



Resource Directory For People with Visual Impairment

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ViewFinder
Low Vision Resource Center

www.ViewFinderLowVision.com

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The ViewFinder Low Vision Resource Centers

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Low Vision Resource Center

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Low Vision Resource Center

10001 W. Bell Road #115
Sun City, AZ 85251
623-583-2800

When ordinary eyeglasses, contact lenses, surgery or intraocular implants cannot provide sharp vision, an individual is said to have low vision. **Macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and retinitis pigmentosa**, along with many other eye diseases, are causes of visual impairment or low vision.

People with low vision still have useful vision and should seek out the care of an eye doctor who specializes in vision rehabilitation. *The doctors of the ViewFinder Low Vision Resource Centers specialize in Low Vision Rehabilitation Optometry.* They focus on how patients function visually in day-to-day life. Our doctors help their patients enhance their remaining vision with special low vision eyeglasses and microscopic and telescopic low vision aids. The doctors will also prescribe other optical and non-optical low vision aids as well as appropriate low vision services. They help their patients perform their daily activities despite a visual impairment so that they can enjoy life and remain independent.

Our doctors do not take the place of your current optometrist or ophthalmologist. They will work in conjunction with your eye doctor to maximize your remaining vision. To make an appointment for a low vision evaluation with one of our doctors, please call either *ViewFinder* location. Medicare and most private insurances are accepted for your examination

Our Low Vision Programs:

- ◆ Visual impairment rehabilitation
- ◆ Macular degeneration rehabilitation
- ◆ Diabetic retinopathy rehabilitation
- ◆ Driving with visual impairment program
- ◆ Stroke and brain injury rehabilitation
- ◆ Nystagmus rehabilitation
- ◆ Job re-entry program
- ◆ Computer modification for people with visual impairment

Low Vision Products

ViewFinder offers a comprehensive selection of custom and pre-made magnification products and helpful daily living aids to assist people with visual impairment. We also serve as a low vision resource center to provide information on other services and agencies available to assist those with visual impairment.

Visit our offices to see our large selection of new and used Personal Electronic Reading Machines (Video Magnifiers), magnifiers, spectacle mounted and hand-held telescopes, task lamps, sewing and craft aids, large print games, books, calendars, watches, clocks, calculators and large print kitchen aids. We also have a large selection of talking products.

Monthly Lecture

You can join the *ViewFinder* staff and one of our doctors at either the Mesa or Sun City office for our informative monthly low vision rehabilitation lecture. On the last Thursday of every month, you will learn how to improve your vision so that you can read, enjoy your hobbies and maintain your independence. You will be able to address your specific vision questions. There will be a hands-on demonstration and refreshments will be served. Please call for the time and a reservation, as seating is limited.

Dr. Lynne Noon and Dr. Carlos Grandela can be seen for appointments at the following locations. Medicare and other health insurances are accepted.

ViewFinder
Low Vision Resource Center
1830 S. Alma School Rd. Suite 131
Mesa, AZ 85210
480-924-8755

ViewFinder
Low Vision Resource Center
10001 W. Bell Road, Suite 115
Sun City, AZ 85351
623-583-2800

Our doctors also see patients at satellite offices throughout Arizona. Please call 623.583.2800 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

If you live in Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, or Las Vegas, please call for an in-home demonstration of our Electronic Reading Machines (CCTV's, Video Magnifiers). Call ViewFinder for product information and product brochures. Our toll-free number is 866.924.8755.

www.ViewFinderLowVision.com

Arizona Center for Disability Law

The Arizona Center for Disability Law is a not for profit public interest law firm, dedicated to protecting the rights of individuals with a wide range of physical, mental, psychiatric, sensory and cognitive disabilities.

www.azdisabilitylaw.org

5025 East Washington Street, Suite 202

Phoenix, AZ 85034

602.274.6287

1.800.927.2260 (Toll Free)

177 North Church Avenue, Suite 800

Tucson, AZ 85701

520.327.9547

1.800.922.1447 (Toll Free)

Arizona Council of the Blind

A statewide affiliate of the American Council of the Blind

The Arizona Council of the Blind is a nonprofit organization promoting an improved understanding of the capabilities and needs of people who are blind or visually impaired. They work to improve the social, economic, educational, employment, and civic opportunities available to blind and visually impaired people within Arizona.

www.acb.org/arizona

16845 North 29th Avenue, Suite 139

Phoenix, AZ 85053

703.845.1000

Arizona Office of Americans with Disabilities Act

www.know-the-ada.com

1700 West Washington, Suite 164

Phoenix, AZ 85007

602.542.6276

602.542.6686 (TTY)

1.800.358.3617 (Disability Related Resources)

Association for Macular Diseases

This association offers support to individuals with vision loss, their families and friends, and the professional community. Their website is a collaboration between the Association for Macular Diseases and Ophthalmic Edge providing practical tips and encouraging advice for living well with vision loss.

