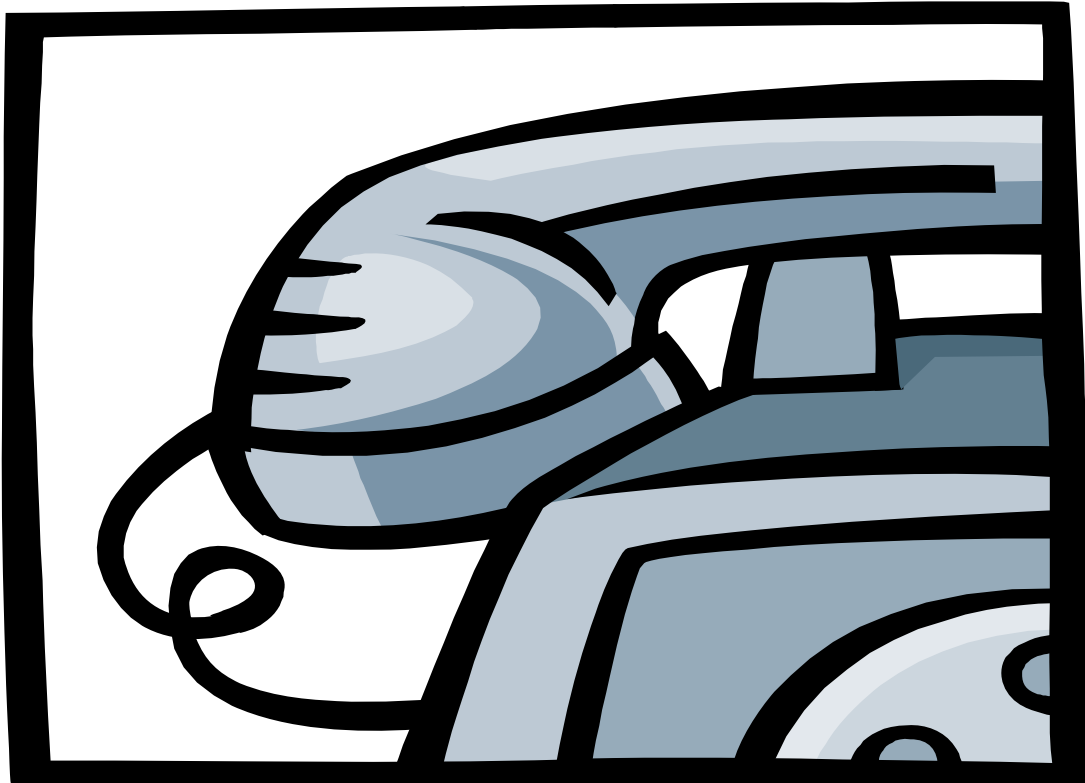


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Resource Guide for the Visually Impaired of the Pikes Peak Region

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PREFACE

It is with great pleasure that Peak Vista Community Health Centers, providing exceptional healthcare to El Paso and Teller counties since 1971, presents the Resource Guide for the Visually Impaired and Blind in the Pikes Peak Region to consumers, their friends, families, caregivers and advocates. We thank the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging for printing this important educational tool.

Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services, a nonprofit visual rehabilitation program of Peak Vista listed in this Guide, provides customized, one-on-one training in the activities of daily living and computer technology to promote self-reliance and quality of life to visually impaired persons 18 years and older in the Pikes Peak region.

A diagnosis of visual impairment is not the end - - it's the beginning! From the day that a visual problem is diagnosed, Second Sight (329-7171) can assess an individual's desires, needs and abilities, pointing out a broad scope of additional services that will help the individual achieve personal goals. Working together with many of the organizations listed in this Guide, Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services refers clients and advocates to a continuum of care ranging from licensed counseling and support groups to home devices, living skills training, transportation and other helpful services.

How wonderful to see all these resources listed in one place!

We hope you will contact Peak Vista Community Health Centers at 329-7171 for assistance in daily living with visual impairment. We are honored to join the Pikes Peak Area Agency of Aging, and the community partners in this Guide, to bring hope and purpose in a time of challenge.

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HOPE, OPPORTUNITY AND ACTION

“I’m sorry to tell you this, Mrs. Trachsel, but you’re losing your sight and there’s nothing we can do to stop it,” the doctor told my mother. Without another word, he turned and left the room, and my mother, in stunned silence.

When her tears stopped - thinking about the reading, sewing and painting that gave meaning and pleasure to her life - my mother stretched out a trembling hand to me.

“I guess my life is over now,” she said. She was only 70 and had struggled with diabetes for five years. As her daughter, caregiver and best friend, I felt as afraid and helpless as she did.

I didn’t know what to tell her any more than the ophthalmologist who gave her the dire medical prognosis.

But we are more than our diseases. And life is bigger in its possibilities than any one medical diagnosis.

Today, that ophthalmologist might leave the room with a hopeful word. He or she might say, “Although there is no medical cure for your eye disease, there are services and professionals that can help you do all the things you need and love to do. Let me give you the phone number of **Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services**; they can meet with you, determine which services might help you best and even provide training in your own home.”

