 923-4519
Email: bhachey@comcast.net
Web: www.acb.org/baystate

Blinded Veterans Association
Massachusetts Chapter
JFK Federal Building, Room 1500-D
Boston, MA 02203

Phone: (617) 303-5691
Fax: (617) 303-5571
Email: edward.eckroth@va.gov
Web: www.bva.org

**Foundation Fighting Blindness
Massachusetts Chapter
232 Winchester Street #2
Brookline, MA 02446**

Phone: (617) 739-3169
Email: donnelly663@gmail.com
Web: www.blindness.org

**Massachusetts Association for Parents of the Visually
Impaired (MAPVI)
3 Millgate Road
Kingston, MA 02364**

Phone: (339) 832-1569
Email: reilystinytots@msn.com
Web: www.mapvi.org

**National Association of Parents of Children with Visual
Impairments (NAPVI)
PO Box 317
Watertown, MA 02471**

Phone: (617) 972-7441 or (800) 562-6265
Fax: (617) 972-7444
Email: napvi@perkins.org
Web: www.napvi.org

**National Federation of the Blind of Massachusetts
140 Wood Street
Somerset, MA 02726**

Phone: (508) 679-8543
Fax: (508) 676-2802
Email: nfbmass@verizon.net
Web: www.nfbmass.org

Visually Impaired and Blind Users Group (VIBUG)
C/O National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115

Phone: (617) 266-6160 x48
Email: president@vibug.org
Web: www.vibug.org

Eye Care Referral Services

EyeCare America (formerly National Eye Care Project)
PO Box 429098
San Francisco, CA 94142

Phone: (800) 222-3937 (Spanish or English)
Web: www.eyecareamerica.com

Massachusetts Medical Society
Waltham Woods Corporate Center
860 Winter Street
Waltham, MA 02451

Phone: 781-893-4610 or -3800 (M-F, 8 AM - 4 PM EST)
Email: info@massmed.org
Web: www.massmed.org

Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
PO Box 236
Boston, MA 02133

Phone: (617) 426-2020
Fax: (978) 372-6753
Web: www.mseps.org

Massachusetts Society of Optometrists
1071 Worcester Road, Suite 12
Framingham, MA 01701

Phone: 508-875-7900 or (888) 676-9596
Fax: 508-875-0010
Web: www.massoptom.org

Low Vision Clinics

Many of the Low Vision Clinics listed below have affiliate or satellite offices outside of Boston. Please check with them for more information.

William P. Beetham Eye Institute, Joslin Diabetes Clinic
1 Joslin Place
Boston, MA 02215

English: (617) 732-2552
Spanish: (617) 732-2490
Chinese/Asian Languages: (617) 732-2606
Russian: (617) 732-2576
Other Interpreter Services: (617) 732-2440
Web: www.joslin.org

Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458

Phone: (617) 969-6200 or (800) 852-3131
Web: www.carroll.org

MAB Community Services
267 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Phone: (413) 734-7343
Web: www.mabcommunity.org

MAB Community Services
799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606

Phone: (508) 854-0700 or (888) 613-2777
Web: www.mabcommunity.org

Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary Vision Rehabilitation Center
243 Charles Street
Boston, MA 02114

Phone: (617) 573-4177
Fax: (617) 573-4178
Web: www.meei.harvard.edu

New England Eye Care Center
260 Tremont Street, 9th Floor, Biewend Building
Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 636-5743
Web: www.mylasikdoc.com

Perkins New England Eye Low Vision Clinic
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: (617) 972-7296
Fax: (617) 972-7297
Email: LowVision@Perkins.org

Veteran's Administration Low Vision Clinic

Please see the *Veterans Administration: Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST)* listing under **Agencies and Organizations**.

