

**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  
Email: [lharris@bpl.org](mailto:lharris@bpl.org)  
Web: [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

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

### **Braille & Talking Book Library**

(See Perkins Library)

### **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](mailto:info@carroll.org)  
Web: [www.carroll.org](http://www.carroll.org) or [www.carrolltech.org](http://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 Rehabilitation Program** provides support and intensive training in daily living, travel and communication skills for adults with recent vision loss so they can live independently. Vocational transition and readiness programs are available for young adults. Mini courses for elders are also available.

**The Computer Training Services Program** instructs blind and low vision persons to independently use the best speech, large print and/or braille access software and hardware as well as the use of iOS devices and other technologies. Instruction is also available for professionals. 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 Department** teaches safe travel skills to individuals of all ages at home, work or school. They also provide in-home diabetes management and rehabilitation teaching.

**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 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, focus on social development and independent living readiness; the Real World of Work Program emphasizes work experience in the community; Transition to College provides college-bound youth with advanced skill training in computers and daily living; and Carroll Kids /Teens provides academic 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 Store** sells a wide range of adaptive devices and products such as white canes, magnifiers, talking and braille watches, kitchen items, clocks, labeling supplies and much more.

**Accessibility Services Team** provides website evaluation in three areas: evaluate and test websites and web-based applications to determine how accessible they are to users of assistive technology, work with educational institutions to train them on how to effectively deliver online sources, and test and recommend improvements for the accessibility of devices and products for companies.

### **Deaf Blind Contact Center**

215 Brighton Avenue

Allston, MA 02134

Phone: (617) 254-4041

TTY: (617) 254-4925

Relay: 711

Fax: (617) 254-7091

Email: [DBCCOffice@gmail.com](mailto:DBCCOffice@gmail.com)

Web: [www.deafinonline.org](http://www.deafinonline.org)

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 Services (DVS)**

(See National Center for Accessible Media)

## **Helen Keller Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults (HKNC)**

New England Regional Office

175 North Beacon Street Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 617-923-1600

Fax: 617-923-1601

Email: [steve.perreault@hknc.org](mailto:steve.perreault@hknc.org)

Web: [www.hknc.org](http://www.hknc.org)

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

## **Learning Ally (Formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic)**

2067 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02140

Phone: (617) 500-2706

Email: [custserv@learningally.org](mailto:custserv@learningally.org)

Web: [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org)

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

## **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](mailto:labinfo@lowellassociationfortheblind.org)

Web: [www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org](http://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 LAB/TIC Radio Reading affiliate offers programming five days a week.

## **MAB Community Services**

(See Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired)

## **Massachusetts Accessible Instructional Materials Library (formerly Vision Resource Library)**

Baylies Cottage, Massachusetts Hospital School

3 Randolph Street

Canton, MA 02021

Phone: (781) 562-0461

Fax: (781) 562-0463

Email: [cbrasier@aimlibrary.org](mailto:cbrasier@aimlibrary.org)

Web: [www.aimlibrary.org](http://www.aimlibrary.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.

## **Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (MABVI)**

A Division of MAB Community Services

### **Main Office:**

200 Ivy Street

Brookline, MA 02446

Phone: (617) 738-5110

Web: [www.mabcommunity.org](http://www.mabcommunity.org)

### **Low Vision Services**

799 Boylston Street

Worcester, MA 01606

Phone: (508) 854-0700 or (888) 613-2777

Fax: (508) 854-0733



**MABVI** provides assistance to people coping with sight loss whether they are declared legally blind or not. Comprehensive low vision exams are provided by affiliated low vision optometrists in Springfield, Holyoke, Worcester, Whitinsville, Wellesley, Wayland, Hyannis and Salem. Vision rehabilitation is provided by licensed occupational therapists in consumers' homes or at the low vision center in Worcester. MABVI operates 34 peer led support groups for visually impaired people throughout Massachusetts. Task-oriented volunteer services in Eastern and Central Massachusetts include reading mail and shopping. In Central Massachusetts, medical transportation can be provided. MABVI also provides case management for visually impaired elders living in the City of Boston.