<http://ophthalmicedge.org>

Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues (MCDI)

The MCDI addresses issues affecting people with disabilities in the city of Phoenix. The commission provides input on accessibility to city facilities and properties, and public transportation needs for people with disabilities. It also assists the city in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The commission meets bimonthly at 4:15 PM on the fourth Wednesday. All meetings are open to the public.

<https://www.phoenix.gov/eod/commissions/disabilityissues>

Phoenix City Hall
West Conference Room
200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Foundation Fighting Blindness National Headquarters

The mission of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

www.blindness.org

Email: info@fightingblindness.org

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046
1.800.683.5555 (Toll Free)
1.800.683.5551 (TDD)

Governor's Council on Blindness & Visual Impairment

The purpose of the Council to provide a mechanism to ensure that the specialized needs of blind and visually impaired Arizonans are addressed effectively; encourage broad participation by other organizations and individuals interested in blind and visually impaired Arizonans; and develop, periodically review, and recommend goals and objectives to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired Arizonans, based upon identified needs and gaps in existing services.

<https://des.az.gov/governors-council-blindness-and-visual-impairment-gcbvi>

Physical copies of the agendas for all full council and sub-committee public meetings will be posted at the following location:

Capitol Lobby
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

This office is open to the public Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. All meeting notices and agendas will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meetings.

National Federation of the Blind

The National Federation of the Blind is the largest and most influential membership organization of blind people in the United States. The NFB improves blind people’s lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. It is the leading force in the blindness field today and the voice of the nation’s blind.

www.nfb.org

Arizona chapter: www.az.nfb.org

1.888.899.6322 (Toll Free)

Educational & Instructional Support Services

Arizona State University Disability Resources Center

<https://eoss.asu.edu/drc>

Email: DRC@asu.edu

480.965.1234

ASU Tempe Campus:

Location: Matthews Center building – 1st Floor

ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus:

Location: Post Office – Suite 201

ASU West Campus:

Location: University Center Building – Room 304

ASU Polytechnic Campus:

Location: Sutton Hall – Suite 201

Arizona Western College AccessABILITY Resource Services

www.azwestern.edu/student-support/accessibility-services

Email: accessability@azwestern.edu

Location: 3C – Top Floor
928.344.7674

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Disability Resources and Services**

www.cgc.maricopa.edu/Students/DisabilityServices/Pages/Home.aspx

Location: Pecos Campus – Bradshaw Hall 101
480.857.5188

**Eastern Arizona College
Disabled Student Services**

www.eac.edu/Student_Services/Counseling/Disabled.shtm

Location: Student Services Building – Next to Admissions
Contact: Aaron Westerfield, EAC Disability Coordinator
928.428.8253
aaron.westerfield@eac.edu

**Estrella Mountain Community College
Disability Resources and Services**

www.estrellamountain.edu/students/disability-resources
Email: drs@estrellamountain.edu

Location: Komatke Hall B – Disability Resource Center
623.935.8863

**Gateway Community College
Disability Resources**

www.gatewaycc.edu/disability-resources
Email: disability.services@gatewaycc.edu

Location: Integrated Education Building – First Floor, Room 1202
602.286.8171

**Glendale Community College
Disability Services and Resources**

www.gccaz.edu/disability-services
Email: drsfrontdesk@gccaz.edu

Location: Administration (A) Building
623.845.3080
480.525.6472 (VideoPhone for Deaf)

Grand Canyon University

Disability Services

www.gcu.edu/about/offices-services/student-disability-services

Email: disabilityoffice@gsu.edu

602.639.6342

Mesa Community College

Disability Resources and Services

www.mesacc.edu/disability-services

Southern and Dobson Campus

Location: Building 37N

480.461.7447

Red Mountain Campus

Location: RDM-M

480.654.7771

Mohave Community College

Disability Services

www.mohave.edu/resources/disabilityservices/

Contact:

Danette Bristle

dbristle@mohave.edu

928.704.9480

Michelle Martin

mmartin3@mohave.edu

928.758.1405

Northern Arizona University

Disability Resources

www.nau.edu/Disability-Resources/

Email: DR@nau.edu

Location: Health and Learning Center – Building 25, Room 2050

928.523.8773

Northland Pioneer College

Disability Resource and Access

www.npc.edu/dra

Email: sandy.manor@npc.edu

928.532.6178

**Paradise Valley Community College
Disability Resources and Services**

www.paradisevalley.edu/students/disability-resources

602.787.7171

**Phoenix College
Disability Resources and Services**

www.phoenixcollege.edu/students/disability-resources

Location: Hannelly Center HC-120

602.285.7477

623.208.4063 (Video phone)

**Pima Community College
Access and Disability Resources**

www.pima.edu/current-students/disabled-student-resources/index.html

Email: ADRhelp@pima.edu

Desert Vista Campus: 520.206.5151

Downtown Campus: 520.206.7286

East Campus: 520.206.7699

Northwest Campus: 520.206.2209

West Campus: 520.206.6688

**Rio Salado College
Disability Resources and Services**

www.riosalado.edu/disability_services/Pages/default.aspx

Email: disability_services@riosalado.edu

Location: Rio Tower, 2nd Floor

480.517.8562

**Scottsdale Community College
Disability Services**

www.scottsdalecc.edu/students/disability-services

Email: disabilityservices@scottsdalecc.edu

Location: Student Center SC-125

480.423.6517

**University of Arizona
Disability Resource Center**
<http://drc.arizona.edu/students>

520.621.3268

**University of Phoenix
Disability Services**

www.phoenix.edu/students/disability-services.html

Email: DisabilityADAQuestions@Phoenix.edu

480.557.1157

Employment Services

American Council of the Blind Job Connection

The American Council of the Blind strives to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life, for all blind and visually-impaired people. Nationwide job announcements are listed under a variety of categories. When available, a link is provided which will take you directly to an employer's website.

www.acb.org/jobs

Email: info@acb.org

1.800.424.8666

American Foundation for the Blind - CareerConnect

CareerConnect is an employment information resource for job seekers who are blind or visually impaired.

www.afb.org/careerconnect

Arizona Human Resources

www.hr.az.gov

DES Rehabilitation Services Administration

Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) oversees several programs which are designed to assist eligible individuals who have disabilities to achieve employment outcomes and enhanced independence by offering comprehensive services and supports.

<https://des.az.gov/services/employment/arizona-rehabilitation-services>

For general information about RSA programs or to receive assistance completing a referral, contact 1.800.563.1221.

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

This program provides opportunities for individuals in the VR program who are blind and visually impaired to operate merchandising businesses, including vending

machines and food service facilities, in public and private buildings under Federal and State agency management.

<https://des.az.gov/services/employment/rehabilitation-services/business-enterprise-program-bep>

If you are interested in becoming a BEP trainee and operator, contact your VR counselor and inquire about the BEP program.

Employment Service

The DES Employment Service website provides resources and contact information for job seekers needing job search assistance, resume and application assistance, career and skill assessments, and recruitment services throughout the state of Arizona.

<https://des.az.gov/services/employment/job-seekers>

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR)

Vocational Rehabilitation offers a wide range of services to help individuals prepare for, or maintain, employment. Each person works directly with a vocational rehabilitation counselor in the development of an individualized written rehabilitation plan.

<https://des.az.gov/services/employment/rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation-vr>

1.800.563.1221 (Toll Free)

Call to inquire about VR services or to set up an appointment. VR staff will collect personal information from you and complete an RSA Referral form on your behalf.

Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired

SAAVI provides programs and services to children, adults, and seniors with a vision loss helping them become empowered, independent, and successful.

www.saavi.us

3767 East Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
520.795.1331

4222 East Thomas Road, Suite 130
Phoenix, AZ 85018
602.795.0195

3795 West 22nd Lane, Suite 2
Yuma, AZ 85364
928.276.4600

Arizona Loans for Assistive Technology (AZLAT)

AzLAT is an alternative financing program designed to assist individuals with disabilities in borrowing money at affordable rates for the purchase of assistive technology.

www.aztap.org/at-funding/azlat

300 West Clarendon Avenue, Suite 475

Phoenix, AZ 85013

602.728.9534

1.800.477.9921 (Toll Free)

Care Credit

A healthcare credit card designed for health, beauty, and wellness needs. Your CareCredit credit card can be used at over 175,000 providers nationwide for services including vision care, dentistry, hearing care, and more. Financing options are available that range from 6 to 24 months with no interest on purchases of \$200 or more. (Credit approval and exceptions may apply.)

www.carecredit.com

1.800.677.0718

EyeCare America

Through the American Academy of Ophthalmology, EyeCare America provides eye care through a pool of nearly 6,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Eligible seniors 65 and older can receive a medical eye exam at no out-of-pocket cost. Their Glaucoma Program also provides a glaucoma exam at no cost to those who are eligible and uninsured.

