

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resources

STATE AND NATIONAL:

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)

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397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227-3623
800-622-2155
www.vdbvi.org

VDBVI Regional Office

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"The mission of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired is to enable blind, visually impaired, and deafblind individuals to achieve their maximum level of employment, education, and personal independence." FCPS works in conjunction with VDBVI to provide educational services to students that are clients of VDBVI. Services include low vision examinations and low vision aids, the loan of certain materials and adaptive equipment, the loan of textbooks in large print and Braille, information, and training.

401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23227
804-371-3151 - Voice/TTY
www.vrcbvi.org

Provides comprehensive adjustment services to severely visually impaired Virginians.

Virginia Infant and Toddler Connection

1220 Bank Street, 9th Floor
P.O. Box 1797
Richmond, Virginia 23219-1797
804-786-3710
www.infantva.org

Provides early intervention supports and services to infants and toddlers from birth through age two who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay normal development.

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Virginia Library and Resource Center, LRC

395 Azalea Ave
Richmond, Virginia 23227
804-371-3661- Voice/TTY
800-552-7015 - Voice/TTY
www.vdbvi.org/lrc.htm

A component of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI). Material, equipment, Braille and large print textbooks are loaned to visually impaired students.

National Eye Institute

2020 Vision Place
Bethesda, MD 20892-3655
301-496-5248
www.nei.nih.gov

Information on eye disorders and current research.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

1291 Taylor Street NW
Washington, DC 20542
202-707-5100
202-707-0744 – TDD
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/nls/index.html>

Part of the Library of Congress to administer the free program that loans recorded and Braille books and magazines, music scores in Braille and large print, and specially designed playback equipment to residents of the United States who are unable to read or use standard print materials because of visual or physical impairment.

Social Security Administration, SSA

Braille Services Unit
Operations Building, Room 1-H-23
Social Security Administration
6401 Security Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21235
410-594-4686
410-965-6408

www.ssa.gov

Information about SSDI and SSI in large print, Braille, and audio format.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES:

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American Council of the Blind, ACB

1155 15th St. NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005
202-467-5081
800-424-8666

www.acb.org

A representative national organization to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people. [Old Dominion Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired](#) is the local chapter.

American Foundation for the Blind, AFB

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001
800-232-5463
212-502-7638

www.afb.org

AFB, the organization to which [Helen Keller](#) devoted her life, is a national nonprofit providing information and advocacy on living with vision loss.

American Printing House for the Blind

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

www.aph.org

The world's largest company devoted solely to creating products and services for people who are visually impaired: Aids and appliances, books for the blind, Reader's Digest in Braille and on cassette, and Braille Writer repair.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

1120 20th St NW, Suite 750 South
Washington, DC 20036
202-454-6400

www.clb.org

Programs and services that assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired in obtaining and maintaining independence at home, school, work, and in the community.

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The Foundation Fighting Blindness

11435 Cronhill Drive
Owings Mills, MD 21117-2220
888-394-3937
800-683-5551- TDD

www.blindness.org

Mission is to find the causes, treatments, preventions, and cures for retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

Hadley School for the Blind

700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
800-323-4238
Student Services, 800-526-9909, 847-446-8111

www.hadley-school.org

Offers more than 90 distance education courses completely free of charge that are related to vision loss for eligible students as well as correspondence courses for the blind.

Howe Press

Perkins School for the Blind
175 N. Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
617-924-3490

www.perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us

Provides aids and appliances, Braille equipment and supplies, Braille Writer repair.

Lions of Virginia

630-571-5466
www.ivprog.com/kylions/State_Clubs/lc_virginia.html

Provides community resources through volunteer service projects and fund raising.

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Macular Degeneration Foundation

P.O. Box 531313
Henderson, NV 89053
888-633-3937

www.eyesight.org

Interested in promising near-term, scientific studies designed to inhibit the progression of macular degeneration and restore a measurable amount of vision to all.

National Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI)

P.O. Box 317
Watertown, MA 02471
1-800-562-6265
1-617-972-7441

napvi@perkins.org

Virginia Chapter: Child's Hope for Sight, The Virginia Association for Parents of Visually Impaired Children

P.O. Box 605
Richmond, VA 23832
President: Dawn Peifer
804-938-1624

dpeifer@childshopeforsight.com

A non-profit organization of, by, and for parents committed to providing support to the parents of children who have visual impairments. NAPVI is a core partner for the Families & Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE) project spearheaded by the Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER).

National Federation of the Blind, NFB

1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-659-9314

www.nfb.org

A consumer group of blind persons with local chapters. Aids and appliances, publications.

National Society to Prevent Blindness

500 E. Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
800-331-2020
708-843-2020
Virginia Affiliate, 804-355-0773

<http://www.pbv.org>

Educational materials.

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Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
866-RFGB-585
800-221-4792

www.rfbd.org

Nonprofit, volunteer organization serving people who cannot effectively read standard print because of visual impairment, dyslexia, or other physical disability.

Virginia Association of the Blind, Inc., VAB

2625 Deerfield Crescent
Chesapeake, VA 23321
757-465-7230
800-426-2144

www.hometown.aol.com/vablind

An affiliate of the American Council of the Blind. Practical answers to help cope with vision loss

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER)

1703 N. Beauregard St.
Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22311
877-492-2708
703-671-4500

www.aerbbi.org

“International membership organization dedicated to rendering all possible support and assistance to the professionals who work in all phases of education and rehabilitation of blind and visually impaired children and adults.”