My mother might have continued to live independently by learning how to dress, clean and cook with her visual impairment; Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services could even teach her to safely sew! Its trainer would show her special equipment and computers that would magnify the pages of her favorite books, magazines and recipes. Programs like Second Sight and others listed in this Resource Guide encourage us to summon *hope*, find *opportunity* and take *action*.

SUMMON HOPE

Depression is natural when told you have a permanent visual disability. Why me? Why now? Sadly, vision loss often accompanies other losses for older persons: physical mobility, income, spouse, etc. Licensed counseling, support groups and educational resources presented in this Resource Guide, lend hope that we are not alone - - that others like us have forged new paths into living fuller lives.

FIND OPPORTUNITY

Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services, a project of the nonprofit **Peak Vista Community Health Centers**, serves as a gateway to opportunities by providing individual assessment of a visually impaired person's needs in order to create a personalized plan of training and referrals to ensure they succeed at their objectives. To learn more, please call **719-329-7171**.

This Resource Guide, begun by Dr. Glenesk of Evans Army Hospital, with contributions from Eugene Fleming, MSED, and the Colorado Division of Rehabilitation Services also helps individuals find the community services they need to stay hopeful and aware of opportunities.

TAKE ACTION

(Parts reprinted from Gazette, June 15, 1995)

In 1985, Thomas Theune thought life couldn't get any better. He had all the ingredients for success: a college degree, a new optometry practice, a wife and plans for children.

A year later, he developed cystoid macular edema. By 1993, his vision had deteriorated so much that he was forced to give up his practice, stop driving a car, and – worst of all, he says – 'give up golf.'

“My whole world turned upside down.” But rather than becoming paralyzed by anger and grief over what he could no longer do, Dr. Theune took a year off to think things through and made a courageous decision: he would become a ‘Low Vision’ specialist, creating a business – Low Vision Services of Southern Colorado – that specializes in showing others how to make the most of their remaining sight through visual aids.

These include a range of devices that can make everyday tasks – such as writing a check, reading a recipe or watching television – more manageable. Following a thorough assessment and review of helpful options, Dr. Theune introduces patients to magnifiers, binoculars, telescopic aids, lamps, reading stands, large print computer software and closed circuit televisions that can magnify a newspaper page 40 times.

His transformation from frustration to empowerment didn’t stop there: he also provides low vision evaluations for children in rural Colorado, created a scholarship for visually impaired and blind college students in 1996 (“See the Future Fund”); serves as Chairperson for the Colorado Optometric Association’s Low Vision Committee and helped found Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services -- which joined Peak Vista so it could receive its administrative, funding, outreach, and staffing support.

What gave Dr. Theune the boldness to act beyond self-pity and fear? “Self-confidence and self-esteem can plummet with visual impairment, but I recognized the importance of using the tremendous resources available to me.” We hope this Resource Guide will help you or yours summon hope to find the best opportunities and act with courage, community support and success - - even, as Dr. Theune does with the help of a pocket telescope - - play golf if you wish.

DEFINITIONS AND TYPES OF SERVICES

LOW VISION

Insufficient vision to do the things one wants and needs to do. This loss of vision cannot be corrected by regular glasses, medical treatment, or surgery and usually results from disease, injury or birth defects.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Refers to low vision to blindness: 20/70 to no light perception (total blindness).

LEGAL BLINDNESS

20/200 to no light perception and/or visual field of no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye with correction; corrective glasses cannot improve the person's vision beyond 20/200.

**For the purposes of this Guide, the term
“VISUAL IMPAIRMENT”
will also be used to refer to the legally blind**

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY: The use of computers and special computer software that enables persons with low vision, visual impairment and blindness to better communicate, including: scan and magnify printed material and web information for reading; read aloud scanned printed material and web information; and print the spoken word into written text.

ASSISTIVE (LOW VISION) DEVICES: In general, equipment that help the visually impaired to conduct activities of daily living. Example: a device that 'beeps' when a fluid is poured into the glass is close to overflowing or talking thermostats.

OPTICAL DEVICES are lenses including strong reading glasses, hand and stand magnifiers, telescopes, prisms, and tints or filters.

NON-OPTICAL DEVICES include enlarged items such as large print playing cards, big eye needles, and large print watches, reading stands, lamps to provide proper illumination, signature guides and "talking" devices such as "talking watches."

ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICES are magnification systems that utilize electronic enlargement rather than lens magnification, and include Closed-Circuit Televisions (CCTVs), large print computer software, and head mounted cameras (V-Max).

BRAILLER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Assistance with keeping Braille machines in good condition.

BRAILLER TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES: Help translating non-Braille text into Braille.

LOW VISION SERVICES: A low vision rehabilitation program evaluates optical, non-optical and electro-optical devices to improve or maximize visual functioning. It also provides training in the proper use of the vision and low vision devices.

A primary eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist) often makes the referral to a Low Vision provider. Other rehabilitation professionals such as orientation and mobility specialists, vision rehabilitation teachers, occupational therapists and social workers may also be part of the Low Vision Rehabilitation team.

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY: The ability to walk safely in the home and community (also referred to as training in travel) is primary to a sense of control and provided by agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs or by independent, licensed Orientation and Mobility (OM) instructors.