**MAB Community Services** offers a variety of additional programs and services to several populations. The Ivy Street School is a residential and day educational program for adolescents with brain injuries and other neurological difficulties. Adult Disability Services provides day and residential services for disabled adults in community settings throughout Greater Boston.

### **Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)**

Web: [www.mass.gov/mcb](http://www.mass.gov/mcb)

Telephone Information Tape

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

TTY: (800) 392-6556

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**

888 Purchase Street, Suite 203  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Phone: (508) 993-6140 or  
(800) 989-4411 (MA only)  
Fax: (508) 993-0320

## **Regions 3, 4, and 6**

600 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
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.

## **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**

75 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148  
Phone: (781) 338-3000  
Fax: (781) 338-3371  
Web: [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu)

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

**Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS)  
MCB/DDS Partnership Project for Orientation & Mobility/Low  
Vision Services**

PO Box 144

Wrentham, MA 02093

Phone: (508) 384-5539

Fax: (508) 384-6771

Web: [www.mass.gov/dds/visionloss](http://www.mass.gov/dds/visionloss)

Provides orientation and mobility and low vision services to adults with intellectual disabilities and vision loss, including vision impairment, legal blindness, and deaf blindness. Services, training and resources are available to adults in the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Service's (DDS) Southeast Region. Referrals are made by DDS Service Coordinators or MCB Case Managers.

For orientation and mobility and low vision services statewide for adults with intellectual disabilities who are served by DDS, including registration for the American Printing House for the Blind Federal Quota Account, please contact: [Lisa.DiBonaventura@state.ma.us](mailto:Lisa.DiBonaventura@state.ma.us)

**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission**

600 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (800) 245-6543

Independent Living Number: (617) 204-3851

Fax: (617) 727-1354

Web: [www.state.ma.us/mrc](http://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: [contact@nbp.org](mailto:contact@nbp.org)  
Web: [www.nbp.org](http://www.nbp.org)

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

## **National Center for Accessible Media at WGBH (NCAM)**

One Guest Street  
Boston, MA 02135  
Phone: (617) 300-3400  
TTY: (617) 300-2489  
Fax: (617) 300-1035  
Email: [ncam@wgbh.org](mailto:ncam@wgbh.org)

NCAM's mission is to expand access to present and future media for people with disabilities; to explore how existing access technologies may benefit other populations; to represent constituents in industry, policy and legislative circles; and to provide access to educational and media technologies for special needs students.

## **Descriptive Video Service (DVS)**

A Division of NCAM  
Phone: (617) 300-3600  
Fax: (617) 300-1020  
Email: [access@wgbh.org](mailto:access@wgbh.org)  
Web: [www.main.wgbh.org/wgbh/pages/mag/description.html](http://www.main.wgbh.org/wgbh/pages/mag/description.html)

## **Perkins Library**

(Formerly Braille & Talking Book Library)

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](mailto:library@perkins.org)

Web: [www.perkinslibrary.org](http://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 and online 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 and Perkins Braille 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.

## **Perkins**

175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: (617) 924-3434

Fax: (617) 926-2027

Email: [info@perkins.org](mailto:info@perkins.org)

Web: [www.perkins.org](http://www.perkins.org)

## **Perkins Overview**

Founded in 1829, Perkins is a global leader in education for people who are blind, deafblind or visually impaired with additional disabilities. Perkins provides a wide range of programs, services and tools for infants, children and adults who are blind, as well as families, educators and advocates in the U.S. and internationally.

### **Perkins School for the Blind**

Phone: (617) 924-3434

Email: [Admissions@Perkins.org](mailto:Admissions@Perkins.org)

Website: [www.Perkins.org](http://www.Perkins.org)

At its historic campus in Watertown, the school offers accredited residential and day programs for students from birth to 22 years who are blind or deafblind, including those with additional disabilities. Programs include academics, arts and music, athletics, physical therapy, prevocational training, independent living skills and more.

