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ABSTRACT

This circular lists national organizations and print and audiovisual resources on areas of service to persons with deaf blindness, including rehabilitation, education, information and referral, recreation, and sources for adaptive devices and products. Section I is an alphabetical list of 40 national organizations and resources, including information about age limitations, whether services are available free or for a fee, major publications of the organization, and availability of telecommunication devices for the deaf. Section II lists 60 selected readings and audiovisual materials, alphabetically by author. Twenty-three reference circulars or bibliographies available from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped are also listed. (DB)

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Introduction

Information in this reference circular has been compiled from responses to a questionnaire sent to national organizations serving deaf-blind persons. The circular includes information on all areas of service: rehabilitation, education, information and referral, recreation, and sources for adaptive devices and products. It also contains a bibliography. It is intended for use by deaf-blind individuals, family members, professionals, and the general public. As additional material is received, it will be included in future editions of this publication. For more detailed information on services or materials, contact the sources indicated.

Each entry in section I includes information about age limitations, when applicable, and notes whether services are available free or for a fee. Organizations with Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) are also indicated. Section II cites books, articles, pamphlets, and audiovisual materials about deaf-blindness.

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I. National Organizations and Resources

American Association of the Deaf-Blind

814 Thayer Avenue
Third Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 588-6545 TDD

Principal publication: The Deaf-Blind American, quarterly

Provides advocacy and makes referrals to advance the economic, educational, and social welfare of deaf-blind persons. Helps assure independence and integration into the community. Sponsors an annual convention. Serves deaf-blind persons only, all ages. Charges fees for membership.

American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults

Twin Vision Publishing Division
18440 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 343-2022

Publishes Hot-Line to Deaf-Blind, a biweekly braille edition of current events and world news for deaf-blind people.

American Council of the Blind

1155 15th Street NW, Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081
1-800-424-8666 (Monday-Friday, 3:00-5:30 P.M.)

Principal publication: Braille Forum, bimonthly

Acts as an advocate for civil rights, educational opportunities, rehabilitation, and health care services for visually impaired persons. Offers information and referral for services and programs concerned with blindness. Has formed a committee on deaf-blind concerns. Serves all ages. Services are free.

American Foundation for the Blind

15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000
1-800-232-5463
1-800-829-0500 for Products Center

Principal publications: AFB News, 5/year
Journal of Visual Impairment and
Blindness, 10/year

Provides advocacy on legislation and regulations concerning persons who are visually impaired; conducts research and offers programs related to education, integration, technology, and other needs of persons with visual impairments; evaluates adaptive technology through its National Technology Center. Through its deaf-blind national consortium effort, identifies, collects, evaluates, and disseminates in-service training materials for personnel working with children who are deaf-blind. Provides information and lends books from the M.C. Migel Library. Sells Tellatouch, a communication device, and other assistive devices and products for use by persons who are deaf-blind. Sells brochures and books on various aspects of visual impairments. Catalog available. Serves all ages. Fees are adjustable.

American Printing House for the Blind

1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
1-800-223-1839

Principal publication: APH Slate, 2/year

Designated and funded by Congress as the official source of textbooks for students who are visually impaired (primary through secondary levels) throughout the United States and its possessions. Maintains the Central Catalog, a listing of large-print, braille, and recorded textbooks produced by APH, by volunteers, and by commercial companies. Also produces

and sells recreational and religious literature in special formats. Conducts educational and technical research. Manufactures and sells instructional aids and assistive devices; catalog available. Serves all ages.

Audio Enhancement

1748 West 12600 South
Riverton, UT 84065 (Headquarters)
(801) 254-9263
1160 Olive Village Court
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 567-6141

Sells assistive listening and alerting devices; catalog available. Serves all ages.

Audiological Engineering Corporation

35 Medford Street
Somerville, MA 02143
(617) 623-5562 voice and TDD

Sells products and Tactaid devices; catalog available. Serves all ages.

