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INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth edition of the *Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children in New York State*. The directory is a compilation of schools, organizations, agencies and programs that provide services and information to children who are legally blind and their families in New York State. To make information easier to find, some organizations and resources may be listed more than once in the directory.

Appreciation is expressed to many individuals who provided information for this directory. Special thanks to the CBVH Children’s Consultants for their valuable assistance with this project. Call (518) 474-6812 for copies, or download it from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services website at www.ocfs.state.ny.us.
New York State Commission for the Blind & Visually Handicapped (CBVH)

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
South Building, Room 201
Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796
Telephone: (518) 474-6812
Toll Free: (800) 866-871-3000 (voice)
TDD: (800) 866-871-6000
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/CBVH

Laurie Munro, Coordinator of Children's Services

CBVH, under the New York State Office of Children & Family Services, is responsible for the administration of programs and services to legally blind individuals. The programs and services enhance independence and facilitate opportunities for participation in the community. CBVH provides a range of services for individuals who are legally blind through the independent living and vocational rehabilitation provisions of the federal Rehabilitation Act, as well as through programs serving children and older individuals who are blind. Each of the CBVH district offices has a Children’s Consultant who acts as a case coordinator, provides assistance to parents and family members, and may serve as an advisor in the development of a child’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with the school district. The New York City office covers the five boroughs, and has one Children's Consultant responsible for children who are aged birth through 14, two transition counselors responsible for children between the ages of 14 through 21, a counselor who works with children ages 10-14, and a counselor who works with children who are deaf-blind.

CBVH DISTRICT OFFICES

Buffalo CBVH District Office

Len Hanel, District Manager ................................. Telephone: (716) 847-3526
Bob Barbera, Children’s Consultant ......................... Telephone: (716) 847-3533
Rick Little, Children’s Consultant ................................ Telephone: (585) 238-8112
Katie Christie, Transition Counselor ........................... Telephone: (716) 847-4685
295 Main Street, Room 590 Fax: (716) 847-3983
Buffalo, NY 14203 TDD: (716) 847-3500

Rochester Area - Outstation
259 Monroe Avenue Room 303
Fax: (585) 238-8278
Rochester, NY 14607 .......................................................... TDD: (585) 238-8104

Syracuse CBVH District Office
Dennis Donahue, District Manager ........................................ Telephone: (315) 423-5425
Carol Hile, Children's Consultant ........................................ Telephone: (315) 423-5439
John Scott, Transition Counselor ......................................... Telephone: (315) 423-5437
The Atrium, Suite 150  Fax: (315) 423-5416
2 Clinton Square  TDD: (315) 423-5426
Syracuse, NY 13202
Counties Served:  Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins

Albany CBVH District Office
Dale Keenan, District Manager ........................................... Telephone: (518) 473-1675
Lauren Corp, Children's Consultant .................................... Telephone: (518) 473-4359
Peter Herrig, Transition Counselor ...................................... Telephone: (518) 473-1098
155 Washington Avenue  Fax: (518) 473-9255
Albany, NY 12210-2329  TDD: (518) 473-1698

White Plains CBVH District Office
Tom Maguire, District Manager ....................................... Telephone: (914) 993-5370
Joanne Russotti, Children's Consultant  Telephone: (914) 993-5370
Kelly Rodriguez, Transition Counselor  Telephone: (914) 993-5370
445 Hamilton Avenue, Room 503  Fax: (914) 993-0238
White Plains, NY 10601  TDD: (914) 993-5327
Counties Served:  Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester

Hempstead CBVH District Office
Janice O'Connor, District Manager ................................... Telephone: (516) 564-4311
Arnold Chapman, Children's Consultant  Telephone: (516) 564-4319
Florence Holly, Transition Counselor ................................ Telephone: (516) 564-4320
50 Clinton Street, Suite 208  Fax: (516) 292-7448
Hempstead, NY 11550  TDD: (516) 564-4325
Counties Served:  Nassau, Suffolk, Queens (Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living Only)

NYC CBVH District Office
Arnie Kramer, District Manager  Telephone: (212) 825-5719
Paul Geraci, Children's Consultant  Telephone: (212) 825-7364
Iris Popkin, Transition Counselor  Telephone: (212) 825-7363
Richard Brown, Transition Counselor  Telephone: (212) 825-7365
Ed Goldberg, Transition Counselor  Telephone: (212) 825-5712
20 Exchange Place, 2nd Floor  Fax: (212) 825-7143
New York, NY 10005  TDD: (212) 825-7367
This office serves legally blind children from all boroughs of New York City.
NEW YORK STATE RESOURCES

American Council of the Blind (ACB)
National Number ............. (202) 467-5081
New York State President .. John Farina
37 Twiller Street
Albany, NY 12209
Toll Free: (800) 522-3303
Telephone: (518) 449-1581

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
National Number ............. (800) 356-7713
New York State President .. Carl Jacobsen
471 63rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11220
Telephone: (718) 567-7821

Care at Home Medicaid Waiver for Children Who Are Medically Frail
New York State Department of Health
Telephone: (518) 486-6562
www.omh.state.ny.us

This waiver enables families to care for children who are medically frail at home. The waiver allows Medicaid eligibility to be calculated without requiring that parental income be spent first when a child is medically frail. The program also provides Medicaid coverage for a variety of services not typically covered by Medicaid, including case management and respite.

New York State Commission on Quality of Care & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305-2397
Telephone: (518) 388-2888
Toll Free: (800) 624-4143 (voice and TTD)
www.cqcapd.state.ny.us

The agency’s mission is to advise the Governor, the Legislature and other state agencies of the needs and issues facing people with disabilities; initiate and take part in shaping innovative programs to meet these needs; identify possible areas of improvement and coordination among segments of the system that can achieve such change; and assist local government, service providers and the private sector in efforts to achieve the goal of full participation of people with disabilities in community life.
Client Assistance Program (CAP)
NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305-2397
Telephone: (518) 388-2888
www.cqcapd.state.ny.us

The CAP program is responsible for assisting disabled individuals (clients receiving services or client applicants requesting services) to secure the benefits and programs available under the Rehabilitation Act. Issues such as types of services offered, policies and procedures, and mediation of problem situations are all services available through the CAP centers.

Protection & Advocacy Agency
NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305-2397
Telephone: (518) 388-2888
www.cqcapd.state.ny.us

The Bureau of Protection & Advocacy in the New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities coordinates a statewide protection and advocacy program for people with disabilities and their families. The bureau offers training programs to help parents understand special education laws and regulations.