### **Evaluations Services**

Phone: (617) 972-7456

Email: [Evaluations@Perkins.org](mailto:Evaluations@Perkins.org)

Experts provide diagnostic evaluations of students, age 3 to 22 years, with visual impairments. Students' strengths and needs are evaluated, so teachers and parents can develop individualized education programs that provide the best possible learning experience for children in public or private schools.

### **Outreach Services**

Phone: (617) 972-7432

Email: [Outreach@Perkins.org](mailto:Outreach@Perkins.org)

Weekend, vacation and summer programs give students who are visually impaired an opportunity to develop educational, vocational and independent-living skills, while enjoying recreational activities and spending time with their peers. Students gain self-confidence, insight

and friendships for life. Programs are available for elementary through high school students.

Gives vision educators the extra tools and training they need to encourage children who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their maximum potential. Teachers of the visually impaired, early intervention specialists, non-profit and government agency employees can choose from a variety of training seminars, workshops and professional development programs hosted by Perkins.

### **Sight Loss Services, Inc.**

Cape Cod and the Islands

900 Route 134, Town Plaza Building Unit 25 South Dennis, MA 02660

Mailing address: Box 241,

South Dennis, MA 02660

(508) 394-3904 or (800) 427-6842 (MA only)

Fax: (508) 398-0792

Email: [sightloss@verizon.net](mailto:sightloss@verizon.net)

Provides peer support, information and referral, and home independence training to individuals on Cape Cod and the Islands who are learning to cope and function safely and independently with the loss of vision. Offers support groups and demonstrates adaptive aids. Aids that have been donated are distributed to persons in need for free.

### **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](mailto:general@ticnetwork.com)

Web: [www.ticnetwork.com](http://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 C-14  
681 Falmouth Road  
Mashpee, MA 02649  
Phone: (508) 539-2030 or (877) 255-2260  
Fax: (508) 539-2080  
Email: [info@audiblelocalledger.org](mailto:info@audiblelocalledger.org)  
Web: [www.audiblelocalledger.org](http://www.audiblelocalledger.org)

### **Audio Journal**

799 West Boylston Street  
Worcester, MA 01606  
Phone: (508) 797-1117  
Fax: (508) 757-4074  
Email: [info@audiojournal.net](mailto:info@audiojournal.net)  
Web: [www.audiojournal.net](http://www.audiojournal.net)

### **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](mailto:labinfo@lowellassociationfortheblind.org)  
Web: [www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org](http://www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org)

### **Valley Radio Reading Service**

1 Federal Street, Building 104-2R, Suite 2  
Springfield, MA 01105  
Phone: (413) 747-7337  
Email: [kcduro1@yahoo.com](mailto:kcduro1@yahoo.com)  
Web: [www.valleyradioreading.org](http://www.valleyradioreading.org)



## **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@worcpublib.org](mailto:talkbook@worcpublib.org)

Web: [www.worcpublib.org/talkingbook](http://www.worcpublib.org/talkingbook)

Provides digital books, playback equipment, large type books, descriptive DVDs, and print/braille materials to Massachusetts individuals who are unable to read regular print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. The Worcester Talking Book Library also provides hands-on assistance with the National Library Service (NLS) Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) program; and offers on-site use of adaptive equipment, outreach services and a periodic newsletter.

## **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. The VIST coordinator can be contacted through the following facilities:

### **Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital**

200 Springs Road

Bedford, MA 01730

Phone: (781) 687-2000

### **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 x1554

### **VA Central MA Healthcare System**

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

### **Visions of Independence**

34 Crest Road Way  
Sharon, MA 02067  
Phone: (781) 784-3320  
Fax: (781) 784-3520  
Email: [feldydad@verizon.net](mailto:feldydad@verizon.net)  
Web: [www.visionsofindependence.com](http://www.visionsofindependence.com)

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

## CONSUMER GROUPS

### Association of Blind Citizens

PO Box 246  
Holbrook, MA 02343  
Phone: (781) 961-1023  
News and Activities Line: (206) 424-4081  
Fax: (781) 961-0004  
Email: [president@blindcitizens.org](mailto: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: (617) 923-4519  
Email: [baystate@acb.org](mailto:baystate@acb.org)  
Web: [www.acb.org/baystate](http://www.acb.org/baystate)