**DB-LINK: The National Information Clearinghouse
on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind**

Teaching Research
Division of Western Oregon State College
345 North Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 838-8776

Identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information related to children from birth to age twenty-one. Includes the following among its topical areas: early intervention; special, general, and postsecondary education; medicine; health; social services; legal issues; employment; recreation; and independent living. A collaborative effort among the American Foundation for the Blind, Helen Keller National Center, Perkins School for the Blind, and Teaching Research at Western Oregon State University. In spring 1993, consumers may access DB-LINK through a toll-free number that an 800 operator can provide.

Dewtronics

987 Via Amorosa
Arnold, MD 21012
(410) 647-0769 voice
(410) 647-4170 TDD

Sells a closed-caption-to-braille computer system. The system allows deaf-blind persons to read television closed-caption programs in braille. The data input-output and translation are under computer software control. Hardware consists of telecaption unit with an IBM compatible computer. Output to telebraille may be in either grade 1 or 2 braille.

Enabling Technologies Company

Attn: Marketing Department
3102 SE Jay Street
Stuart, FL 34997
(407) 283-4817
(407) 220-2930 FAX

Sells InfoTouch, which provides deaf-blind persons access to the TDD network using a Romeo braille printer, a modified Superprint modem, and a vibrating data detector. Sells other braille printers also.

Gallaudet University

Deaf-Blind Program
800 Florida Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5096 voice and TDD
(202) 651-5326 for Assistive Devices Center

Provides referral for and consultation with individuals who are deaf-blind, their families, and service providers. Conducts workshops and offers training sessions for colleges, universities, and private and governmental agencies throughout the U.S. concerning individuals with dual sensory impairments. Provides information through brochures and articles. The Assistive Devices Center gives demonstrations, evaluates equipment, and makes referrals for individuals purchasing assistive devices.

Good Cheer Magazine
1425 Atlanta
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Publishes a braille edition of Good Cheer, letters, and news items of interest to deaf-blind persons.

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind
16625 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 272-3900

Hosts a deaf-blind social club; offers information, referral, rehabilitation, and leisure services. Serves ages thirty-five and over. Services are free. Publications are available, some in braille.

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
(708) 446-8111
1-800-323-4238

Principal publication: The Orbit, 2/year

An accredited home-study school offering academic, personal enrichment, and vocational correspondence courses for blind and deaf-blind persons. Also offers a correspondence course of instruction for parents of deaf-blind infants. Newsletter available in braille, large-print, and recorded formats. Serves all ages. Services are free.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050 (Headquarters)
(516) 944-8900 voice and TDD
(516) 944-7302 FAX

Principal publications: HKNC-TAC News, quarterly
Nat-Cent News, quarterly
Parent-to-Parent Network
News, quarterly

Seeks to expand opportunities for people who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community. Apprises deaf-blind clients of functional environments through daily-living skills workshops, community learning centers, orientation and mobility services, home management activities, and job placement training. Develops various assistive devices. Its national parent network provides outreach to parents of children who are deaf-blind and links existing statewide parent organizations for information sharing. Its affiliation program provides temporary financial support to agencies seeking to develop or improve services to deaf-blind persons. Its Technical Assistance Center (TAC) works with agencies and programs that provide school-to-adult-life transition services to youth with deaf-blindness. Serves deaf-blind persons only, serves all ages, but patrons must be nineteen years old and over to use the rehabilitation services. Fees for services are paid by sponsoring agency or individual.

Regional Offices

Regional services are free; fees are paid by sponsoring agencies for evaluation and rehabilitation training for clients enrolled at the national center. Publications are available, some in braille and large print. Some may be recorded upon request.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Great Plains Region
5920 Nall Avenue
Suite 311
Mission, KS 66202
(913) 677-4562

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

New England Region
89 Broad Street
Suite 1135
Boston, MA 02110-8702
(617) 350-8702 voice and TDD

Also provides technical assistance, maintains a national registry of deaf-blind individuals, and offers a supported-employment program.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

North Central Region
35 East Wacker Drive
Suite 772
Chicago, IL 60601-2109
(312) 726-2090

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Northwest Region
2366 Eastlake Avenue, East
Suite 209
Seattle, WA 98102-3366
(206) 324-9120 voice and TDD

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

South Central Region
4455 LBJ Freeway
LB No. 3
Dallas, TX 75244-5998
(214) 490-9677

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Southeast Region
1005 Virginia Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30354
(404) 766-9625 voice and TDD