New York State Early Childhood Direction Centers (ECDC)
www.vesid.nysed.gov/lsn/ecdc

Coordinated by the New York State Education Department, ECDCs provide information about programs and services for young children, ages birth through five, who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities, and help families obtain services for their children. The following is a statewide list of centers:

Albany (Capital District Region)
Early Childhood Direction Center
Capital Region BOCES
Maywood Elementary School
1979 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
Telephone: (518) 464-6356
Fax: (518) 464-63369
E-mail: eburns@gw.neric.org

Binghamton (Southern Tier Region)
Counties Served: Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins
Early Childhood Direction Center
Southern Tier Independence Center
24 Prospect Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13901
Telephone: (607) 724-2111
Fax: (607) 722-3615
E-mail: ecdc@stic-cil.org
**Bronx**
County Served: Bronx
Early Childhood Direction Center
2488 Grand Concourse
Room 405
Bronx, NY 10458
Telephone: (718) 584-0658
Fax: (718) 584-0859
E-mail: ecdcbronx@yahoo.com

**Buffalo (Western Region)**
Counties Served: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, Orleans
Early Childhood Direction Center
936 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209
Telephone: (716) 888-1450
Toll Free: (800) 462-7653
Fax: (716) 888-1456
E-mail: vrubin@kaleidahealth.org

**Nassau**
County Served: Nassau
Early Childhood Direction Center
Variety Child Learning Center
47 Humphrey Drive
Syosset, NY 11791-4908
Telephone: (516) 364-8580
Fax: (516) 921-2354
E-mail: nassauecdc@VCLC.org

**Potsdam (North Country Region)**
Counties Served: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence
Early Childhood Direction Center
SUNY Potsdam
Saterlee Hall 104
Sheard Literacy Center
44 Pierrepont Ave.
Potsdam, NY 13676-2294
Telephone: (315) 267-3492
Fax: (315) 267-3409
E-mail: bushtm@potsdam.edu

**Brooklyn**
County Served: Kings (Brooklyn)
Early Childhood Direction Center
160 Lawrence Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230
Telephone: (718) 437-3794
Fax: (718) 436-0071
E-mail: ksamet@ucpnyc.org

**Manhattan**
County Served: New York (Manhattan)
Early Childhood Direction Center
New York Presbyterian Hospital
435 East 70th Street, Suite 2A
New York, NY 10021
Telephone: (212) 746-6175
Fax: (212) 746-8895
E-mail: mrubinst@nyp.org

**Newburgh (Mid-Hudson Region)**
Counties Served: Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster Counties
Early Childhood Direction Center
Independent Living, Inc.
5 Washington Terrace
Newburgh, NY 12550
Telephone: (845) 565-1162 ext. 244
Fax: (845) 565-0567
E-mail: dhovey@myindependentliving.org

**Queens**
County Served: Queens
Early Childhood Direction Center
Queens Center for Progress
82-25 164th Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
Telephone: (718) 374-0002 Ext. 465
Fax: (718) 380-3214
E-mail: cwarkala@queensscp.org
Rochester Region
Counties Served: Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Early Childhood Direction Center
875 East Main Street
Suite 240
Rochester, NY 14605
Telephone: (585) 399-4617
Fax: (585) 271-4228
E-mail: Mike_Reif@boces.monroe.edu

Staten Island
County Served: Richmond (Staten Island)
Early Childhood Direction Center
Staten Island University Hospital
Spring Building
1034 Targee Street, Room 107
Staten Island, NY 10304
Telephone: (718) 390-4737
Fax: (718) 390-4874
E-mail: Lkennedy@siuh.edu

Suffolk
County Served: Suffolk
Early Childhood Direction Center
99 Hollywood Drive
Smithtown, NY 11787
Telephone: (631) 863-2600
Fax: (631) 863-2082
E-mail: ecdcsuffolk@ddiinfo.org

Syracuse (Central New York Region)
Counties Served: Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego
Early Childhood Direction Center
Syracuse University
805 So. Crouse Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13244-2280
Telephone: (315) 443-4444
Toll Free: (800) 962-5488
Fax: (315) 443-4338
E-mail: nssonger@syr.edu
Web address: http://ecdc.syr.edu

Westchester Region
Counties Served: Putnam, Rockland, Westchester
Early Childhood Direction Center
Westchester Institute for Human Development
325 Cedarwood Hall
Vahalla, NY 10595
Telephone: (914) 493-2902
(914) 493-1709
Fax: (914) 493-1973
E-mail: speretz@wihd.org

New York State Regents Courses & Examinations
If you have questions regarding alternative formats, contact:
Barb Miller at (518) 473-2878, or bmiller@mail.nysed.gov

New York State School for the Blind
2A Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020 .................................................. Telephone: (585) 343 5384
Provides educational programs for children ages 5 through 21 who are blind and have multiple disabilities. Services include orientation and mobility, Braille, speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, social work, psychology, behavior management, adapted physical education, recreation therapy, music and art therapy, 24-hour nursing services, adaptive equipment, specialized feeding services, pre-vocational training and assistive technology services. In addition to the school's day program, there is a 5-day residential program.
New York State School for the Blind Outreach Department
2A Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14029
www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/nyssb ......................... Telephone: (585) 343-5384

The Outreach Department has three major divisions:

Textbooks and Materials Services Division…administers the annual registration of all students classified as legally blind for the procurement of special media materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) under the Federal Quota Program. This division also administers the ordering of APH Braille and large print textbooks and educational materials available through federal quota funds, as well as braillewriter repair and equipment repair through APH. The Textbooks and Materials Services Division also provides technical assistance in locating sources for large print and Braille textbooks that are not available through APH. For book requests, APH federal quota registration or order forms, or information about these services, contact Lisa DeSantis at (585) 343-5384, extension 207, or e-mail ldesanti@mail.nysed.gov

Student Services Division…currently offers four weekend programs and one weeklong program to students who attend public schools statewide. Information about these programs is provided through mailings to school districts each year. For information about these programs, contact Laraine Caton at extension 280.

Parent and Professional Services Division…publishes e-mail updates and resource documents about issues related to students with visual impairments, and offers consultation and specialized training to parents, professionals and paraprofessionals statewide. Three peer consultants are available by phone or e-mail: Sharyl Courter, ext. 240 or scourter@mail.nysed.gov; Judi Piscitello, ext. 427 or jpiscite@mail.nysed.gov; Michelle Ruble, ext. 233 or mruble@mail.nysed.gov.

Early Intervention

Programs for Infants & Toddlers With Disabilities: Ages Birth to 3
Early Intervention Program, Bureau of Child & Adolescent Health
Corning Tower, Room 208
Albany, NY 12237 .................................................. Telephone: (518) 473-7016
www.health.state.ny.us/community/infants_children/early_intervention

The Early Intervention Program is a statewide program that provides many different types of early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The New York State Department of Health is the lead agency responsible for this program. Addresses and phone numbers of county officials responsible for local programs follow:

County ......................... Early Intervention Agency ......................... Telephone
Albany .......................... Albany County Health Department ........ (518) 447-4820
Allegany ........................ Allegany County Health Department .... (585) 268-7545
Broome ........................... Broome County Health Department .... (607) 778-2851
Cattaraugus ................ Cattaraugus County Health Department ..... (716) 373-8050
Cayuga ......................... Cayuga County Health Department ....... (315) 253-1459
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<td>(518) 828-4278 ext.1303</td>
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<td>(607) 756-3439</td>
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<td>Delaware</td>
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<td>(845) 486-3403</td>
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<td>(212) 219-5213</td>
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<td>(518) 584-7460 ext 390</td>
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<td>(518) 386-2815</td>
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<td>(315) 386-2325</td>
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<td>(607) 664-2146</td>
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<td>(631) 853-3100</td>
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In addition to the Early Intervention Program, the Department of Health is responsible for a wide range of programs and services to promote and protect the health of children and adults residing in New York State. Examples of other programs and services for children and families include the Child Health Plus insurance program, maternal and child health services funded under the Title V block grant (including services for children with special health care needs), universal newborn screening, vaccination informational materials, school-based health centers, and the Women Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program.