### Berkshire Benevolent Association for the Blind

Phone: (413) 443-7478  
Email: [Timothyedwardspotter@gmail.com](mailto:Timothyedwardspotter@gmail.com)

### Blinded Veterans Association

New England Field Office  
PO Box 42938  
Philadelphia, PA 19101  
Phone: (215) 381-3066  
Fax: (617) 381-3182  
Email: [wanda.grover@va.gov](mailto:wanda.grover@va.gov)  
Web: [www.bva.org](http://www.bva.org)

### Coalition for Usher's Syndrome Research

2 Clock Tower Place, Suite 418

Maynard, MA 01754  
Phone: (978) 637-2625  
Email: [k.vasi@usher.syndrome.org](mailto:k.vasi@usher.syndrome.org)  
Web: [www.usher-syndrome.org](http://www.usher-syndrome.org)

### **Foundation Fighting Blindness**

Boston Chapter

Phone: 781-648-8766  
Email: [marthajs@verizon.net](mailto:marthajs@verizon.net)  
Web: [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org)

### **Massachusetts Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired (MAPVI)**

P.O. Box 382  
Watertown, MA 02471  
Email: [contact@mapvi.org](mailto:contact@mapvi.org)  
Web: [www.mapvi.org](http://www.mapvi.org)

### **National Federation of the Blind of Massachusetts**

104 Ripley Street  
Newton, MA 02459  
Phone: (617) 902-0632  
Email: [president@nfbma.org](mailto:president@nfbma.org)  
Web: [www.nfbma.org](http://www.nfbma.org)

### **Visually Impaired and Blind Users Group (VIBUG)**

C/O Amy Ruell  
9 Quail Run  
Hingham, MA 02043  
Phone: (617) 383-9560  
Email: [president@vibug.org](mailto:president@vibug.org)  
Web: [www.vibug.org](http://www.vibug.org)

## **EYE CARE REFERRAL SERVICES**

### **Eyecare America (Formerly National Eye Care Project)**

PO Box 429098

San Francisco, CA 94142

Phone: (877) 887-6327 (Spanish or English)

Web: [www.eyecareamerica.com](http://www.eyecareamerica.com)

### **Massachusetts Medical Society**

Waltham Woods Corporate Center

860 Winter Street

Waltham, MA 02451

Phone: (781) 893-4610

Email: [info@massmed.org](mailto:info@massmed.org)

Web: [www.massmed.org](http://www.massmed.org)

### **Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons**

PO Box 236

Boston, MA 02133

Phone: (617) 426-2020

Fax: (978) 255-2471

Web: [www.mseps.org](http://www.mseps.org)

### **Massachusetts Society of Optometrists**

1071 Worcester Road, Suite 12

Framingham, MA 01701

Phone: 508-875-7900

Fax: (508) 875-0010

Web: [www.massoptom.org](http://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: (508) 854-0700 or (888) 613-2777

Web: [www.mabcommunity.org](http://www.mabcommunity.org)

## **MAB Community Services**

300 Stafford Street, Suite 112

Springfield, MA 01104

Phone: (413) 734-7343 or (888) 613-2777

Web: [www.mabcommunity.org](http://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](http://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.masseyeandear.org](http://www.masseyeandear.org)

### **New England Eye Care Center**

260 Tremont Street, 9th Floor,

Biewend Building

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 636-7800

Web: [www.mylasikdoc.com](http://www.mylasikdoc.com)

### **New England Eye Commonwealth**

930 Commonwealth Ave West, Suite 2A

Boston, MA 02215

Phone: (617) 262-2020

Fax: (617) 236-6323

Web: [www.newenglandeye.org](http://www.newenglandeye.org)

### **New England Eye On-Sight**

Mobile Low Vision Clinic

Web: [www.newenglandeye.org/our-locations/on-sight](http://www.newenglandeye.org/our-locations/on-sight)

Serving adults and individuals with visual impairments throughout the state.