VISION REHABILITATION: Assistance from trained professionals to improve daily functioning for maintaining safety and independence within the home, workplace and travel. It may include, but is not limited to: the prescription of low vision (assistive) devices, training in Activities of Daily Living (ADL), Orientation and Mobility, Computer Technology, Braille teaching and emotional support.

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

American Council of the Blind

Phone: 800-424-8666

(for local group, call 719-634-1851)

E-Mail: info@.org

Web site: www.acb.org

Description: Toll-free information and referral, including: scholarship assistance to blind/visually impaired post-secondary students, public education, advocates, leadership training, industry consultation on employment of blind/visually impaired individuals, governmental monitoring, annual national convention

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am – 5 pm; Colorado Springs group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

American Foundation for the Blind

Address: 11 Penn Plaza, Ste 300
New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-502-7600

E-Mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Web site: www.afb.org

Description: National organization that provides access to technology and information, which promotes independent and healthy living for people with vision loss. Represents the rights and interests of people with vision loss in our nation's public policies.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm EST

Area Agency on Aging Pikes Peak Region

Address: 15 S. 7th St
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Contact: Michael Decker, Director

Phone: 719-471-7080 x114

E-Mail: mdecker@ppacg.org

Web site: www.ppacg.org

Description: Administers state and federal funds to provide services to help older adults remain in their own homes. Internal programs include the Family Caregiver Support Center, Senior Information and Assistance, and Long-term Care Ombudsman.

Eligibility: 60 plus

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition

Address: 655 Broadway, Suite 775
Denver, CO 80203

Contact: Representative

Phone: 303-839-1775

E-Mail: info@ccdconline.org

Web site: www.ccdconline.org

Description: Advocates for basic human rights and the rights of those who are disabled.

Eligibility: Disabled

Colorado Springs Independence Center

Address: 21 E. Las Animas St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Nancy Hunt

Phone: 719-471-8181

Web site: www.csindependence.org

Description: Nonprofit organization providing advocacy, peer support, benefits, nursing home transition and home health care.

Eligibility: Disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation

Address: 350 N. LaSalle, Ste 800
Chicago, IL 60610

Description: A nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public on diabetes-induced blindness.

Eligibility: Diabetes

Foundation Fighting Blindness

Address: 11435 Cronhill Dr
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Contact: Representative

Phone: 888-394-3937

E-Mail: The website has a page where you can submit comments

Web site: www.blindness.org

Description: Drives research for prevention, treatment and cure of retinal degenerative diseases, and fundraising for research.

Eligibility: Patients, families and professionals

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm EST

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Glaucoma Research Foundation

Address: 251 Post St., Ste 600
San Francisco, CA 94108

Contact: Anyone there would be able to answer questions

Phone: 800-826-6693

E-Mail: glaucoma@itsa.ucsf.edu

Web site: www.glaucoma.org/learn/diabetes_and_yo.html

Description: Funding source for innovative research seeking a cure for glaucoma.

Eligibility: Glaucoma

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5 pm PST

Lighthouse, Inc.

Address: 111 East 59th St
New York, NY 10022

Phone: 800-829-0500

Web site: www.lighthouse.org

Description: An organization that strives to educate professionals and the public about prevention and treatment of vision loss, promoting equal access in classrooms and ensuring the topic of vision loss is on the agenda for the World Health Organization (WHO) and Vision 2020.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am - 5 pm EST

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Macular Degeneration Awareness

Address: Duke University Medical Center Box 3445
Durham, NC 27710

Contact: Michelle Mallace

Phone: 919-684-0680

E-Mail: michelle.mallace@duke.edu

Web site: www.chg.duke.edu/diseases/amd.html

Description: Computer links to macular degeneration resources.

National Association for the Visually Handicapped

Address: 22 W. 21 St.
New York, NY 10010

Contact: Anyone there would be able to answer questions

Phone: 212-889-3141

E-Mail: staffca@navh.org

Web site: www.navh.org

Description: National organization providing large print information through their library, providing classes to educate the public and professionals and youth and adult development activities.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm EST

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

National Association of Blind Merchants

Address: 1223 Lake Plaza Dr., Ste D
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Contact: Kevan Worley

Phone: 527-0488

E-Mail: kevanworley@blindmerchants.org

Web site: www.blindmerchants.org

Description: Membership organization of blind persons who are either self-employed or work for the Randolph-Sheppard vending program. Provides information regarding rehabilitation, Social Security, taxes and other issues that directly affect blind merchants. Serves as an advocacy and support group.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse

Address: 1 Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892

Phone: 800-860-8747

E-Mail: ndic@info.niddk.nih.gov

Web site: www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/

Description: Offers publications on diabetes, answers requests for specialized information, publishes quarterly bulletin and maintains database of diabetes educational materials.

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

National Eye Institute

Address: Information Office 31 Center Dr MSC 2510
Bethesda, MD 20892

Contact: Representative

Phone: 301-496-5248

E-Mail: 2020@nei.nih.gov

Web site: www.nei.nih.gov

Description: Conducts and supports research that helps prevent and treat eye diseases and other disorders of vision and chapters to improve public health.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm

National Federation of the Blind

Address: 1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230

Contact: Customer Representative

Phone: 410-659-9314

Web site: www.nfb.org

Description: Membership organization that provides public education and referrals about blindness, scholarships, literature, publications, advocacy, technology and support services.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Vision Connection

Address: 111 East 59th St.
New York, NY 10022

Phone: 800-829-0500

Web site: www.visionconnection.org

Description: A one-stop, accessible online resource on vision impairment and rehabilitation plus the latest information on prevention, research and treatment.