New York State Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)

44 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12229
www.omr.state.ny.us

OMRDD operates 13 Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSOs) responsible for arranging and planning for the care, treatment, habilitation, and rehabilitation services to individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities (such as autism, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, Down syndrome, and children with multiple disabilities). In partnership with consumers, families, staff, private providers, and local governments, the DDSOs provide person-centered assistance to improve the quality of life of individuals and families through the provision of housing, employment, and family support services.

Executive Contacts
Telephone: (518) 473-9689
Fax: (518) 474-1335
TDD: (518) 474-3694

New York City Regional Office
75 Morton Street
New York, New York 10014
Telephone: (212) 229-3231

The list of DDSOs follows.
Developmental Disabilities Services Offices

Bernard M. Fineson DDSO
80-45 Winchester Boulevard
Building 12
Queens Village, NY 11427
Telephone: (718) 217-4242
Fax: (718) 217-4724
County Served: Queens

Brooklyn DDSO
888 Fountain Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
Telephone: (718) 642-6000
Fax: (718) 642-6282
County Served: Kings
Broome DDSO
249 Glenwood Road
Binghamton, NY 13905
Telephone: (607) 770-0211
Fax: (607) 770-8037
Counties Served: Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins

Capital District DDSO
Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center
Balltown & Consaul Roads
Schenectady, NY 12304
Telephone: (518) 370-7370
Fax: (518) 370-7401

Central NY DDSO
101 West Liberty Street
Rome, NY 13442
Telephone: (315) 336-2300
Fax: (315) 339-5456
Counties Served: Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Onondaga, Oneida, Oswego

Finger Lakes DDSO
620 Westfall Road
Rochester, NY 14620
Telephone: (585) 461-8500
Fax: (585) 461-0618
Counties Served: Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates

Hudson Valley DDSO
Administration Building
2 Ridge Road, PO Box 470
Thiells, NY 10984
Telephone: (845) 947-6000
Fax: (845) 947-6004
Counties Served: Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan
Long Island DDSO  
45 Mall Road  
Commack, NY 11725  
Telephone: (631) 493-1700  
Fax: (631) 493-1803  
Counties Served: Nassau & Suffolk

Metro NY DDSO  
75 Morton Street  
New York, NY 10014  
Telephone: (212) 229-3000  
Fax: (212) 924-0580  
Counties Served: Bronx, Manhattan

Staten Island DDSO  
1150 Forest Hill Road  
Staten Island, NY 10314  
Telephone: (718) 983-5200  
Fax: (718) 983-9768  
County Served: Richmond

Sunmount DDSO  
2445 State Route 30  
Tupper Lake, NY 12986-2502  
Telephone: (518) 359-3311  
Fax: (518) 359-2276  
Counties Served: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, St. Lawrence

Taconic DDSO  
26 Center Circle  
Wassaic, NY 12592  
Telephone: (845) 877-6821  
Fax: (845) 877-9177  
Counties Served: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Ulster

Valley Ridge DDSO  
Serving individuals with intensive needs statewide.  
Telephone: (607) 337-7000

Western NY DDSO  
1200 East & West Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
Telephone: (716) 674-6300  
Fax: (716) 674-7488  
Counties Served: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans
Care at Home Program for Physically Disabled Children

The Care at Home Program provides a Medicaid-financed plan of community-based services to enable physically disabled children who might otherwise qualify for hospital or nursing home placement to, instead, live with their families. All Medicaid and additional service, such as case management and home adaptations, are available to assist a family in caring for their child. For additional information, call your county Department of Social Services’ At Home Coordinator. Applications are available at county DSS offices (listed below). In New York City, call (212) 360-5444.

Local Departments of Social Services

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<td>(607) 737-5309</td>
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<td>1701 Lincoln Avenue, Olean, NY 14760-1158</td>
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<td>PO Box 590, Norwich, NY 13815</td>
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<td>25 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 458, Hudson, NY 12534</td>
<td>(518) 828-9411</td>
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<td><strong>Delaware County DSS</strong></td>
<td>111 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753</td>
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<td>60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-3299</td>
<td>(845) 486-3000</td>
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<td>751 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932-0217</td>
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<td>4 Daisy Lane, Johnstown, NY 12095</td>
<td>(518) 736-5640</td>
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<td>411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414-1716</td>
<td>(518) 943-3200</td>
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<td>301 North Washington Street, Suite 2110, Herkimer, NY 13350</td>
<td>(315) 867-1291</td>
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<td>PO Box 193, Lowville, NY 13367</td>
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<td>North Court Street, Wampsville, NY 13163</td>
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<td>County Office Building, Fonda, NY 12068</td>
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<td>Human Resources Administration, Telephone: (718) 557-1399 or 1-877-472-8411 (Toll free within the five boroughs of New York City)</td>
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<td>95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202-3959</td>
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<td>355 West Main Street, Malone, NY 12953</td>
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<td>5130 East Main Street, Suite #3, Batavia, NY 14020</td>
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<td>White Birch Lane, Indian Lake, NY 12842-0725</td>
<td>(518) 648-6131</td>
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<td>250 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY 13601</td>
<td>(315) 782-9030</td>
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<td>3 Livingston County Campus, Mr. Morris, NY 14510-1699</td>
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<td>111 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620-4686</td>
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<td>60 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, NY 11553-3656</td>
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<td>20 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14095-0506</td>
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3010 County Complex Drive  
Canandaigua, NY 14424-1296  
Telephone: (877) 814-6907

Orange County DSS  
Box Z, 11 Quarry Road  
Goshen, NY 10924-0678  
Telephone: (845) 291-4000

Orleans County DSS  
14016 Route 31 West  
Albion, NY 14411-9365  
Telephone: (585) 589-7000

Oswego County DSS  
100 Spring Street, PO Box 1320  
Mexico, NY 13114  
Telephone: (315) 963-5000

Otsego County DSS  
197 Main Street  
Cooperstown, NY 13326-1196  
Telephone: (617) 547-4355

Putnam County DSS  
110 Old Route Six Center  
Carmel, NY 10512-2110  
Telephone: (845) 225-7040

Rensselaer County DSS  
133 Bloominggrove Drive  
Troy, NY 12180-8403  
Telephone: (518) 283-2000

Rockland County DSS  
Building L, Sanatorium Road  
Pomona, NY 10970  
Telephone: (845) 364-3100

Saratoga County DSS  
152 West High Street  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Telephone: (518) 884-4140

Schenectady County DSS  
487 Nott Street  
Schenectady, NY 12308-1812  
Telephone: (518) 388-4470

Schuyler County DSS  
105 Ninth Street Unit 3&4  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891  
Telephone: (607) 535-8303

St. Lawrence County DSS  
6 Judson Street  
Canton, NY 13617-1197  
Telephone: (315) 379-2111

Suffolk County DSS  
3085 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11788-8900  
Telephone: (631) 854-9700