### **New England Eye Southeastern MA Low Vision Clinic**

450 Pleasant St.

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Phone: 617-680-8447

Email: [jones@neco.edu](mailto:jones@neco.edu)

### **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](mailto:lowvision@perkins.org)

Web: [www.perkins.org/community-programs/low-vision-clinic/](http://www.perkins.org/community-programs/low-vision-clinic/)

### **UMass Memorial Eye Center**

281 Lincoln Street

Worcester, MA 01605

Phone: (508) 334-6855

Fax: (508) 334-6795

Web: [www.umassmemorial.org](http://www.umassmemorial.org)

### **Veterans Administration Low Vision Clinic**

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

## **ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY VENDORS**

### **ABISee, Inc.**

30 Sudbury Road, Unit 1B

Acton, MA 01720

Phone: (978) 637-2900 or (800) 444-4443

Fax: (253) 595-3623

Email: [info@abisee.com](mailto:info@abisee.com)

Web: [www.abisee.com](http://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. Acquired by Freedom Scientific in April 2015.



## **Adaptivision**

PO Box 403

Lynnfield, MA 01940

Phone: (781) 334-2004 or (800) 407-6486

Fax: (781) 334-4793

Email: [info@videomagnification.com](mailto:info@videomagnification.com)

Web: [www.videomagnification.com](http://www.videomagnification.com)

Distributor of video magnification products.

## **BAUM USA**

12 Branch Street, Suite 205

Methuen, MA 01844

Phone: (855) 620-7985

Email: [info@baumusa.com](mailto:info@baumusa.com)

Web: [www.baumusa.com](http://www.baumusa.com)

U.S. division of BAUM, a German manufacturer and designer of technology solutions including braille organizers, braille displays, and desktop magnifiers.

## **Duxbury Systems, Inc.**

270 Littleton Road, Unit 6

Westford, MA 01886

Phone: (978) 692-3000

Fax: (978) 692-7912

Email: [info@duxsys.com](mailto:info@duxsys.com)

Web: [www.duxburysystems.com](http://www.duxburysystems.com)

Duxbury Systems provides software for braille production. The software can produce contracted and uncontracted braille, mathematics, and technical braille. Supports braille translation for over 130 languages. Supports braille graphics through Quicktac, our freeware program.

## **Freedom Scientific**

43 Oxford Drive  
Franklin, MA 02038  
Phone: (508) 520-9639  
Fax: (508) 520-9737  
Email: [billk@freedomscientific.com](mailto:billk@freedomscientific.com)  
Web: [www.freedomscientific.com](http://www.freedomscientific.com)

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

## **Guidelights and Gadgets**

Phone: (781) 321-2571  
Email: [krausch@scheur.com](mailto:krausch@scheur.com) or [bscheur@scheur.com](mailto:bscheur@scheur.com)  
Web: [www.guidelightsandgadgets.com](http://www.guidelightsandgadgets.com)

The merging of two diverse products lines. One line of products promotes the safe and convenient travel for service and guide dogs. The other line provides accessible and easy to use “people technology” enabling people who are blind or visually impaired to have fun, easy to use electronic products and fun gadgets.

## **Ictext Inc.**

PO Box 638  
320 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001  
Phone: (413) 422-0624  
Fax: 888-853-1919  
Email: [joe@ictextinc.com](mailto:joe@ictextinc.com)  
Web: [www.ictextinc.com](http://www.ictextinc.com)

Ictext quickly provides equal access to textbooks and course materials and reduces expenses by converting printed matter to e-text. Ictext offers texts in a variety of accessible formats.

## **Kurzweil Educational Systems, Inc.**

24 Prime Parkway

Natick, MA 01760

Phone: (800) 894-5374

Fax: (781) 276-0650

Email: [info@kurzweiledu.com](mailto:info@kurzweiledu.com)

Web: [www.kurzweiledu.com](http://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.