<https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america>

Email: eyecareamerica@aao.org

1.877.887.6327

Jewish Free Loan

Jewish Free Loan is dedicated to helping Jewish Arizonans navigate financial expenses with a variety of interest-free loans. These can be used to pay for medical/dental procedures, educational programs, and many other unforeseen expenses.

<https://jewishfreeloan.org>

Email: info@jewishfreeloan.org

3443 North Central Avenue, Suite 707

Phoenix, AZ 85012

602.230.7983

Lions Vision Center

The Arizona Lions Vision Center aids students, the elderly, and other members of the community who have no other means of acquiring properly prescribed and fitted eyewear.

www.arizonalionsvisioncenter.org

Email: Info@ArizonaLionsVisionCenter.org

3124 East Roosevelt, Building D Suite 1

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602.267.7573

1.877.275.5778 (Toll Free)

Independent Living & Rehabilitation Services

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

ACBVI provides services for people who are blind or visually impaired to enhance their quality of life. Services are available to adults who are visually impaired as well as those who have a degenerative eye condition which may eventually become a visual impairment.

www.acbvi.org

Email: contact@acbvi.org

3100 East Roosevelt Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602.273.7411

Ability360

Ability360 advocates personal responsibility as a means to independence. To help consumers achieve self-sufficiency, Ability360 offers comprehensive programs including independent living skills, peer support, advocacy, home modification, ADA training, employment services, and outreach.

www.ability360.org

5052 East Washington Street, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85034

602.256.2245

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<https://des.az.gov/services/employment/arizona-rehabilitation-services>

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DIRECT Center for Independence

DIRECT is a private, nonprofit organization operated by and for people with disabilities. DIRECT is part of a national network of more than 730 centers for independent living and focuses on advocating for disability rights, empowering individuals, and promoting independent living.

www.directilc.org

Email: direct@directilc.org

1001 North Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711
1.800.342.1853

New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center

New Horizons provides transportation services, support groups, and activities in Northern Arizona to encourage and empower people with disabilities.

www.nhdec.org

Email: info@nhdec.org

9400 East Valley Road
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
928.772.1266

Services Maximizing Independent Living and Empowerment (SMILE)

SMILE provides home modification, adaptive equipment and assistive technology instruction, and life skill training to those with disabilities in southern Arizona.

www.smile-az.org

Email: info@smile-az.org

1931 South Arizona Avenue, Suite 4
Yuma, AZ 85364
928.329.6681
1.855.209.8363 (Toll Free)

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www.saavi.us

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Tucson, AZ 85716
520.795.1331

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Phoenix, AZ 85018
602.795.0195

3795 West 22nd Lane, Suite 2
Yuma, AZ 85364
928.276.4600

Library, Radio & Media

ACB Radio

ACB Radio, a project of the American Council of the Blind, streams via the internet, up-to-date and relevant information worldwide for persons who are blind or who have low vision. They provide programming produced by blind programmers, and a platform on which blind musicians and artists express their talents.

www.acbradio.org

You can also listen to ACB Radio with an ordinary telephone by calling 712.775.4808 if you are away from your computer.

American Printing House for the Blind

The world's largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are visually impaired. This includes braille and large print reading materials, games, puzzles, and low vision aids and devices.

www.aph.org

Email: info@aph.org

1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40206-0085
1.800.223.1839

Arizona Newsline

The Braille and Talking Book Library

AZ Newsline provides telephone access to newspapers for individuals who are unable to read the print version. Newsline delivers today's, yesterday's, and the previous Sunday's issue of selected newspapers via telephone, email, or online 24/7. Users can easily choose which newspaper, section, and article to "read" by keying in their selection. National newspapers available are The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times and USA Today.

www.azlibrary.gov/talkingbooks/az-newsline

Arizona Talking Book Library
1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.255.5578
1.800.255.5578 (Toll Free)