Sullivan County DSS  
POB 231, 16 Community Lane  
Liberty, NY 12754  
Telephone: (845) 292-0100

Ulster County DSS  
1061 Development Court  
Kingston, NY 12401-1959  
Telephone: (845) 334-5000

Seneca County DSS  
1 Di Pronio Drive, PO Box 690  
Waterloo, NY 13165-0690  
Telephone: (315) 539-1800

Schroharie County DSS  
County Office Building  
Schroharie, NY 12157  
Telephone: (518) 295-8334

Steuben County DSS  
3 East Pultney Square  
Bath, NY 14810  
Telephone: (607) 776-7611

Sullivan County DSS  
POB 231, 16 Community Lane  
Liberty, NY 12754  
Telephone: (845) 292-0100

Tompkins County DSS  
320 West State Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Telephone: (607) 274-5252

Tioga County DSS  
PO Box 240  
Owego, NY 13827  
Telephone: (607) 687-8300

Ulster County DSS  
1061 Development Court  
Kingston, NY 12401-1959  
Telephone: (845) 334-5000
State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
155 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
www.ddpc.state.ny.us ........................................... Telephone: (518) 432-8233
The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is a federally funded state agency working under the direction of the Governor. The DDPC is responsible for developing new ways to improve the delivery of services and supports to New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and their families.

Office of Mental Health
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229 ........................................... Telephone: (518) 474-4403
www.omh.state.ny.us ........................................... Toll Free: (800) 597-8481
The Office of Mental Health (OMH) operates psychiatric centers across the state, and also regulates, certifies, and oversees programs which are operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies. These programs include various inpatient and outpatient programs, emergency, community support, residential and family care programs. For questions about mental health services, to find a mental health service provider, or to make a complaint, call the OMH customer relations at 1-800-597-8481.

Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals With Disabilities: VESID
New York State Education Department
One Commerce Plaza, 16th Floor
Albany, NY 12234 ........................................... Telephone: (518) 486-3773 (TTY)
www-vesid.nysed.gov ........................................... Toll Free: (800) 222-JOBS
VESID provides educational, vocational and counseling services to individuals who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities that interfere with their ability to work, and who can be expected to be employed if rehabilitation services are provided. Services
are provided to people with disabilities who are still in school and are beginning to plan for work, and to adults who wish to begin or return to work following a disability.

**New York State Technical Assistance Project (NYSTAP)**
Madeline Appell, Project Director
St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center
www.tc.columbia.edu/centers/nystap ............................. Telephone: (212) 678-4020
The New York State Technical Assistance Project Serving Children and Youth Who Are Deaf-Blind is funded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide technical assistance and training which serves children and youth who are deaf-blind. Collaborative relationships are in place among all major state agencies, and a regional network of professionals, parents and organizations work together to provide technical assistance to local school districts and consultative services to families, and to collect and coordinate the gathering of demographic information related to the population. Any child who has dual sensory impairment, no matter what degree, qualifies for services through this project.

**SCHOOLS**

**New York State School for the Blind**
Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020 ...................................................... Telephone: (585) 343-5384
Residential school that provides services for deaf-blind and multi-handicapped blind children ages 5 through 21. Services include education, counseling, low vision recreation and low vision services. Educational programs are designed to meet students’ needs at varying developmental levels.

**Lavelle School for the Blind**
East 221st Street & Paulding Avenue
Bronx, NY 10469
www.lavelleschool.org ................................................ Telephone: (718) 882-1212
Serves the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau County and lower Westchester County. Provides services for totally blind, legally blind, learning disabled, mentally retarded, neurologically disabled persons with epilepsy and diabetes, and legally blind persons with cardiac and orthopedic illness ages 3 through 21. Educational programs are designed to meet students’ needs at varying developmental levels.

**New York Institute for Special Education**
999 Pelham Parkway North
Bronx, NY 10469
www.nyise.org ........................................................ Telephone: (718) 519-7000
Educational agency that works with legally blind, emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students, and developmentally delayed preschoolers ages birth through 21.
Provides rehabilitation training, recreational programs, computer training and employment training.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**American Council of the Blind, Inc. (ACB)**
1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005 ................................. Telephone: (202) 467-5081
www.acb.org .................................................. Toll Free: (800) 424-8666

ACB is an information referral and advocacy agency. The goal of the agency is to improve the well-being of people who are blind or visually impaired through legislative advocacy, improved educational and rehabilitation facilities, and through public education to promote a greater understanding of people who are blind.

**American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)**
11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001 ................................. Telephone: (212) 502-7600
www.afb.org .................................................. Toll Free: (800) 232-5463

Provides direct and technical assistance services to blind and visually impaired persons and their families, and professionals in specialized agencies for the blind, community agencies, organizations, schools, and corporations. Acts as a national clearinghouse for information about blindness and visual impairment.

**American Printing House for the Blind (APH)**
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206 ................................. Telephone: (502) 895-2405
www.aph.org .................................................. Toll Free: (800) 223-1839

Producer of specialized and adapted educational books and materials for children who are blind and visually impaired. Maintains the LOUIS on-line reference catalog of textbooks in accessible media.

**Association for the Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired (AER)**
1703 North Beauregard Street, Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22311
www.aerbvi.org ........................................ Telephone: (703) 671-4500

Professional organization that promotes all phases of education and work for blind and visually impaired persons of all ages. Certifies rehabilitation teachers, orientation and mobility specialists, and classroom teachers. Works on local, regional, national and international levels.
**DB-Link: Information on Deaf-Blindness**
DB-Link’s extensive resources and personalized service are available to anyone needing information about, or for, deaf-blind children. Their goal is to help parents, teachers, and others by providing them with information to foster the skills, strategies and confidence necessary to nurture and empower deaf-blind children. DB-LINK is a federally funded service that identifies, coordinates, and disseminates, at no cost, information related to children and youth from birth through 21 years of age.

www.tr.wou.edu/dblink

**Hadley School for the Blind**
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093 ..................................................... Telephone: (847) 446-8111
www.hadley-school.org .................................................... Toll Free: (800) 323-4238

Provides academic and vocational education through free correspondence courses in Braille reading and writing, elementary school from fifth grade, high school courses, and college courses on an individual basis. Offers courses for the parents of blind children.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths & Adults**
141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
www.helenkeller.org ...................................................... Telephone: (516) 944-8900

Serves deaf-blind adults from every U.S. state and territory. Provides technical assistance to facilitate transition of deaf-blind youths from education to community-based adult services.

**Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind**
175 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472
www.perkins.org ........................................................... Telephone: (617) 924-3434

Manufactures and sells the Perkins-Brailler, jumbo Braille cells, slates, styli, mathematical aids, games, and Braille-vision books for children.

**National Association for Visually Handicapped**
22 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10010 ..................................................... Telephone: 212-889-3141
www.navh@navh.org ..................................................... Telephone: 212-255-2804

Produces and distributes large type reading materials to schools, libraries, senior citizen centers, hospitals and individuals on request. Acts as an information clearinghouse and referral center regarding resources available to the partially sighted.