## **Magnisite**

PO Box 340

Charlton, MA 01507

Phone: (508) 410-8160

Email: [magnisite@verizon.net](mailto:magnisite@verizon.net)

Web: [www.magnisitene.com](http://www.magnisitene.com)

Founded and operated by people with low vision, Magnisite provides video magnifiers for people with low vision.

## **MassEDP**

(Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program)

1380 Bay Street, Bldg. B

Taunton, MA 02780

Phone: (800) 300-5658 (voice/TTY)

Fax: (508) 828-2595

Email: [joinin@MassEDP.com](mailto:joinin@MassEDP.com)

Web: [www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/massedp/](http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/massedp/)

MassEDP provides accessible telephone equipment to residents of Massachusetts who are disabled and have residential phone service.

## **National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program**

Phone: (800) 825-4595

Website: [www.icanconnect.org](http://www.icanconnect.org)

This FCC program, coordinated by Perkins and other partners, gives people with combined hearing and vision loss access to modern telecommunication tools and the training necessary to use them. Provides accessible technology, such as braille displays, mobile devices and screen readers, free of charge to people who meet federal eligibility guidelines.

## **New England Low Vision**

799 West Boylston Street

Worcester, MA 01606

Phone: (888) 211-6933

Fax: (508) 853-8201

Email: Scott V. Krug, President [scott@nelowvision.com](mailto:scott@nelowvision.com)

Web: [www.nelowvision.com](http://www.nelowvision.com)

New England Low Vision's two areas of expertise are providing low vision and blindness products, and customized assistive technology evaluations and training on both low vision and blindness products.

## **Perkins Solutions (Formerly Perkins Products)**

175 North Beacon Street Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 617-972-7308

Fax: 617-926-2027

Email: [perkinssolutions@perkins.org](mailto:perkinssolutions@perkins.org)

Web: [www.perkinsproducts.org](http://www.perkinsproducts.org)

Manufactures and sells the classic Perkins Braille® and the Perkins SMART Braille®, which incorporates computer technology to foster braille literacy for a new generation of learners. Offers an extensive line of accessible communications, technology, and daily living products for

people with visual impairments. Provides training, technical support and installation. Products are available online or at the Perkins Products retail center. Call for an appointment.

### **Verizon Center for Customers with Disabilities**

PO Box 848

Marlboro, MA 01752

Phone: (800) 974-6006 (Voice or TTY)

Fax: (508) 460-3962

Email: [VCCD@verizon.com](mailto:VCCD@verizon.com) [www.verizon.com/disabilities](http://www.verizon.com/disabilities)

Verizon provides accessible telecommunications products and services including equipment and accessible format billing statements to Verizon 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](http://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](http://www.bostoncil.org)

### **Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled**

106 Bassett Lane

Hyannis, MA 02601

Phone: (800) 541-0282

Fax: (508) 775-7022

Web: [www.cilcapecod.org](http://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](http://www.centerlw.org)

**Independence Associates, Inc. - Center for Independent Living**

100 Laurel Street, Suite 122  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333  
Phone: (508) 583-2166 or (800) 649-5568  
Fax: (508) 583-2165  
Web: [www.iacil.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.mwcil.org)

**Multi-Cultural Independent Living Center of Boston**

329 Centre Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
Phone: (617) 942-8060  
Fax: (617) 942-8630  
Web: [www.milcb.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.secil.org)

## **STAVROS**

210 Old Farm Road  
Amherst, MA 01002  
Phone: 800-804-1899  
Web: [www.stavros.org](http://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  
Fax: (617) 727-0665  
Web: [www.mass.gov/aab](http://www.mass.gov/aab)

AAB is a regulatory department with the legislative mandate to develop and enforce regulations to make public buildings accessible, 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](mailto:cast@cast.org)

Web: [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org)

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

## **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](mailto:adainfo@newenglandada.org)

Web: [www.adaptiveenvironments.org/neada/site/home](http://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 .

## **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](mailto:mail@dlc-ma.org)

Web: [www.dlc-ma.org](http://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](mailto:mail@dlc-ma.org)  
Web: [www.dlc-ma.org](http://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.