Arizona Braille & Talking Book Library

Braille books, talking books, magazines, and play back equipment are loaned to individuals who cannot hold, handle or read conventional printed matter due to a visual or physical limitation. There is no charge for the books, equipment, supplies or mailings. This service is provided by the federal government through the Library of Congress in conjunction with the Arizona State Library.

www.azlibrary.gov/talkingbooks

1030 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.255.5578
1.800.255.5578 (Toll Free)

Audio Bibles for the Blind

Audio Bibles for the Blind makes the bible accessible for those who are blind, visually impaired, or print-handicapped. They are available in different options, formats, versions, and titles to choose from. Some options are free with proof of disability which other items are at a subsidized cost.

www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org

Email: bibles@auroraminstries.org

941.748.3031

Braille Plus

Braille Plus provides braille services on any type of printed matter for vocational or personal use.

www.brailleplus.com

Email: info@brailleplus.com

480.782.0223

Choice Magazine Listening

Choice Magazine Listening is a nonprofit organization that provides audio recordings of memorable articles, stories, interviews, essays, and poems from outstanding current magazines, completely free to blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or dyslexic adults.

www.choicemagazinelistening.org

1.888.724.6423 (Toll Free)

Christian Record Services for the Blind

Christian Record Services provides free Christian publications and programs for people with visual impairments nationwide.

www.christianrecord.org

402.488.0981

Descriptive Audio Services

The Descriptive Audio Service is a free national service that makes television more accessible to visually impaired audiences. The service is carried by a number of public television stations across the country. Descriptive audio provides viewers with descriptions of settings and facial expressions voiced during pauses in dialogue. It is accessed through the Secondary Audio Program (SAP) setting on your television. Contact your cable or satellite provider so find out what shows are offered with descriptive video in your city.

Many streaming websites like Netflix, iTunes, and Amazon now offer descriptive audio on many of their programs.

Guideposts

Guideposts is a monthly, inspirational, interfaith, non-profit, publication written by people from all walks of life. Its articles present tested methods for developing courage, strength and positive attitudes through faith in God. Available in large print, braille, and on tablet devices.

www.guideposts.com

Email: GPSprod@cdsfulfillment.com

1.800.932.2145

Jewish Heritage for the Blind

The Jewish Heritage transcribes, prints, and distributes Jewish texts in braille and large print.

www.jewishheritage.org

Email: services@jewishheritage.org

1.800.995.1888

National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

National Library Service (NLS) is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by postage-free mail or download.

www.loc.gov/nls

Email: nls@loc.gov

1.888.657.7323

**Phoenix Public Library
Accessibility Center
Burton Barr Central Library**

Large print, braille, and talking books as well as books about disabilities are available. Assistive technology programs and equipment are also available for use on a first come, first served basis.

www.phxlib.org

1221 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602.262.4636
602.254.8205 (TTY)

Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind

Individuals in the Northwest Valley who are unable to read newspapers, books, or magazines because of visual impairment or a disability can have access to digital recordings each week to keep in touch with events and news. Equipment is loaned all material is recorded by volunteers.

www.readingfortheblind.org

623.933.0985

Sun Sounds Radio

Sun Sounds of Arizona provides audio access to information to people who cannot read print because they have a disability. Local and national newspapers and publications are read aloud through various devices for those who are eligible.

www.sunsounds.org

Email: info@sunsounds.org

2323 West 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.774.8300
520.296.2400 (Tucson)
928.779.1775 (Flagstaff)

Thorndike Press

The world's largest collection of titles offered in large print. Don't miss out on the latest bestsellers and bestselling authors.

www.gale.com/thorndike

gale.customerservice@cengage.com

1.800.877.4253 (Toll Free)

Miscellaneous Services

IRS Tax Information

Those who are legally blind are eligible for certain tax deductions. The law allows you to deduct what you spend to prevent, diagnose, or treat illness, as well as any costs related to your blindness or visual impairment. This may include expenses on transportation to and from a doctor's office, eyeglasses and low vision aids and devices.

Social Security Administration

1.800.772.1213 (Disability information and appointments)

1.800.325.0778 (TTY)

www.ssa.gov/disability

U.S. Postal Service

The postal service provides free postage for applicable articles mailed for use by the legally blind. Contact your local post office for more information.