**National Braille Association (NBA)**
3 Townline Circle
Rochester, NY 14623
www.nationalbraille.org ................................................ Telephone: (716) 427-8260

Membership organization of certified Braille transcribers.
A non-profit organization of, by and for parents committed to providing support to the parents of children who have visual impairments.

**National Center for Vision & Child Development**
Lighthouse International
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202................................. Telephone: (212) 821-9200
www.lighthouse.org .......................................................... TTY: (212) 821-9713
Offers information, resources and referrals to parents and professionals, both nationally and internationally. The center has many publications that address the issue of vision impairment and child development.

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
www.nichcy.org .......................................................... Toll Free: (800) 695-0285
NICHCY serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in children, IDEA, No Child Left Behind, and research-based information on effective educational practices.

**National Federation of the Blind (NFB)**
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
www.nfb.org .......................................................... Telephone: (410) 659-9314
NFB is a consumer group that can answer questions about blindness, refer people to appropriate resources or adapted equipment, and send a publication list. NFB sponsors JOB, a job listing and referral service.

**Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic**
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540 ...................................................... Telephone: (609) 452-0606
www.rfbd.org .......................................................... Toll Free: (800) 221-4792
RFBD lends taped educational textbooks at no charge to visually, perceptually, and physically handicapped grammar school, high school, undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals.
New York State Commission on Quality of Care & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Parent Advocacy Training
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305 .................................................... Telephone: (518) 388-2888
www.cqcapd.state.ny.us ........................................... Toll Free: (800) 624-4143 (voice and TDD)

The New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities provides training for parents of children with disabilities. Workshops are scheduled locally at a parent’s request on the topics of early intervention, special education and transition services. Parents learn about state and federal laws and regulations, develop communication and advocacy techniques, and prepare to take the initiative in planning appropriate programs and services for their children with disabilities.

Parent Training and Information Centers are a federally funded program through the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The program is charged with providing IDEA training, technical assistance, information and referral, and limited educational advocacy to parents and professionals. Additional information can be found at: www.taalliance.org

Parent Centers provide programs and services for parents/families of children with disabilities in New York. The parent centers are administered by the New York State Education Department. The centers offer a wide range of services including: outreach to parents, seminar and training sessions for parents, support group for family members, meetings for local residents, provision of parent “matches”: information and dissemination of relevant written materials. Additional information can be found at: www.nysed.gov (search: Parent Centers).

Parent to Parent of New York State
500 Balltown Road (statewide office) ......................... Telephone: (518) 381-4350
Schenectady, NY 12304 ................................................... Toll Free: (800) 305-8817

Parent to Parent connects parents who live in New York State with a trained volunteer to support parents whose child has the same disability, illness, issue or concern, to provide support and share information. They also connect families with local, state or national resources and organizations.

The National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, Inc. (NAPVI)
NYC NAPVI
Jeannette Christie, President
PO Box 872, Throgs Neck Station
Bronx, NY 10465
LadyJay066@aol.com .................................................... Toll Free: (800) 562-6265
Parents of Blind Children (POBC) (New York City) - affiliated with NFB
Maria Garcia, President
PO Box 09-0363
Brooklyn, NY 11209
Telephone: (718) 567-7821
Fax: (718) 765-1843
garciaonconvent@earthlink.net

Parents of Blind Children (POBC) (Long Island) - affiliated with NFB
Liz Regan Leslie Englander
18 Spencer Drive 845 Park Drive
Bethpage, NY 11714 Wantaugh, NY 11793
Telephone: (516) 735-0253 Telephone: (516) 796-3582

NATIONAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Council of Families With Visual Impairment (CFVI)
c/o American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004 ...................... Telephone: (202) 467-5081
Washington, DC 20005 ...... Toll Free: (800) 424-8666 (from 3:00-5:30 PM, EST)
Support group of parents of blind and visually impaired children.

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual
Impairments (NAPVI)
Contact: Susan LaVenture ................................. Toll Free: (800) 562-6265
A member organization for parents and agencies committed to providing support to
parents and families of visually impaired children and youth. Promotes public
understanding of the needs and rights of visually impaired children, and the development
of state and local parents’ groups.

Parents of Blind Children Division of the National Federation of the
Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
www.nfb.org/nopbc.htm .................................. Telephone: (410) 659-9314 ext. 2360
A national membership organization of parents and friends of blind children.

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB)
Clara Berg, Regional Director (New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands)
Telephone: (516) 767-1738
Toll Free: (800) 255-0411
NFADB is the largest national network of families who focus on issues surrounding deaf-blindness.
PRIVATE AGENCIES FOR THE BLIND IN NEW YORK STATE

Archdiocesan Catholic Guild
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022 .................................................... Telephone: (212) 371-1000

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired – Goodwill Industries, Inc.
422 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620 .................................................... Telephone: (585) 232-1111

Aurora of Central New York, Inc.
518 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203 .................................................... Telephone: (315) 422-7263

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D. Center for the Visually Impaired
1170 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209 .................................................... Telephone: (716) 882-1025

Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment, Inc.
55 Washington Street
Binghamton, NY 13901 .................................................. Telephone: (607) 724-2428

Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre
147 Schleigel Boulevard
Amityville, NY 11701 .................................................... Telephone: (631) 789-5213

Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
507 Kent Street
Utica, NY 13501 ......................................................... Telephone: (315) 797-2233

Chautauqua Blind Association
510 West Fifth Street
Jamestown, NY 14701 .................................................. Telephone: (716) 664-6660

Dutchess Lighthouse
110 Main Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 ................................................ Telephone: (845) 473-2660

Glens Falls Association for the Blind
144 Ridge Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801 .................................................. Telephone: (518) 792-3421

Helen Keller Services for the Blind
57 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201 .................................................... Telephone: (718) 522-2122
Long Island ................................................................. Telephone: (516) 485-1234
Association for the Visually Impaired of Jefferson County
321 Prospect Street
Watertown, NY 13601 .................................................. Telephone: (315) 782-2451

Jewish Guild for the Blind
15 West 65th Street
New York, NY 10023 .................................................. Telephone: (212) 769-6200

Lighthouse International
111 East 59th Street
15th Floor
New York, NY 10022 .................................................. Telephone: (212) 821-9200

Northeastern Association of the Blind
301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12206 .................................................. Telephone: (518) 463-1211

North Country Association for the Visually Impaired
North Elba Town Hall, PO Box 1338
Lake Placid, NY 12946 .................................................. Telephone: (518) 523-1950

Association for the Visually Impaired, Inc.
260 Old Nyack Turnpike
Spring Valley, NY 10977 .................................................. Telephone: (845) 574-4950

Southern Tier Association for the Visually Impaired, Inc.
719 Lake Street
Elmira, NY 14901 .................................................. Telephone: (607) 734-1554

Visions Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired
500 Greenwich Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10013 .................................................. Telephone: (212) 625-1616

Westchester Lighthouse
170 Hamilton Avenue
White Plains, NY 10610 .................................................. Telephone: (914) 683-7500

Western New York Center for the Visually Impaired
4511 Main Street
Amherst, NY 14226 .................................................. Telephone: (716) 839-2218
Independent Living Centers are organizations that are designed specifically to assist people with disabilities in achieving and maintaining independent lifestyles. The centers are run by people with disabilities who themselves have been successful in establishing independent lives. Independent Living Centers are community-based, consumer-controlled, non-institutional organizations. Centers provide an array of services to assist communities and persons with disabilities to live fully integrated lives within the community. Some of the services offered include peer counseling, information and referral, advocacy, independent living skills instruction, housing transportation, benefits advisement, architectural and communication barrier consultation, and training in attendant care management.

