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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 Newsline 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 brailler 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.
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 complement 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
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 Brailler, 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@rfbd.org
Web: volboston@rfbd.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@rfbd.org

- Williamstown Studio
  622-A Main Street
  Williamstown, MA 01267
  Phone: (413) 458-3641
  Fax: (413) 458-3641
  Email: jowens@rfbd.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
  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](http://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](http://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](http://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
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](http://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](http://www.carroll.org)

**MAB Community Services**
267 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

- **Phone:** (413) 734-7343
- **Web:** [www.mabcommunity.org](http://www.mabcommunity.org)

**MAB Community Services**
799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
**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)](https://www.va.gov/vis) listing under **Agencies and Organizations**.
# Telephone Information Tapes

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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
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

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: (508) 875-7853
Fax: (508) 875-8359
Web: www.mwcil.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
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
The Ride is the MBTA’s para-transit program, which provides accessible transportation to eligible people who cannot 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 the 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/

Provides opportunities for graduate studies in visual impairments.