Telephone Information Tapes

MAB Community Services

Greater Boston: (617) 923-2790
Central Massachusetts: (508) 556-2790
Western Massachusetts: (413) 351-2790

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Phone: (617) 626-7660 or (800) 392-6450 (MA only)
TTY: (800) 392-6556

Adaptive Technology Vendors

ABISee, Inc.
141 Parker Street, Suite 201
Maynard, MA 01754

Phone: (978) 201-9302 or (800) 681-5909
Fax: (253) 595-3623
Email: info@abisee.com
Web: www.abisee.com

ABISee, Inc. is a leading developer of advanced high technology products for people with visual impairment. Manufactures a reading and scanning device for blind people and an advanced scanning solution for people with low vision.

Adaptive Technology, a division of Perkins Products
(see Perkins Products/Howe Press)

Please see the *Adaptive Technology* listing under *Perkins School for the Blind* under **Agencies and Organizations**.

Adaptivision
PO Box 388
Lynnfield, MA 01940

Phone: (781) 334-2004 or (800) 407-6486
Fax: (781) 334-4793
Email: info@videomagnification.com
Web: www.videomagnification.com

Distributor of video magnification products.

All inPlay
PO Box 104
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Phone: (413) 585-9690
Email: support@allinplay.com
Web: www.allinplay.com

An internet based online community where blind, low vision, and fully sighted people can play a variety of games together as equals. All inPlay has created a fully accessible online subscription game service that requires no assistive technology in order to participate. The games are designed to provide fun, community and friendship worldwide.

Duxbury Systems, Inc.
270 Littleton Road, Unit 6
Westford, MA 01886

Phone: (978) 692-3000
Fax: (978) 692-7912
Email: info@duxsys.com
Web: www.duxburysystems.com

Duxbury Systems provides software for braille production. The software can produce contracted and uncontracted braille, mathematics, and technical braille.

Freedom Scientific
43 Oxford Drive
Franklin, MA 02038

Phone: (508) 520-9639
Fax: (508) 520-9737
Email: billk@freedomscientific.com
Web: www.freedomscientific.com

Manufacturer of technology products for those who are blind or vision impaired, and products for the special education and learning disability markets. Contact: Bill Kilroy.

Kurzweil Educational Systems, Inc.
14 Crosby Drive
Bedford, MA 01730

Phone: (781) 276-0600 or (800) 894-5374
Fax: (781) 276-0650
Email: info@kurzweiledu.com
Web: www.kurzweiledu.com

Develops reading technology for people with learning disabilities and those who are blind or visually impaired. The roots of the company extend back to 1976 and the introduction of the world's first reading system, the Kurzweil Reading Machine.

MagniSight
PO Box 340
Charlton, MA 01507

Phone: (800) 232-3329
Email: magnisight@aol.com
Web: www.magnisight.com

Founded and operated by people with low vision, MagniSight provides CCTVs.

Verizon Center for Customers with Disabilities
280 Locke Drive, 4th Floor
Marlboro, MA 01752

Phone: (800) 974-6006 (Voice or TTY)
Fax: (508) 451-1786
Email: VCCD@verizon.com

Verizon provides with accessible telecommunications products and services including equipment and accessible format billing statements to customers with disabilities.

Massachusetts Independent Living Centers

Ad-Lib, Inc.
215 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: (413) 442-7047
Fax: (413) 443-4338
Web: www.adlibcil.org

**Boston Center for
Independent Living**
60 Temple Place, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 338-6665
Fax: (617) 338-6661
Web: www.bostoncil.org

**Cape Organization for the
Rights of the Disabled**
1019 Iyannough Road, #4
Hyannis, MA 02601

Phone: (508) 775-8300
Fax: (508) 775-7022
Web: www.cilcapecod.org

**Center for Living and
Working, Inc.**
484 Main Street, Suite 345
Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: (508) 798-0350
Fax: 508-797-4015
Web: www.centerlw.org

**Independence Associates,
Inc.**
141 Main Street 1st Floor
Brockton, MA 02301

Phone: (508) 583-2166 or
(800) 649-5568
Fax: (508) 583-2165
Web: www.iacil.org

**Independent Living Center
of the North Shore and
Cape Ann, Inc.**
27 Congress Street, Suite
107
Salem, MA 01970

Phone: (978) 741-0077
Fax: (978) 741-1133
Web: www.ilcnsca.org

**MetroWest Center for
Independent Living**
280 Irving Street
Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: (508) 875-7853
Fax: (508) 875-8359
Web: www.mwcil.org