**Albany**
Capitol District Center for Independence (CDCI)  
West Mall Office ........................................................... Telephone: (518) 459-6422  
855 Central Avenue- Suite 110 TTY: (518) 459-6422  
Albany, NY 12206 Fax: (518) 459-7847  
County Served: Albany

**Auburn**  
Options for Independence (OFI) .................................... Telephone: (315) 255-3447  
75 Genesee Street TTY: (315) 255-3447  
Auburn, NY 13021 Fax: (315) 255-0836  
County Served: Cayuga

**Batavia**  
Genesee Region Independent Living Center (GRILC) ... Telephone: (585) 343-4524  
61 Swan Street TTY: (585) 343-4524  
Batavia, NY 14020 Fax: (585) 343-6656  
County Served: Genesee

**Binghamton**  
Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC) .................. Telephone: (607) 724-2111  
24 Prospect Avenue TTY: (607) 724-2111  
Binghamton, NY 13901 Fax: (607) 722-3600  
County Served: Broome

**Bronx**  
Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc. (BILS) .......... Telephone: (718) 515-2800  
3525 Decatur Avenue TTY: (718) 515-2803  
Bronx, NY 10467 Fax: (718) 515-2844  
County Served: Bronx
Brooklyn
Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID) ............................................. Telephone: (718) 998-3000
2044 Ocean Avenue - Suite B-3 TTY: (718) 998-7406
Brooklyn, NY 11230 Fax: (718) 998-3743
County Served: Kings

Buffalo
Western New York Independent Living Project, Inc. (WNYILP) .................................. Telephone: (716) 836-0822
3108 Main Street TTY: (716) 836-0822
Buffalo, NY 14214 Fax: (716) 835-3967
County Served: Erie

Buffalo/NAILS
Native American Independent Living Services (NAILS) c/o Western New York Independent Living Project, Inc. Telephone: (716) 836-0822
3108 Main Street TTY: (716) 836-0822
Buffalo, NY 14214 Fax: (716) 835-3967
Counties Served: Erie, Cattaraugus

Corning
AIM Independent Living Center (AILC) ....................... Telephone: (607) 962-8225
271 East First Street TTY: (607) 962-8225
Corning, NY 14830 Fax: (607) 937-5125
Counties Served: Chemung, Steuben

Cortland
Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc. (ATI) 26 North Main Street ........................................................ V/TTY: (607) 753-7363
Cortland, NY 13045 Fax: (607) 756-4884
County Served: Cortland

Delaware
Catskill Center for Independence (CCFI) ...................... Telephone: (607) 432-8000
PO Box 1247 - Route 23 Southside TTY: (607) 432-8000
Oneonta, NY 13820 Fax: (607) 432-6907
County Served: Delaware

Glens Falls
Glens Falls Independent Living Center (GFILC) ........... Telephone: (518) 792-3537
71 Glenwood Avenue TTY: (518) 792-0505
Queensbury, NY 12804 Fax: (518) 792-0979
County Served: Warren
Glens Falls/Saratoga Springs
GFILC Saratoga Springs Satellite
Saratoga County Options for Independent Living
7 Wells Street #207 ...................................................... Telephone: (518) 584-8202
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 TTY: (518) 584-4752
County Served: Saratoga

Harlem
Harlem Independent Living Center (HILC) .................... Telephone: (212) 369-2371
289 St. Nicholas Avenue, lower level TTY: (212) 369-6475
New York, NY 10027 Fax: (212) 369-9283
RELAY#: 1-800-421-1220
County Served: New York

Ithaca
Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC) ................. Telephone: (607) 272-2433
215 Fifth Street TTY: (607) 272-2433
Ithaca, NY 14850 Fax: (607) 272-0902
County Served: Tompkins

Jamestown
Southwestern Independent Living Center, Inc. (SILC) .. Telephone: (716) 661-3010
843 North Main Street TTY: (716) 661-3012
Jamestown, NY 14701 Fax: (716) 661-3011
County Served: Chautauqua

Kingston
Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL) ........... Telephone: (845) 331-0541
592 Ulster Avenue TTY: (845) 331-8680
Kingston, NY 12401 Fax: (845) 331-2076
County Served: Ulster

Long Island
Long Island Center for Independent Living, Inc. (LICIL) ........................................ Telephone: (516) 796-0144
3601 Hempstead Turnpike - Suite 312 TTY: (516) 796-0135
Levittown, NY 11756 Fax: (516) 796-0529
County Served: Nassau

Manhattan
Center for Independence of the Disabled
in New York (CIDNY) ................................................ Telephone: (212) 674-2300
841 Broadway - Suite 205 TTY: (212) 674-2300
New York, NY 10003 Fax: (516) 254-5953
County Served: New York
Massena
Massena Independent Living Center (MILC) ................ Telephone: (315) 764-9442
156 Center Street TTY: (315) 764-9442
Massena, NY 13662 Fax: (315) 764-9464
County Served: St. Lawrence

Middletown
Action Toward Independence (ATI) ....................... Telephone: (845) 343-4284
130 Dolson Avenue TTY: (845) 343-4284
Middletown, NY 10940 Fax: (845) 342-5269
Counties Served: Orange, Sullivan

Newburgh
Independent Living, Inc. (ILI) ........................... Telephone: (845) 565-1162
5 Washington Terrace TTY: (845) 565-1162
Newburgh, NY 12550 Fax: (845) 565-0567
County Served: Orange

Niagara Falls
Niagara Frontier Center for Independent Living, Inc. (NFCIL) ................ Telephone: (716) 284-2452
1522 Main Street TTY: (716) 284-2452
Niagara Falls, NY 14305-2522 Fax: (716) 284-0829
County Served: Niagara

Olean
Directions in Independent Living (DIL) ................. Telephone: (716) 373-4602
512 West State Street TTY: (716) 373-4602
Olean, NY 14760 Fax: (716) 373-1382
County Served: Cattaraugus

Plattsburgh
North Country Center for Independence (NCCI) .... Telephone: (518) 563-9058
102 Sharon Avenue TTY: (518) 563-9058
Plattsburgh, NY 12901 Fax: (518) 563-0292
County Served: Clinton

Plattsburgh/Ray Brook
NCCI Ray Brook Satellite
Trilakes Center for Independence ..................... Telephone: (518) 891-5295 V & TTY
PO Box 280 Toll Free (USA): 1-866-891-5295
Ray Brook, NY 12977 Fax: (518) 891-5293
County Served: Franklin
Poughkeepsie
Taconic Resources for Independence (TRI) .................... Telephone: (845) 452-3913
82 Washington Street - Suite 214 TTY: (845) 485-8110
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Fax: (845) 485-3196
County Served: Dutchess