Recreation & Arts

Arizona Game and Fish Department

People who are legally blind or blind may fish without a license and are entitled to the same privileges as the holder of a valid license.

www.azgfd.gov

5000 West Carefree Highway

Phoenix, AZ 85086

602.942.3000

Dancing Dots/Lime Lighter

Music Technology for the Visually Impaired

Offers technology, educational resources, and training to assist blind and low vision individuals to read, write, and record music.

www.dancingdots.com

Email: info@dancingdots.com

1754 Quarry Lane, Suite DD

Phoenixville, PA 19460

610.783.6692

Lions Camp Tatiyee

The Mission of Lions Camp Tatiyee is to provide a camping experience for special needs individuals, among their peers, that encourages independence and self-confidence.

www.arizonalionscamp.com
Email: pam@camptatiyee.org

Contact: Pam Swanson, Executive Director
5283 West White Mountain Blvd
Lakeside, AZ 85929
480.380.4254

Music for the Blind

Music for the Blind offers quality music instruction in an all-audio format. You will find courses and lessons for over a dozen different instruments taught completely by ear.

www.musicfortheblind.com
Email: billdebb@bellsouth.net
1.888.778.1828

United States Association of Blind Athletes

The USABA is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee which provides athletic opportunities in various sports to those with a visual impairment. USABA programs serve athletes of all ages and abilities from local grassroots programs to the elite Paralympic level.

www.usaba.org

1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, Co 80909
719.866.3224

Services for Children

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)

ASDB serves children who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind from birth through grade 12. ASDB operates two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind, a statewide birth-to-three early childhood and family education program and five regional cooperatives which provide services to students attending a local school. ASDB is dedicated to empowering diverse, young children and students with the educational opportunities necessary to succeed in college, career, and life.

www.asdb.az.gov

Phoenix Campus
7654 North 19th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
602.771.5300

Tucson Campus
PO Box 85000
Tucson, AZ 85754
520.770.3863

Regional Cooperative Programs

- North Central Regional Cooperative
 - 1000 East Butler Avenue, Suite 115
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928.774.0655
- Southwest Regional Cooperative
 - 2450 South 4th Avenue, Suite 600
Yuma, AZ 85364
928.317.0429

Foundation for Blind Children

The Foundation for Blind Children serves the blind and visually impaired of all ages, from birth to the elderly. With three Valley locations, they provide education, tools, and services that enable all persons with vision loss to achieve greater independence.

www.seeitourway.org

Email: info@seeitourway.org

1234 East Northern Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85020
1.800.322.4870 (Toll Free)
602.331.1470

Support Groups & Social Centers

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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www.acbvi.org

3100 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.273.7411

Granite Reef Senior Center Low Vision Support Group

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/seniors/social-services

1700 North Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
480.312.1700

National Federation of the Blind

The National Federation of the Blind is the largest and most influential membership organization of blind people in the United States. The NFB improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. It is the leading force in the blindness field today and the voice of the nation's blind.

www.nfb.org

Arizona chapter: www.az.nfb.org

1.888.899.6322 (Toll Free)

Tucson Society of the Blind

www.tucsonsoftheblind.org

Christ Presbyterian Church
6565 East Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85710
520.298.2427

Technology Assessment, Training & Equipment

Arizona Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

ACBVI provides services for people who are blind or visually impaired to enhance their quality of life. Services are available to adults who are visually impaired as well as those who have a degenerative eye condition which may eventually become a visual impairment.

www.acbvi.org

3100 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602.273.7411

Arizona Technology Access Program – AzTAP

AzTAP assists people with disabilities of all types and ages as well as family members, service providers, employers, and the general public to become better educated about the value and use of assistive technology. They offer demonstrations of assistive technology

devices, lend out devices for short term use, and provide affordable financial loans to help people buy the technology they need.

www.aztap.org/at-funding/azlat

300 West Clarendon Avenue, Suite 475
Phoenix, AZ 85013
602.728.9534
1.800.477.9921 (Toll Free)

ViewFinder Low Vision Resource Center

www.viewfinderlowvision.com

Email: info@viewfinderlowvision.com

1830 South Alma School Road, Suite 131
Mesa, Arizona 85210
480.924.8755

10001 West Bell Road, Suite 115
Sun City, Arizona 85351
623.583.2800

Transportation & Volunteer Support Services

About Care

About Care is a non-profit organization delivering caring and compassionate support services using trained volunteers for the elderly and physically-challenged homebound residents of Chandler, Gilbert, and Queen Creek. Services include transportation, shopping and errands, computer assistance, friendly visits, and minor home repairs.