**Multi-Cultural Independent
Living Center of Boston
110 Clayborne Street
Dorchester, MA 02124**

Phone: (617) 288-9431
TDD: (617) 288-2707
Fax: (617) 265-2597
Web: www.milcb.org

**Northeast Independent
Living Program
20 Ballard Road
Lawrence, MA 01843**

Phone: (978) 687-4288
Fax: (978) 689-4488
Web: www.nilp.org

**Southeast Center for
Independent Living
66 Troy Street, Suite #3
Fall River, MA 02720**

Phone: (508) 679-9210
Fax: (508) 677-2377
Web: www.secil.org

**STAVROS
210 Old Farm Road
Amherst, MA 01002**

Phone: (413) 256-0473
Fax: (413) 256-0190
Web: www.stavros.org

Other Disability-Related Services

Architectural Access Board (AAB)
Massachusetts Department of Public Safety
One Ashburton Place, Room 1310
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: (617) 727-0660 or (800) 828-7222
TTY: (617) 727-0019
Fax: (617) 727-0665
Web: www.mass.gov/aab

AAB is a regulatory department with the legislative mandate to develop and enforce regulations to make public buildings accessible to, safe, functional, and usable by persons with disabilities.

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)
40 Harvard Mills Square, Suite 3
Wakefield, MA 01880

Phone: (781) 245-2212
Fax: (781) 245-5212
Email: cast@cast.org
Web: www.cast.org

Research and development organization that works to expand opportunities for all people, especially those with disabilities, through innovative uses of technology.

Cultural Access Consortium (CAC)
PO Box 2584
Framingham, MA 01703

Phone: (617) 357-1864
Email: jberk@culturalaccess.org
Web: www.culturalaccess.org

CAC champions the belief that the arts must be accessible to all regardless of physical or cognitive abilities or financial means. CAC is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with community members to provide institutions and human service agencies with access to technical support, information and referral, and community outreach initiatives.

**Disability Law Center (DLC)
11 Beacon Street, Suite 925
Boston, MA 02108**

Phone: (617) 723-8455 or (800) 872-9992
TTY: (617) 227-9464 or (800) 381-0577
Fax: (617) 723-9125
Email: mail@dlc-ma.org
Web: www.dlc-ma.org

**Western Massachusetts Office:
32 Industrial Drive East
Northampton, MA 01060**

Phone: (413) 584-6337 or (800) 222-5619
TTY: (413) 582-6919
Fax: (413) 584-2976
Email: mail@dlc-ma.org
Web: www.dlc-ma.org

DLC's mission is to provide legal advocacy on disability issues that promote the fundamental rights of all people with disabilities to participate fully and equally in the social and economic life of Massachusetts.

**The Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC)
New England ADA Center
Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.
180-200 Portland Street, First Floor
Boston, MA 02114**

Phone: (617) 695-0085 (V/TTY)
Fax: (617) 482-8099
Email: adainfo@newenglandada.org
Web: www.adaptiveenvironments.org/neada/site/home

DBTAC is a national network of 10 regional DBTAC: ADA Centers that provide the most complete and experienced services for up-to-date information, referrals, resources, and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to businesses, employers, government entities, and individuals with disabilities, as well as media and news reporters.

**Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC)
50 Ross Way
Quincy, MA 02169**

Phone: (617) 727-6465 (V/TTY) or (800) 245-0062 (V/TTY)
Fax: (617) 727-6469

DPPC is an independent state agency whose purpose is to investigate and remediate cases of abuse of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens. DPPC's mission is to protect adults with disabilities from the abusive acts or omissions of their caregivers through investigation, oversight, public awareness and prevention.

**Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
Office of Transportation Access
Ten Park Plaza, Suite 4730
Boston, MA 02116**

Phone: (617) 222-5123 or (800) 533-6282
TTY: (617) 222-5415
Fax: (617) 222-6119
Email: theride@mbta.com
Web: www.mbta.com/traveling_t/disability_index.asp

The Ride is the MBTA's para-transit program, which provides accessible transportation to eligible people who can not effectively use public transportation because of a visual, physical, cognitive or mental disability.

**Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program
Easter Seals MA
484 Main Street #600
Worcester, MA 01608**

Phone: (508) 751-6431
Fax: (508) 751-6444
Web: www.massatloan.org

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program assists individuals with disabilities and their family members in securing financing to help them afford those devices they need to live independent lives. Assistance is provided throughout the loan process, and the program is able to provide different types of help dependent upon each individual's unique circumstances.

**Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
(MCAD)
One Ashburton Place, Room 601
Boston, MA 02108**

Phone: (617) 994-6000
Fax: (617) 994-6024
Web: www.mass.gov/mcad

MCAD mission is to ensure equality of opportunity by enforcing the Commonwealth's anti-discrimination laws in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit, mortgage lending, and education.

The Commission works to eliminate discrimination and advance the civil rights of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through law enforcement (filing of complaints, investigations, mediations and conciliations, hearings and litigation) and outreach (training sessions, public education, and testing programs). The Commission also reviews and advises the Governor's Cabinet Offices concerning the state's affirmative mandates in employment, housing, construction contracting and minority and women business enterprises.

Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD)
One Ashburton Place, Room 1305
Boston, MA 02108

Phone: (617) 727-7440 or (800) 322-2020

Fax: (617) 727-0965

Web: www.mass.gov/mod

The Client Services Unit of MOD provides information and referral and advocacy to assist people with disabilities in all aspects of life including vocational rehabilitation, independent living, housing, transportation, architectural and communication access. MOD houses the federally mandated Client Assistance Program. The Community Services Unit provides training and technical assistance to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to their communities.

Professional Preparation Programs & Support Organizations

Association of Massachusetts Educators of Students with Visual Impairments (AMESVI)
Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458

Phone: (617) 969-6200 x237 or (800) 852-3131
Fax: (617) 969-6204
Web: www.amesvi.org

AMESVI is an association of professionals who work with students with vision impairments. AMESVI's goal is to improve and enrich the lives of students with visual impairments through advocacy, professional development, and the education of others, including members of the general public, regarding the unique educational needs of students with visual impairments.

Boston College Department of Teacher Education: Special Education, Curriculum, and Instruction
120 Campion Hall
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Phone: (617) 552-4239

New England's only program for preparing teachers of students who are deaf-blind.

Northeast Chapter of the Association for the Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired (NE/AER)

Web: www.neaer.umb.edu

NE/AER supports professionals who provide education and rehabilitation services to people with visual impairments,

offering professional development opportunities, publications, and public advocacy. NE/AER is a volunteer-based organization with a board of directors, working committees, an annual conference, discipline specific workshops and a newsletter for members. For further information on NE/AER or to contact the leadership, visit the website.

**Northeast Regional Center for Vision Education
Institute for Community Inclusion
20 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116**

Phone: (617) 287-7623

Fax: (617) 287-4352

Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments

Coordinator: (617) 287-7595

Professional Development Coordinator: (617) 287-7633

Web: www.nercve.umb.edu

The Research Training and Technical Assistance Center in Visual Impairments provides the basis for regional collaboration in funding and support for teacher education, professional development, curriculum development and Research in Education of Students with Visual Impairments

**University of Massachusetts Boston Graduate College of
Education
Vision Studies Program
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125**

Phone: (617) 287-4385

Fax: (617) 287-7727

Web: [www.umb.edu/academics/departments/gce/
programs/curriculum_instruction/programs/vision/](http://www.umb.edu/academics/departments/gce/programs/curriculum_instruction/programs/vision/)

Provides opportunities for graduate studies in visual impairments.