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Southwest Region

6851 Lennox Avenue

Van Nuys, CA 94105-4097

(818) 782-9935

(818) 782-9936 TDD

John Tracy Clinic Correspondence Learning Program for Parents of Young Deaf-Blind Children

806 West Adams Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90007

(213) 748-5481

Offers a home-study course for parents of deaf-blind children from birth to age six. Services are free.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired

2180 Linway Drive

Beloit, WI 53511

(608) 362-4945

1-800-562-6265

Principal publication: Awareness, quarterly

Membership organization that provides support to parents of children with all ranges of visual loss and multisensory impairments through local and state chapters. Conducts advocacy workshops and operates a national clearinghouse on education, information, and referral. Fosters communication and coordination of services among federal, state, and local agencies involved with visually impaired children and youth.

National Association for Visually Handicapped
22 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141

Principal publications: In Focus, 2/year (for children)
Seeing Clearly, 2/year (for adults)

Provides referral for large-print materials and appropriate programs for partially sighted persons. Serves all ages. Services are free, but there is a nominal fee for publications.

National Center for Youths with Disabilities
Adolescent Health Care Program
University of Minnesota
Box 721
420 Delaware Street Southeast
Minneapolis, MN 55455
(612) 626-2825
(612) 624-3939 TDD
1-800-333-6293

A collaborative project of the Society for Adolescent Medicine and the University of Minnesota's Adolescent Health Program serving as an information and resource center for adolescents with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Maintains the National Resource Library, a computerized database containing information about youths with disabilities. Users may access the database by dialing the 800 number. An information specialist will research the files and mail the information. Fees are based on amount of material provided. Organizes and conducts national and regional seminars for parents, youths, and professionals; seeks to raise public awareness of the needs of youths with disabilities.

National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness

175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434 ext. 502

A membership coalition of organizations, deaf-blind consumers, family members, and professionals in the field of education and rehabilitation. Provides advocacy on the federal level concerning needs of individuals with deaf-blindness. Serves all ages.

National Federation of the Blind

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
1-800-638-7518 for JOB

Principal publications: Braille Monitor, monthly
Future Reflections, quarterly

A consumer organization dedicated to the integration of blind persons into society on the basis of equality. Monitors state and federal legislation affecting blind people. Maintains a National Blindness Information Center. Has formed a committee on concerns of deaf-blind children. Sells devices and products for deaf-blind persons; catalog available. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, operates Job Opportunities for the Blind (JOB), a program advocating for employment and reasonable accommodations for visually impaired persons; provides job listings and referral services for blind job applicants. Serves all ages. Services are free. Publications are available, some in braille, cassette, and disc formats.

National Industries for the Blind

524 Hamburg Turnpike

CN 969

Wayne, NJ 07474

(201) 595-9200

An association of industries employing blind and multihandicapped blind (including deaf-blind) persons who produce certain goods and services for the federal government under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Assists agencies in expanding and improving their vocational programs for blind workers. Serves all ages legally permitted to work.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Library of Congress

Washington, DC 20542

(202) 707-5100 voice

(202) 707-0744 TDD

1-800-424-8567

Principal publications: Address List: Regional and Subregional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Facts: Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals

Administers a national library service that provides braille and recorded books and magazines on free loan to persons who cannot read standard print because of visual or physical disabilities. Reading materials and playback machines are distributed to eligible borrowers through cooperating regional and subregional (local) libraries. A special amplifier is available for use with the playback equipment. Eligible borrowers must obtain a certification in writing from a physician or licensed audiologist indicating that hearing loss has been evaluated in the last six months and that the special amplifier is appropriate. NLS also provides information to borrowers and the public on various nonmedical aspects of blindness and physical disabilities. Serves all ages. Free.

National Rehabilitation Association

1910 Association Drive

Suite 205

Reston, VA 22091

(703) 715-9090

Supports rehabilitation programs and activities for persons with disabilities by offering training seminars, professional development training programs, and an annual training conference and exhibit show on technology and services. Adjustable fees for services.