www.aboutcare.org

Email: information@aboutcare.org

600 West Ray Road
Chandler, AZ 85225
480.802.2331

Benevilla

Operating in the Sun City and West Valley, Benevilla provides extensive support services for older adults, adults with disabilities, children, and the families who care for them. Services include home delivered meals, transportation, grocery shopping, friendly visitors minor home repairs.

www.benevilla.org

16752 North Greasewood Street
Surprise, AZ 85378
623.584.4999

Dial-A-Ride

Dial-a-Ride complements the existing Valley Metro transit system by providing transportation to people who are unable to utilize local bus service due to a disability. Dial-a-Ride services are operated throughout the region and offer either curb-to-curb or door-to-door shared-ride public transportation. Different services are offered depending on the city or town in which you live.

www.valleymetro.org/dial-ride

www.valleymetro.org/ada-paratransit-eligibility

602.716.2100

Duet: Partners in Health & Aging

Duet helps older adults and their families cope with challenges related to aging. Services include getting groceries and rides to the doctor to health promotion activities and support groups.

www.duetaz.org

Email: info@duetaz.org

10000 North 31st Avenue, Suite D200
Phoenix, AZ 85051
602.274.5022

Foothills Caring Corps

The mission of Foothills Caring Corps is to help seniors and other adults who reside in the Northeast Valley/ Foothills community to remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Volunteers and staff provide in-home services, transportation services, community services and support.

www.foothillscaringcorps.com

7275 East Easy Street, Suite B101
Carefree, AZ 85377

480.488.1105

Friends In Deed

Friends In Deed is a member driven, non-profit organization providing durable medical equipment for loan, transportation, blood pressure clinics, social and educational programs, and meeting space at no charge.

www.fid-gv.org

301 West Camino Casa Verde
Green Valley, AZ 85614
520.625.1150

GoGoGrandparent

GoGoGrandparent is a transportation service that works with transportation services like Lyft to ensure that you can get affordable rides within minutes, even if you don't have access to a smartphone or apps. Rather than using an app, riders call a number which connects them to the service. GoGoGrandparent contacts Lyft on your behalf and schedules a ride. GoGoGrandparent can check with drivers to insure they're comfortable meeting the needs of older adults. Operators are available 24/7 and you can schedule custom pickups or automatic rides for fixed medical appointments.

<http://gogograndparent.com>

1.855.464.6872

Lyft

Ride-sharing apps like Lyft help increase the mobility and independence of transportation for riders with disabilities. The Lyft app allows passengers with accessibility needs to enable Access Mode. In certain markets, when Access mode is enabled, passengers may request a vehicle that is specially outfitted to accommodate wheelchairs. In markets where those vehicles are not available, information regarding local services will be sent directly to the passenger via text message. Drivers also comply with ADA rules and do not discriminate those with service animals.

www.lyft.com

For riders who do not have a smartphone but still want to use an app like Lyft, see our information regarding GoGoGrandparent.

Mountain Lift

Mountain Lift is a shared ride program for those people with disabilities who do not have the functional ability to ride fixed-route buses, either permanently or under certain conditions. This service aims to promote independence, integration, and self-sufficiency. It is part of Northern Arizona's Mountain Line and is in cooperation with the ADA.

www.mountainline.az.gov

Email: transportation@naipta.az.gov

NAIPTA
3773 North Kaspar Drive
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
928.779.6624

Neighbors Who Care

Neighbors Who Care employs community volunteers to provide quality non-medical assistive services to clients via a “neighbor helping neighbor” approach in the communities of South Chandler and Sun Lakes. Services include assistance with business affairs such as organizing and paying bills and opening and sorting mail, dinner delivery services, minor repairs, friendly visits, and transportation.

www.neighborswhocare.com

Email: info@neighborswhocare.com

10450 East Riggs Road, Suite 113
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
480.895.7133

New Horizons Disability Empowerment Center

New Horizons provides transportation services, support groups, and activities in Northern Arizona to encourage and empower people with disabilities.

www.nhdec.org

Email: info@nhdec.org

9400 East Valley Road
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
928.772.1266

Rides in Sight

Rides In Sight provides information about senior transportation options in local communities throughout the United States. The Rides In Sight website also contains valuable information about transportation, health, and age-related support services.

www.ridesinsight.org

1.855.607.4337

Scottsdale Cab Connection

Cab Connection is a Scottsdale-funded program offering more flexibility and greater independence for many individuals. The program sends a number of vouchers per month to each participant. The vouchers are subsidized by the city of Scottsdale and pay for 80% of the trip cost.