Queens
Queens Independent Living Center (QILC) ..................... Telephone: (718) 658-2526
140-40 Queens Boulevard TTY: (718) 658-4720
Jamaica, NY 11435 Fax: (718) 658-5295
County Served: Queens

Rochester/RCIL
Rochester Center for Independent Living (RCIL) ............ Telephone: (585) 442-6470
1641 East Avenue TTY: (585) 442-6470
Rochester, NY 14610 Fax: (585) 271-8558
County Served: Monroe

Rochester/CDR
Center for Disability Rights, Inc. (CDR)
412 State Street .................................................. Telephone: (585) 546-7510 V & TDD
Rochester, NY 14608 Fax: (585) 546-5643
County Served: Monroe

Rockland
Rockland Independent Living Center (RILC) ............... Telephone: (845) 426-0707
230 North Main Street TTY: (845) 426-1180
Spring Valley, NY 10977 Fax: (845) 426-0989
County Served: Rockland

Staten Island
Staten Island Center for Independent Living (SICIL) ... Telephone...(718) 720-9016
470 Castleton Avenue TTY: (718) 720-9870
Staten Island, NY 10301 Fax: (718) 720-9664
County Served: Richmond

Suffolk
Self Initiated Living Options, Inc. (SILO) ................. Telephone: (631) 654-8007
745 Waverly Avenue TTY: (631) 654-8076
Holtsville, NY 11742 Fax: (631) 654-8077
County Served: Suffolk

Suffolk/Central Islip
SILO Central Islip Satellite
745 Waverly Avenue ............................................. Telephone: (631) 348-0207
Holtsville, NY 11742 TTY: (631) 348-7655
County Served: Suffolk
Syracuse
ARISE ................................................................. Telephone: (315) 472-3171
635 James Street TTY: (315) 479-6363
Syracuse, NY 13203 Fax: (315) 472-9252
County Served: Onondaga

Syracuse/Oswego
ARISE/Oswego Satellite ........................................ Telephone: (315) 342-4088
253 East 10th Street Fax: (315) 342-4107
Oswego, NY 13126
County Served: Oswego

Troy
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley (ILCHV)
Troy Atrium ........................................................ Telephone: (518) 274-0701
Broadway & 4th Street TTY: (518) 274-0701
Troy, NY 12180 Fax: (518) 274-7944
County Served: Rensselaer

Troy/Hudson
ILCHV Hudson Satellite ........................................ Telephone: (518) 828-4886
Fairview Plaza Fax: (518) 828-2592
160 Fairview Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534
County Served: Columbia

Utica
Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) ........ Telephone: (315) 797-4642
PO Box 210 TTY: (315) 797-5837
409 Columbia Street Fax: (315) 797-4747
Utica, NY 13502
County Served: Oneida

Utica/Amsterdam
RCIL Amsterdam Satellite
Resource Center for Independent Living ................ Telephone: (518) 842-3561
2540 Riverfront Center TTY: (518) 842-3593
Amsterdam, NY 12010 Fax: (518) 842-0905
County Served: Montgomery

Utica/Herkimer
RCIL Herkimer Satellite
Resource Center for Independent Living ................ Telephone: (315) 866-7245
401 East German Street TTY: (315) 866-7246
Herkimer, NY 13350 Fax: (315) 866-7280
County Served: Herkimer
Watertown
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (NRCIL) Telephone: (315) 785-8703
165 Mechanic Street TTY: (315) 785-8703
Watertown, NY 13601-2711 Fax: (315) 785-8612
Counties Served: Jefferson, Lewis

White Plains
Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) Telephone: (914) 682-3926
200 Hamilton Avenue - 2nd Floor TTY: (914) 682-0926
White Plains, NY 10601 Fax: (914) 682-8518
County Served: Westchester

White Plains/MOP
WILC Minority Outreach Project (MOP) Telephone: (914) 682-3926
200 Hamilton Avenue - 2nd Floor Fax: (914) 682-8518
White Plains, NY 10601
County Served: Westchester

White Plains/Carmel
WILC Carmel Satellite
Putnam Independent Living Services Telephone: (845) 228-7457
1961 Route 6 Fax: (845) 228-7460
Carmel, New York 10512
County Served: Putnam

Yonkers
Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc. (WDOM) Telephone: (914) 968-4717
984 North Broadway TTY: (914) 968-4717
Yonkers, NY 10701 Fax: (914) 968-6137
County Served: Westchester

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady BOCES
TRE Center
Maywood School
1979 Central Avenue Telephone: (518) 456-9290
Albany, NY 12205 Toll Free: 800) 248-9873
Albany, NY 12205

The Technology Resources for Education (TRE) Center is a resource for the New York State SETRC network, educators, and parents of students with disabilities who want to learn more about assistive technology. It is supported by a grant from the New York State Education Department.
TRAID Project
NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305 ............................. Telephone: (800) 522-4369

Through a federal grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), the Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities provides statewide coordination of assistive technology activities for people with disabilities; fosters development of state and federal policies and programs to enhance availability of assistive technology; and provides information, training, technical assistance and advocacy on how to obtain and use assistive technology services and devices. The TRAID project provides partial funding to 13 regional TRAID centers, which have equipment loan lending libraries for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The project also operates and maintains the TRAID-IN Equipment Exchange program, which is a service for individuals who are looking to sell, donate or obtain used assistive devices for people with disabilities.

**BRAILLE, TAPE AND LARGE PRINT SERVICES**

**American Printing House for the Blind**
P.O. Box 6085
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
www.aph.org ................................................ Telephone: (502) 895-2405

Publishes Braille books, music, and magazines; large type textbooks; talking books and magazines; microcomputer software. Manufactures special educational aids for blind and visually impaired persons. Maintains an educational research and development program concerned with educational procedures and methods and the development of educational aids.

**Braille Bug**
Braillebug@afb.net
Created by the American Foundation for the Blind to promote Braille awareness as well as give sighted children the opportunity to learn how Braille works.

**Braille International**
3142 S.E. Jay Street
Stuart, FL 34997 ........................................... Telephone: (800) 336-3142

Publishes a series of children’s stories with raised dot pictures that use animals and mythical characters to teach ethical values.

**National Braille Press**
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115 ................................. Telephone: (617) 266-6160

Offers a variety of books for young children and adults. The Children’s Braille Book Club produces a Braille-print book each month for readers from preschool to 4th grade.
Provides Braille printing services for organizations, including the Library of Congress. Sponsors a children’s Braille Book-of-the-Month Club.

**Braille Transcribers of Central New York**
154 Homewood Drive
Clinton, NY 13323 .......................................................... Telephone: (315) 853-2679

**National Braille Association**
3 Townline Circle
Rochester, NY 14623 .......................................................... Telephone: (585) 427-8260

**New York State School for the Blind**
2A Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020 .......................................................... Telephone: (585) 343-5384
(See New York State Resources)

**Southern Tier Braille Transcribers**
P.O. Box 392
Big Flats, NY 14814 .......................................................... Telephone: (607) 936-3883

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

**LEISURE READING BOOKS**

**American Foundation for the Blind**
Northeast Regional Center
11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300 .................................................. Telephone: (212) 502-7600
New York, NY 10001 .......................................................... Toll Free: (800) 232-5463

**New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**
Cultural Education Center
Albany, NY 12230 .......................................................... Telephone: (518) 474-5935
www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/ .................................................. Toll Free: (800) 342-3688

The New York State Talking Book and Braille Library provides recorded and Braille books to adults and children who are unable to read standard printed materials because of a physical disability. People qualify for this free, public library service if they have a permanent or temporary visual, physical or learning disability.

**Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Book Library**
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011 .......................................................... Telephone: (212) 206-5400
http://talkingbooks.nypl.org/ .............................................. or (212) 206-5425
New York State School for the Blind
2A Richmond Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020 ................................................................. Telephone: (585) 343-5384

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic
20 Roszel Road ................................................................. Telephone: (609) 452-0606
Princeton, NJ 08540 ................................................................. Toll Free: (800) 221-4792
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

What Do These Terms Mean?

**20/200:** This person sees at 20 feet what the normally sighted person sees at 200 feet.

**In better eye:** The eye that has the greater visual acuity.

**With best correction:** With corrective lenses.

**Visual field:** Entire area that can be seen without moving the gaze.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** is a wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability.

**Assistive technology** is any item, piece of equipment, or system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

**Association for Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired (AERBVI)** is a membership organization that promotes all phases of education and work for the blind and visually impaired of all ages. Operates a job exchange and reference information center.

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)** is a public organization that was created by the New York State Legislature in 1948 to provide shared educational programs and services to school districts.

**Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE):** Unlike the system in place for school-age children (5-21), the parents select the evaluator for their child from a list of state-approved evaluators. The results of the evaluation are sent to the CPSE, and the CPSE recommends an appropriate program for the child. That recommendation is then sent to the board of education that selects the program.

**Committee on Special Education (CSE):** Each local board of education is required to appoint a committee on special education that must “identify, review and evaluate at least annually the status of each child with a handicapping condition and each child thought to be handicapped who resides within the school district.” [Education Law section 4402 (1)(b)(2)]

**Early Childhood Direction Centers:** The New York State Education Department coordinates and supports a network of Early Childhood Direction Center projects. The centers, located in local education agencies, private agencies and hospitals, provide information and assistance to parents and professionals about programs and services for young children, ages birth through five, who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities, and help families obtain services for their children. This includes assistance in securing evaluation and assessment services, preschool programs, transportation, medical services, funding, social services and parent education programs.
**Early Intervention Services**: In 1987, New York State elected to participate in a new federal program established under Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to assist states to develop a statewide, family-centered system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers up to three years of age with disabilities and their families. The New York State Department of Health is the lead agency responsible for this program. The address and phone numbers of county officials responsible for local programs are listed earlier in this directory.

**Eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation** services through the Commission for the Blind & Visually Handicapped is determined by the following criteria: the individual has a disability (such as legal blindness) that results in a substantial impediment to employment, and he/she can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from vocational rehabilitation services. The individual requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.

**Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)** is a major standard set forth in the “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” which states that students with disabilities are entitled to a free, appropriate public education which often includes supportive services and highly individualized education programs.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** is civil rights legislation that guarantees students with disabilities a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and authorizes appropriations in funding to states and school districts to assist them in providing special education and related services.

**Individualized Education Program (IEP)** is a legal document that sets goals and objectives for students with disabilities, and describes the programs and services that will be offered to help the student reach those goals. The IEP is formulated by a team of professionals employed by the school district and the parents or guardians of the students.

**Local Education Agency (LEA)** is typically a school district, but may be a cooperative district or set of districts which are funded as a single unit.

**Least Restricted Environment** is a major principle of IDEA which states that students with handicaps should be integrated and receive their education in the most normal setting.

**Legal Blindness** is defined as an acuity of no more than 20/200 in the better eye with best correction, or restriction of the field of vision to 20 degrees or less.

**Low Vision** is bilateral reduced visual acuity or visual field. When this reduction in vision interferes with the person’s normal functioning in his or her environment, it is known as low vision. Low vision most often results from a visual disorder that cannot be corrected with ordinary prescription glasses or contact lenses.

**Low Vision Specialist**: Professional (ophthalmologist or optometrist) specializing in treating people who have low vision.
Ophthalmologists are medical doctors trained to diagnose and treat diseases of the eye, to perform surgery, and to provide total eye care, including prescription of medications and corrective lenses.

Optometrists, or doctors of optometry, are primary health care providers who do comprehensive examinations of the eye’s internal and external structures. They also perform tests to evaluate a patient’s vision, analyze the findings, make diagnoses, and provide evaluations leading to prescription of corrective lenses or other optical devices to best satisfy the particular vision problem.

Orientation and Mobility Instructors teach persons who are legally blind to travel independently in a safe and effective manner. Consumers are taught to travel wherever they need or want to go in both indoor and outdoor areas. This includes training in the use of the remaining senses to gather information about the environment for orientation purposes.

Rehabilitation Teachers are specially trained professionals who provide instruction, adaptive methods and resource information to legally blind individuals. The goal of rehabilitation teachers is to assist persons with visual impairment to achieve maximum independence in their home, school, or place of employment.

Regional Associates are employees of the State Education Department assigned to specific school districts and special education programs. Regional associates oversee preschool and school-age special education services, and serve as a resource to parents, school district personnel and private providers. They are responsible for conducting Quality Assurance Reviews of public and private special education programs to determine compliance with federal and state special education laws and regulations. Regional associates also provide technical assistance to parents, school district personnel and special education programs, and provide general information regarding services for students with disabilities to parents, school district personnel, private providers, and other stakeholders.

Related Services are services that may or may not be part of the classroom curriculum, but support classroom instruction, such as transportation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a broad civil rights law that requires local school districts receiving federal funds of any kind to provide an appropriate education to all handicapped children within their jurisdiction.

Social Security Income (SSI): The SSI program is administered by the federal Social Security Administration (SSA). A child under 18 may be found disabled if he/she has a physical or mental impairment or combination of impairments that causes marked and severe functional limitations, and that can be expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months or can be expected to result in death. Individuals 18-22 years old are evaluated as adults. The Social Security Administration considers parental income and resources in determining financial eligibility. Some types of income and
resources are not applied. In New York State, all SSI recipients receive Medicaid. Call 1-800-772-1213 for more information.

**Special Education Training and Resource Centers (SETRCs)** provide coaching and technical assistance to school districts based on the district’s needs. Many of the SETRCs have resource centers housing materials that can be borrowed on a variety of topics related to disabilities.

**Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI)** can include someone who is an itinerant teacher or resource room teacher who has state certification to teach students with vision impairment.

**Transition Services** refers to a coordinated set of activities for a student with a disability, designed within an outcome oriented process, that promotes movement from school to post-school activities, including, but not limited to: post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated competitive employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, and community participation.
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Office of
Children & Family
Services

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

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www.ocfs.state.ny.us

For information about services for the blind, call:
1-866-871-3000
1-866-871-6000 (TDD)

To report child abuse and neglect, call:
1-800-342-3720

For information on the Abandoned Infant Protection Act, call:
1-866-505-SAFE (7233)

For child care, foster care, and adoption information, call:
1-800-345-KIDS (5437)

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State of New York

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