Eligibility: Visually impaired person or family, friend or professional helping them.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

In addition to these vendors, Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services at 329-7171 can help you order kitchen, home and business aids designed for the visually impaired from dozens of national vendors and catalogues.

Adaptive Technologies

Address: 35446 Running Brook Lane
Elizabeth, CO 80107

Contact: Charles Maxey

Phone: 303-646-4124

E-Mail: charlesmaxey@adaptive-technologies.com

Web site: www.madentec.com

Description: Various adaptive computer products

Eligibility: Disability

Assistive Technology Partners

Address: 601 E. 18th Ave, Ste 130
Denver, CO 80203

Contact: Representative

Phone: 303-315-1280

Web site: www.uchsc.edu/atp/

Description: Training, technical assistance and consultations, information and referral, open lab, outreach, written information, funding information and advocacy.

Eligibility: Parent, student and professional

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Beyond Sight

Address: 5650 S. Windermere St.
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Jim Misener

Phone: 303-795-6455

E-Mail: jim@beyondsight.com

Web site: www.beyondsight.com

Description: Retail store of products for the blind and visually impaired.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Colorado Center for the Blind

Address: 2233 W. Shepperd Ave
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Julie Deden

Phone: 303-778-1130

E-Mail: ccb@cocenter.org

Web site: www.cocenter.org

Description: Assistive devices, appliances, high-tech devices and computers.

Eligibility: Documented visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

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Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Address: 110 Parkside Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Contact: Sharon Wood

Phone: 719-635-3585

E-Mail: Sharon.Wood@state.co.us

Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/index.html

Description: Available services may include: evaluation and diagnosis, purchase of adaptive aids (according to financial need guidelines) and training in the use of adaptive technology.

Eligibility: Disability that results in barriers to employment or independent living.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

ETO Engineering PLLC

Address: 303 Cary Pines Dr.
Cary, NC 27513

Phone: 919-523-0205

E-Mail: ray.gonzales@etoengineering.com

Web site: www.etoengineering.com/

Description: They provide accessible cell phones.

Eligibility: Blind, with low vision, visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing.

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Executive Products, Inc.

Address: 12900 Bradley Ave
Sylmar, CA 91342

Phone: 866-833-1444

Web site: www.executiveproductsinc.com/

Description: Manufacturer of leather cases for Braille units and cell phones.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm EST

Ezhermatic PCVOZ

Address: Internet based product

E-Mail: contact@ezhermatic.com

Web site: www.ezhermatic.com

Description: It is a powerful screen reader application that uses Microsoft Agent technology and the power of voice to provide for a totally self-voiced computer and Internet access.

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Humanware

Address: 3350 Cortina Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Ed Wikdiall

Phone: 800-722-3393 ext. 221

E-Mail: ed.wikdiall@humanware.com

Web site: www.humanware.com

Description: Provides tools such as Auto-Readers, video magnifiers, digital book players, note takers, handheld computers, Braille displays, etc.

Eligibility: Vision Impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Magnisight CCTV Systems

Address: 3631 North Stone Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Contact: Richard Kendall

Phone: 719-578-8893

E-Mail: richardk@magnisight.com

Web site: www.magnisight.com

Description: Manufacturer of quality Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) products from and for the visually impaired.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 4 pm

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MaxiAids

Address: 42 Executive Blvd
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Phone: 800-522-6294

E-Mail: sales@maxiaids.com

Web site: www.maxiaids.com

Description: Mail order catalogue of products for the visually impaired.

National Public Website on Assistive Technology

Address: Center for Assistive Technology: Georgia
Institute of Atlanta, GA 30332

Contact: Representative

Phone: 800-726-9119

E-Mail: catea@coa.gatech.edu

Web site: www.assistivetech.net

Description: A diverse resource for assistive technology and disability-related information. The database helps to target solutions, determine costs and find vendors of assistive technology products.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

In addition to these vendors, Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services at 329-7171 can help you order kitchen, home and business aids designed for the visually impaired from dozens of national vendors and catalogues.

Optelec

Address: 3030 Enterprise Ct, Ste C
Vista, CA 92081

Contact: Customer Service

Phone: 800-828-1056

Web site: www.optelec.com

Description: Along with our video magnifiers, Optelec markets prescription-quality magnifiers and vision aids for everyday living like watches, clocks, mirrors and games.

Eligibility: Vision Impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 8 pm PST

Sansvision Consultants

Address: 1127 S. Harrison
Denver, CO 80210

Contact: Bryant Moore

Phone: 303-691-2006

E-Mail: svci@comcast.net

Description: Provider of high tech software, computer programs and CCTVs for the visually impaired.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

In addition to these vendors, Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services at 329-7171 can help you order kitchen, home and business aids designed for the visually impaired from dozens of national vendors and catalogues.