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

8455 Colesville Road

Suite 935

Silver Spring, MD 20910-3319

(301) 588-9284 voice and TDD

1-800-346-2742

Provides information and referral to the rehabilitation community. Produces REHABDATA, a bibliographic database covering literature on disabilities and rehabilitation research. Serves all ages. Charges a fee for database searches and for some publications.

Perkins School for the Blind

175 North Beacon Street

Watertown, MA 02172

(617) 924-3434

Principal publication: The Lantern, 2/year

Residential and day school serves an international student body through its preschool program; academic curriculum; vocational, rehabilitation, and independent-living skills training; community-living services. Provides public awareness of blind and deaf-blind persons, consultation and counseling for parents and families, diagnostic evaluation and referrals, and a teacher-training program for U.S. and overseas professionals in all fields of blindness and deaf-blindness. Sponsors the Hilton/Perkins national program, a federally funded grant to improve services to multihandicapped blind and deaf-blind children, emphasizing infant development,

teacher-training, and programs to help parents become organized. Maintains the Samuel P. Hayes Research Library, a collection of print material about nonmedical aspects of blindness and deaf-blindness, available to the public at cost. Through the Howe Press sells braille reading, writing, and educational products; catalog available. Serves all ages. Services available for a fee.

RP Foundation Fighting Blindness

1401 Mt. Royal Avenue

Fourth Floor

Baltimore, MD 21217

(410) 225-9400 voice

1-800-683-5555 voice

(410) 225-9409 TDD

Principal publication: Fighting Blindness News, 3/year

Provides information on coping with retinal degenerative diseases, funds and supports research, and sponsors a retina donor program. Sells devices and products for deaf-blind persons; catalog available. Publications are available, some in braille, large-print, and recorded formats. Serves all ages. Services are free.

Silent Bridges at the Manors

1527 Riverside Drive

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

(813) 937-4211 voice and TDD

1-800-277-6266 voice and TDD

A national mental-health evaluation and treatment program for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing persons. Provides comprehensive psychiatric treatment including full hospitalization, day treatment, and residential treatment. Therapeutic components include individual, family, and group therapy; art, recreation, and music therapy; biofeedback; psychological testing and education; dual diagnoses treatment for secondary symptoms of addiction; and educational instruction for children and adolescents. Utilizes a multidisciplinary treatment team of professionals in psychiatry, nursing, psychology, social work, sign language interpreting, braille skills, teaching, and recreational therapy. Conducts workshops and seminars for the public on hearing impairments, deaf-blindness, and mental illness. Serves all ages. Fees for treatment are covered

by most major insurance companies, including Medicare, and sometimes by state assistance. Provides free assistance in assessing insurance benefits.

Silent Call Corporation

P.O. Box 16348
Clarkston, MI 48016-6348
(313) 391-1710 voice
(313) 391-1799 TDD

Sells an alert system that may be used by deaf-blind persons; catalog available. Has staff engineers who can modify products to meet special needs.

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Foundation

Rehabilitation Engineering Center
2232 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 561-1619

Principal publication: Smith-Kettlewell Technical File, quarterly

Develops and evaluates sensory aids for vocational and educational rehabilitation. Provides information and referral services. Sells custom-made sensory aids in a fee-for-service program. Serves all ages.

TeleSensory Corporation, Inc.

455 North Bernardo Avenue
P.O. Box 7455
Mountain View, CA 94039-7455
(415) 960-0920
1-800-227-8418

Sells TeleBraille II, a device that enables face-to-face communication between a deaf-blind person and a sighted person, or telephone communication between a deaf-blind person and a person using a TDD. Trained engineers are available for customer support. Catalog available.

TRACES Project
Teaching Research
Division of Western Oregon State College
345 North Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 838-8807

Provides technical assistance through the Teaching Research Assistance for Children Experiencing Dual Sensory Impairments (TRACES). Provides resources for service providers, parents, group-home personnel, and vocational trainers and offers teacher preparation programs. Serves on behalf of deaf-blind persons only. Publications are available, some in large print. Serves individuals from birth to age twenty-one. Services are free.

Xavier Society for the Blind
154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800

Provides braille editions of Deaf-Blind News Summary, world news written in very simple English for the beginning reader, and Deaf-Blind Weekly News, selected items from the National Catholic News Service.

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