**Disability Policy Consortium (DPC)**

PO Box 77  
Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: (617) 542-3822 or (866) 764-3935  
Email: [mail@dpcma.org](mailto:mail@dpcma.org)  
Web: [www.dpcma.org](http://www.dpcma.org)

The DPC works through advocacy to redefine government as it affects people with disabilities.

**Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC)**

300 Granite Street, Suite 404  
Braintree, MA 02184  
Phone: (617) 727-6465 (V/TTY) or (888) 822-0350 (V/TTY)  
Fax: (617) 727-6469  
Hotline: (800) 426-9009  
Email: [michelle.habler@dac.state.ma.us](mailto:michelle.habler@dac.state.ma.us)

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 Assistive Technology Loan Program Easter Seals MA**

484 Main Street #600

Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: (800) 244-2756 ext. 431 or ext. 428

Fax: (508) 751-6444

Email: [massatloan@eastersealsma.org](mailto:massatloan@eastersealsma.org)

Web: [www.massatloan.org](http://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 has options that may be available to people who don't think they would qualify for a loan.

## **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**

Office of Transportation Access - THE RIDE

Ten Park Plaza, Suite 5750

Boston, MA 02116

Phone: (617) 222-5123 or (800) 533-6282

TTY: (617) 222-5415

Fax: (617) 222-6119

Email: [theride@mbta.com](mailto:theride@mbta.com)

Web: <http://www.mbta.com/>

The Ride is the MBTA's ADA paratransit program, which provides accessible transportation to eligible people who cannot effectively use public transportation some or all of the time because of a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Office for Transportation Access.

## **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](http://www.mass.gov/mcad)

MCAD's 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.

## **MassMATCH**

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

600 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (877) 508-3974

Fax: (617) 204-3877

Email: [info@massmatch.org](mailto:info@massmatch.org)

Web: [www.massmatch.org](http://www.massmatch.org)

MRC's mission is to promote the use of assistive technology and assistive technology services to enhance the independence of people with disabilities, enabling equal participation in all of life's activities.

## **Massachusetts Network of Information Providers (MNIP)**

Coordinated by the New England INDEX

EK Shriver Center-INDEX

University of Massachusetts Medical School

55 Lake Avenue North, S3-301

Worcester, MA 01655

Phone: (800) 642-0249

Email: [info@disabilityinfo.org](mailto:info@disabilityinfo.org)

Web: [www.disabilityinfo.org](http://www.disabilityinfo.org)

The MNIP is a collaboration of agencies that seek individually and as a group to address the information needs of people with disabilities, their families and others who provide services.

## **Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD)**

One Ashburton Place, 13th Floor, Room 1305

Boston, MA 02108

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

Fax: (617) 727-0965

Web: [www.mass.gov/mod](http://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 communications 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.

## **New England ADA Center**

See Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center

## **VSA Arts of Massachusetts**

The NonProfit Center

89 South Street #101

Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 350-7713

TTY: (617) 350-6535

Fax: (617) 482-4298

Web: [www.vsamass.org](http://www.vsamass.org)

VSA Arts of Massachusetts promotes inclusion of people with disabilities in communities and develops effective arts-based teaching strategies that allow students with and without disabilities to learn together. They partner with schools, universities, community theaters, museums, and large and small cultural organizations in every field to promote accessibility to the arts.

## **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS & SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Massachusetts Educators of Students with Visual Impairments (AMESVI)**

Web: [www.amesvi.org](http://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 Champion Hall  
140 Commonwealth Avenue  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
Phone: (617) 552-4239

New England's only program offering a Severe Disabilities Program and a specialization in deafblind.

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

Web: [www.neaer.umb.edu](http://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  
Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Coordinator:  
(617) 287-7595  
Professional Development Coordinator: (617) 287-7633  
Web: [www.nercve.umb.edu](http://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

Email: [robert.mcculley@umb.edu](mailto:robert.mcculley@umb.edu)

Web:

[www.umb.edu/academics/cehd/curriculum/grad/vision\\_studies\\_med](http://www.umb.edu/academics/cehd/curriculum/grad/vision_studies_med)

Provides opportunities for graduate studies in visual impairments.