Silver Key

Address: 2250 Bott Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Contact: John Holcomb

Phone: 719-884-2382

Web site: www.silverkey.org

Description: Nonprofit organization offering CCTV equipment for eligible persons.

Eligibility: Persons 60 years of age and older, residing within the City of Colorado Springs, City of Manitou Springs and Stratmoor Hills/Stratmoor Meadows area(s).

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Telesensory Systems

Address: 650 Vaqueros Ave Suite F
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Contact: Linda Belyeu-Conklin

Phone: 719-550-1547

Web site: www.telesensory.com

Description: Manufacturer's representative for high tech products for the blind made by Telesensory Systems.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm PST

BRAILLER MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

Ackley Appliance Service

Address: 4301 Park Ave #540
Des Moines, IA 50321

Contact: Alan Ackley

Phone: 515-288-3931

E-Mail: aackley@brailberman.com

Description: Maintenance of brailers.

Eligibility: Own a brailer

Foundation for Blind Children

Address: 1235 E. Harmont Dr.
Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Norma

Phone: 602-331-1470

Description: Maintenance of brailers.

Eligibility: Own a brailer

Hot Braille

Web site: hotbraille.com

Description: A database of Braille information.

BRAILLER MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

Phone: 617-924-3434

E-Mail: howepress@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us

Web site: www.perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us/

Description: Sells brailers, slates and accessories, measuring and drawing supplies, and more.

Rocky Mountain Braille Associates

Address: 1215 La Paloma Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Contact: Lucia Hasty

Phone: 577-4710

E-Mail: Lhasty2@earthlink.net

Web site: www.tactilegraphics.org

Description: Braille production, including tactile graphics

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

The Selective Doctor

Contact: Joe Staniewski

Phone: 410-668-1143

E-Mail: brailrepair@yahoo.com

Web site: www.selectivedoctor.net

Description: Repair service for both electric and manual brailers.

COMPUTER TRAINING

Colorado Springs Independence Center

Address: 21 E Las Animas St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Nancy Hunt

Phone: 719-471-8181

Web site: www.csindependence.org

Description: Provides computer training at their center with adaptive equipment and programs for all disabilities.

Eligibility: Disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Fleming Computing and Educational Services

Address: 1734 Sawyer Way
Colorado Springs, CO

Contact: Eugene Fleming, MSEd.

Phone: 719-550-1804

E-Mail: eugene.fleming@juno.com

Description: Instructor in use of adaptive and computer devices and programs, provides some computer upgrades, program installation, troubleshooting and other services.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: By appointment only

COMPUTER TRAINING

Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services

Address: 5636 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Shari-Rae Tiilikainen MSED, CVRT

Phone: 719-329-7171

E-Mail: stiilikainen@peakvista.org

Web site: www.peakvista.org

Description: Offers assessment of needed computer technology and provides instruction in your home.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: By appointment

Pikes Peak Community College (Computer Access Center)

Address: 5675 S. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Contact: Michael Nusen

Phone: 719-540-7128

E-Mail: Michael.Nusen@ppcc.edu

Web site: www.ppcc.edu/StudentServices

Description: The Office of Accommodative Services and Instructional Support (OASIS) strives to create an accessible environment by providing reasonable and appropriate services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Eligibility: Documented disability

EDUCATION

Anchor Pre-School for Blind Children

Address: 3801 Martin Luther King Blvd
Denver, CO 80205

Contact: Alice Applebaum

Phone: 303-377-9732

Description: Provides educational programs for children from infancy through five years of age.

Eligibility: Visual Impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

Address: 33 N. Institute St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Lou Tutt, Principal

Phone: 719-578-2201

E-Mail: ltutt@csdb.org

Web site: www.csdb.org

Description: Residential school offering a comprehensive academic, social and compensatory skills program for students who have a vision disability through twenty-one years of age.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

EDUCATION

Family Dynamics Professional

Address: 2554 Palmer Park
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact: Rebecca Shields

Phone: 719-634-1851

E-Mail: rebecca.shields@juno.com

Description: Develops connections between businesses and the community, and provides staff training, policy consultation and business etiquette.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hadley School for the Blind

Address: 700 Elm St.
Winnetka, IL 60093

Phone: 800-526-9909

E-Mail: info@hadley.edu

Web site: www.hadley.edu/Web_Site/Hadley-School.asp

Description: Offers distance education to students.

Eligibility: Student must be a blind adult, relative of a visually impaired child, family member or professional serving the visually impaired.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm CST

EDUCATION

Master Drive

Address: 3280 Woodmen Drive, Suite 100
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Phone: 719-260-0999

Web site: www.masterdrive.com

Description: Evaluation and training for persons with low vision to continue driving.

Eligibility: Anyone of driving age

Pikes Peak Community College (Computer Access Center)

Address: 5675 S. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Contact: Michael Nusen

Phone: 719-540-7128

E-Mail: Michael.Nusen@ppcc.edu

Web site: www.ppcc.edu/StudentServices

Description: The Office of Accommodative Services and Instructional Support (OASIS) strives to create an accessible environment by providing reasonable and appropriate services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Eligibility: Documented disability

FINANCE & FINANCIAL HELP

American Council of the Blind

Address: 1155 15th St NW, Ste 720
Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 800-424-8666

E-Mail: info@acb.org

Web site: www.acb.org

Description: Scholarship assistance for blind and visually impaired post-secondary students.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm EST

Colorado Center for the Blind

Address: 2233 W. Shepperd Ave
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Julie Deden

Phone: 303-778-1130

E-Mail: ccb@cocenter.org

Web site: www.cocenter.org

Description: Scholarship assistance.