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/transportation/transit

Email: CabConnectionInfo@scottsdaleaz.gov

480.312.8747

Sun Cities Area Transit – SCAT

SCAT offers two transportation services in the West Valley. They provide a Dial-A-Ride services operating within Sun City, Sun City West, and Youngtown with service to

businesses in the connecting corridor along Bell Road and a Late Night Service with return transportation from Boswell Hospital and Del E Webb Memorial Hospital.

scatdialaride.tripod.com

Email: info@goscat.org

623.977.8363

Sun Van

Sun Van provides transportation service to those individuals unable to use Sun Tran's fixed route service due to their disability. Sun Van is available to individuals with disabilities with a current ADA Eligibility letter issued by the City of Tucson.

www.sunvan.com

3401 East Ajo Way

Tucson, AZ 85713

520.798.1000

520.884.5100 (TDD)

Uber

Ride-sharing apps like Uber help increase the mobility and independence of transportation for riders with disabilities. Cashless payments, on-demand transportation, real-time GPS, and equal access make requesting a ride quick and easy. Drivers are obligated to accept riders with service animals and you can request an uberWAV for riders with motorized wheelchairs

With VoiceOver iOS, Android TalkBack, and wireless braille display compatibility, the Uber app makes it easier for riders who are blind to get from A to B. See their website or the app for details.

<https://accessibility.uber.com>

For riders who do not have a smartphone but still want to use an app like Uber, see our information regarding GoGoGrandparent.

Valley Metro Public Transportation

Reduced fares on local routes (excluding Express and RAPID) and light rail are available to youth age 6 through 18, seniors age 65 or older, people with disabilities or Medicare cardholders. Must have valid proof of eligibility to use reduced fares.

www.valleymetro.org

Email: csr@valleymetro.org

602.253.5000

602.251.2039 (TTY)

Verde Valley Caregivers

All of Verde Valley Caregivers services to its clients are provided at no cost to them by dedicated volunteers throughout the Verde Valley. Over 300 volunteers provide assistive services that include transportation, business assistance, and handy person help. Volunteers also provide respite assistance to in-home caregivers and patient scribe assistance during medical appointments.

www.vvcaregivers.org

299 Van Deren Road, Suite 2
Sedona, AZ 86336
928.204.1238

Yuma County Transportation Authority (YCAT)

YCAT offers transit options servicing southwestern Yuma County including, but not limited to, the cities of Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, and the Cocopah Indian Reservation. Services include fixed bus routes, vanpool, and ADA Paratransit.

www.yciptata.org

2715 East 14th Street
Yuma, AZ 85365
928.783.2235
711 (TDD/TTY through the Arizona Relay Service)

Utilities Assistance

AT&T Accessibility

AT&T provides many accessibility resources including TTY-compatible phones, wireless accessibility plans, text to speech apps, Directory Assistance exemption, and many more.

www.att.com/features/accessibility.html

Cox Accessibility

Cox provides access to many features for the visually impaired including the new Contour TV with voice command and voice guidance, video descriptions, large button remotes, braille and large print billing statements, and Telephone Relay Service.

www.cox.com/aboutus/accessibility.html

Century Link

Programs for Customers with Disabilities

CenturyLink customers who are blind, vision or mobility impaired, and who cannot use a directory may qualify for exemption from Directory Assistance charges. They also provide bills in braille, large print, and e-mail compatible with screen readers.

<https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/programs-for-customers-with-disabilities.html>

PO Box 2670
Omaha, NE 68103
1.800.244.1111 (Voice and TTY)

Veterans Services & Support Groups

Blinded Veterans Association

All BVA programs and services are available to any blinded veteran in need, regardless of how or when they lost their sight. Field Service Officers help blinded veterans navigate the VA claims system. BVA strives to raise awareness of blindness issues and advocates for VA policy change and services for blinded veterans.

www.bva.org

Email: bva@bva.org or fieldservice@bva.org to speak to a Field Service Officer

1.800.669.7079 (Toll Free)
1.844.250.5180 (Field Service Hotline)

Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Services

The VA Blind Rehabilitation Service model of care encompasses an array of rehabilitative services, extending from the patient's home to the local VA care facility, and to regional low vision clinics and inpatient training programs helping with orientation and mobility, daily living activities, and computer access training.

www.rehab.va.gov/PROSTHETICS/blindrehab/index.asp

Carl T Hayden VA Medical Center
650 East Indian School
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Contact: Thomas Hicks
602.277.5551 ext. 7236