Eligibility: Documented visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

FINANCE & FINANCIAL HELP

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Address: 110 Parkside Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Contact: Sharon Wood

Phone: 719-635-3585

E-Mail: Sharon.Wood@state.co.us

Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/index.html

Description: Available services may include: necessary and appropriate physical and/or mental health goods and services and purchase of assistive devices (low vision aids, canes, etc.). Eligible individuals who meet financial guidelines may also receive educational and job training funding.

Eligibility: Disability that results in barriers to employment or independent living. Some service or equipment purchases are based on client's financial need.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Deluxe Low Vision Checks

Phone: 800-342-1500

Web site: www.deluxe.com

Description: Provider of low vision checks, which are larger in size with raised lines, and printed on yellow paper. They may also be ordered through your local bank.

FINANCE & FINANCIAL HELP

El Paso County Senior Citizen Services

Address: 105 North Spruce
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Representative

Phone: 719-520-6470

E-Mail: denniscrosser@elpasoco.com

Web site: dhs.elpasoco.com

Description: Old Age Pension, Aid to the Blind, adult protection, home care allowance, adult foster care, home and community based services.

Eligibility: 60+

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Friends of Man

Address: PO Box 937
Littleton, CO 80160

Contact: Maurene Neely

Phone: 303-798-2342

Web site: www.friendsofman.org/FOM_Home.htm

Description: Financial aid for daycare, food, clothing, medicine, prostheses, wheelchairs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental needs medical equipment, training and education, and more.

Eligibility: Financial need; case-by-case basis; requires application by a helping agency.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

FINANCE & FINANCIAL HELP

See The Future Fund

Address: PO Box 63022
Colorado Springs, CO 80962

Contact: Dr. Tom Theune

Phone: 719-471-3200

E-Mail: twtheune@prodigy.net

Web site: www.seethefuture.org

Description: To provide financial assistance to visually impaired and blind students who are residents of Colorado. The website also has links to other scholarship opportunities under the "Scholarship Links" heading.

Eligibility: Colorado resident who is a full-time student and is visually impaired. (See Web site or call Dr. Theune for vision criteria and other questions.)

FINANCE & FINANCIAL HELP

Social Security Administration

Address: 1049 N. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact: David Cardinali

Phone: 800-772-1213 (National)

E-Mail: david.cardinali@ssa.gov

Web site: www.socialsecurity.gov. See top right corner of home page

Description: Determines eligibility for benefits, processes Social Security applications for retirement and survivors benefits, Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applications for blind and disabled (or persons 65 years of age or older), and apply for Medicare benefits. Publications available from website in Braille, audio cassette, tape, disk, or enlarged print.

Eligibility: Age, physical or mental impairment

Hours: Toll-free hours: Monday - Friday 7 am – 7 pm
Colorado Springs office hours: Monday - Friday 9 am – 4 pm

FOOD

Chocolates Unlimited

Address: 169-02 Crocheron Ave.
Flushing, NY 11358

Phone: 718-359-4466

E-Mail: info@chocolatesunlimited.biz

Web site: www.chocolatesunlimited.biz/

Description: Manufacturer of chocolate Braille bars in milk, dark and white chocolate with or without nuts. They also carry supplies to make your own candy. Call for a Braille catalog.

King Soopers Home Delivery

Address: 65 Tejon St PO Box 5567
Denver, CO 80217

Phone: 800-677-5464

Web site: peach.kroger.com/sf/servlet/storefront

Description: Home delivery of grocery store items.

FOOD

Schwan's Frozen Foods

Address: 115 W. College Dr.
Marshall, MN 56258

Phone: 888-724-9267

Web site: www.schwans.com

Description: Home delivery of frozen foods.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7 am – 10 pm; Saturdays by request

The Chocolate Experience

Address: Box 540836
Flushing, NY 11354

Phone: 888-568-6665

E-Mail: chocomelt@aol.com

Web site: members.tripod.com/~Chocolates/greeting_bars.noframe.html

Description: Seller of Braille chocolate bars for gifts, fundraising or resale in a gift box.

INFORMATION SERVICES

2-1-1 (Pikes Peak United Way)

Address: 518 N. Nevada
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: Dial only '2-1-1'

E-Mail: chrism@ppunitedway.org

Web site: www.2-1-1.org

Description: 2-1-1 provides callers with information about human services, including physical and mental health resources, employment support, support for older Americans and persons with disabilities, support for children, youth and families, volunteer opportunities and donations.

Hours: 24 hours / 7 days

INFORMATION SERVICES

Area Agency on Aging Pikes Peak Region

Address: 15 S. 7th St
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Contact: Michael Decker, Director

Phone: 719-471-7080 x114

E-Mail: mdecker@ppacg.org

Web site: www.ppacg.org

Description: Not-for-profit services include: senior information and assistance by phone, 60+ discount programs, the Yellow Book, nursing home ombudsman, assisted living information and a family caregiver support center

Eligibility: 60+

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Free Matter for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

Address: Any post office

Phone: 800-275-8777

Web site: www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/pubs/pub347_print.htm

Description: Free mailing service by the Post Office: ask for Publication #347.

Eligibility: Visual Impairment

INFORMATION SERVICES

Legal Center for People with Disabilities

Address: 455 Sherman St, Ste 130
Denver, CO 80203

Contact: Representative

Phone: 303-722-0300

Web site: [www.uchsc.edu/atp/library/fastfacts
/legalcntr1.htm](http://www.uchsc.edu/atp/library/fastfacts/legalcntr1.htm)

Description: The Legal Center helps people gain access to resources such as housing and public accommodations, education and assistive technology, including: protection and advocacy, special education advocates, legal assistance, long-term care ombudsman and pro bono services.

Eligibility: Disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

INFORMATION SERVICES

Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services

Address: 5636 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Shari-Rae Tiilikainen MSEd, CVRT

Phone: 719-329-7171

E-Mail: stiilikainen@peakvista.org

Web site: www.peakvista.org

Description: Nonprofit program providing assessment of needs and abilities of visually impaired persons in order to provide information and referrals on helpful community services.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Qwest Corpcenter for Customers with Disabilities

Address: 421 SW Oak, Ste 480B
Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 800-223-3131

Web site: www.qwest.com/residential/disabled/index.html

Description: Free telephone directory assistance.

Eligibility: Visual impairment, physical disability, or Reading/mentally disabled.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, PST

INFORMATION SERVICES

Rocky Mountain ADA & IT Center

Address: 3630 Sinton Rd, Ste 103
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Contact: Information Specialist

Phone: 719-444-0268

E-Mail: rmdbtac@mtc-inc.com

Web site: www.adainformation.org/

Description: The Rocky Mountain Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC) staffs a toll-free information line and provides informal guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and accessible information technology for educational entities.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Senior Information & Assistance Center

Address: 15 S. 7th St
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Phone: 719-471-2096

E-Mail: seniorinfo@ppacg.org

Web site: www.ppacg.org

Description: Senior Information & Assistance of the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging provides information, assistance and referral to community resources for older adults with a wide variety of needs. 60+ discount program. Publishes the senior resource directory known as the Yellow Book.

Eligibility: 60 plus

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

INFORMATION SERVICES

Senior Insurance Assistance

Address: 14 S. Chestnut
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Phone: 719-635-4891

Description: Provides assistance with Medicare and other health insurance claims, information and assessments of supplemental insurance policies and long-term and home healthcare insurance. Voluntary contributions requested.

Eligibility: 65+

Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Tell Me Reading Service

Phone: 800-555-8355

Description: A free telephone service that provides up-to-the-minute information on news, weather, sports, stock quotes, movie times and locations and much more.

The Low Vision Gateway

E-Mail: The website has a page where you can submit comments

Web site: www.lowvision.org

Description: A starting point to the world's resources for vision loss, vision impairment, blindness, low vision aids and low vision rehabilitation services

LOW VISION SERVICES

Colorado Department of Education

Address: 201 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Contact: Tanni Anthony

Phone: 303 866-6681

E-Mail: anthony_t@cde.state.co.us

Web site: www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/SD-BLV.asp

Description: CDE sponsors four low vision clinics for public school age learners. The clinics are held in Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, Denver and Fort Collins each school year.

Eligibility: Students must be nominated by their district teacher certified as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI).

LOW VISION SERVICES

Low Vision Services of Southern Colorado (Dr. Thomas Theune)

Address: 5614 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Dr. Tom Theune, OD

Phone: 719-471-3200

E-Mail: twtheune@prodigy.net

Web site: www.lowvision.org/lvs_sc.htm

Description: Provides unhurried consultations to help patients understand their vision loss and meet their desired goals. Hands-on experiences include reading and writing, distance viewing, lighting, glare control, computer technology and non-optical devices.

Eligibility: Patients must be referred by their optometrist, ophthalmologist or agency (VA Vocational Rehab, etc.).

Hours: Monday –Thursday, 7:30 am – 4 pm

MEDICAL / PSYCHOLOGICAL

American Academy of Ophthalmology

Address: PO Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120

Contact: Customer Service

Phone: 415-561-8500

E-Mail: customer_service@aao.org

Web site: www.aao.org

Description: Provides a directory of ophthalmologists.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm PST

Colorado Optometric Association

Address: 1600 Broadway, Ste 1320
Denver, CO 80202

Contact: Elissa Conard

Phone: 877-691-2095

Web site: www.visioncare.org

Description: Website has a page for submitting comments and questions. Provides a search function for locating an optometrist in Colorado. Please inquire if the referred provider offers low vision services when you call.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm

MEDICAL / PSYCHOLOGICAL

CU Aging Center

Address: 1436 N. Hancock
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Mike Kinney

Phone: 719-471-4884

E-Mail: cu-aging-center@mail.uccs.edu

Web site: web.uccs.edu/agingcenter/

Description: Psychotherapy, family consultation, caregiver program, information and referral, neuropsychological testing, mood and memory checkups.

Eligibility: Senior citizen, families of seniors, service agencies and clients of Peak Vista Second Sight Services

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am - 4 pm; evening and Saturday by appointment

El Paso County Medical Society

Address: 730 Citadel Dr E, Ste 206
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact: Tina Fulton

Phone: 591-2424

E-Mail: tfulton@epcms.org

Web site: www.epcms.org

Description: Provides a directory of physicians in El Paso County.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

California Canes

Address: 16263 Walnut St
Hesperia, CA 92345

Phone: 760-956-5265

E-Mail: califcanes@cox.net

Web site: www.californiacanes.com

Description: Makers of 100% carbon fiber folding and rigid canes in a variety of sizes and custom sizes. Light, sensitive and very resistant to bending.

Colorado Center for the Blind

Address: 2233 W. Shepperd Ave
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Julie Deden

Phone: 303-778-1130

E-Mail: ccb@cocenter.org

Web site: www.cocenter.org

Description: Dog guide stipends

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Address: 110 Parkside Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Contact: Sharon Wood and Barbara Seever

Phone: 719-635-3585 and 719-482-7980

E-Mail: Sharon.Wood@state.co.us

Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/index.html

Description: Available services may include: orientation and mobility training, a current list of dog guide schools, purchase of assistive devices (canes, etc. according to client's financial need) and referrals to appropriate paratransit service.

Eligibility: Disability that results in barriers to employment or independent living.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Revolution Enterprises

Address: 12170 Dearborn Pl.
Poway, CA 92064

Phone: 800-382-5132

E-Mail: advantagecanes@aol.com

Web site: www.advantagecanes.com/

Description: Folding and rigid canes made of graphite composites. Light, sensitive and very resistant to bending.

OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES

Note: If you need help choosing other social services, please contact the Senior Information & Assistance Center (60+) at 471-2096 or 2-1-1 (all ages).

El Paso County Department of Human Services

Address: 105 North Spruce
Colorado Springs, CO

Phone: 719-636-0000

Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us

Description: County agency offering assistance obtaining Medicaid (health care for low-income women, children and seniors), food stamps and other social service information and referrals.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

El Paso County Senior Citizen Services

Address: 105 North Spruce
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Representative

Phone: 520-6470

E-Mail: denniscrosser@elpasoco.com

Web site: dhs.elpasoco.com/NR/exeres/7F83072A-AFB4-4568-8732-

Description: Old Age Pension, Aid to the Blind, adult protection, home care allowance, adult foster care, home and community based services

Eligibility: Senior

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES

Note: If you need help choosing other social services, please contact the Senior Information & Assistance Center (60+) at 471-2096 or 2-1-1 (all ages).

Silver Key

Address: 2250 Bott Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Phone: 884-2300

E-Mail: jholcomb@silverkey.org

Fax: 719-884-2301

Web site: www.silverkey.org

Description: Nonprofit agency that provides help obtaining income, food stamps, protective services, transportation and other assistance to ensure the safety, dignity and independence of older persons.

Eligibility: 60+

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Teller Senior Coalition

Address: 312 N. Center St
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Phone: 687-3330

E-Mail: info@tellerseniorcoalition.org

Web site: www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/

Description: Provides daily hot meals, transportation, education, information and handyman services for seniors and the disabled in Teller and western El Paso County.

Eligibility: Seniors and the disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

READING MATERIALS (AUDIO)

Associated Services for the Blind

Address: 919 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Contact: Maria Laquinto

Phone: 215-627-0600

E-Mail: asbinfo@asb.org

Web site: www.asb.org/main/index.htm

Description: Provider of recorded periodicals.

Eligibility: Disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm, EST

Audio Diversions

Phone: 800-628-6145

E-Mail: frankj@audiodiversions.com

Website: www.audiodiversions.com

Description: Audio books

READING MATERIALS (AUDIO)

Aurora Ministries

Address: PO Box 1061
Bradenton, FL 34206

Phone: 941-748-4100

E-Mail: AudioBibles@auroraminstries.org

Web site: www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org

Description: Free King James Bible on cassette.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm EST

Colorado Talking Book Library

Address: 180 Sheridan Blvd
Denver, CO 80226

Phone: 800-685-2136

E-Mail: ctbl.info@cde.state.co

Web site: www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl

Description: Provides audio books.

Eligibility: Visual, physical, learning disabilities

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

READING MATERIALS (AUDIO)

Pikes Peak Library District

Address: 5550 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Sally McNeal

Phone: 719-531-6333 x 1371

Description: Offers an assistive technology workstation, captioned videos, books on tape and CDs.

Eligibility: Visually impaired

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm; Friday – Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday 1 – 5 pm

Radio Reading Services of the Rockies

Address: 2200 Central Ave, Suite A
Boulder, CO 80301

Phone: 877-443-2001

Description: Free reading service including daily local news.

Eligibility: Visually impaired

Hours: 24 hours / 7 days

READING MATERIALS (AUDIO)

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Address: 1355 S. Colorado Blvd, Ste C-406
Denver, CO 80222

Contact: Member Services

Phone: 303-757-0787

E-Mail: custserv@rfd.org

Web site: www.rfd.org

Description: Provides audio textbooks to members.

Eligibility: Documented disability

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 8 pm;
Friday, 8 am- 5 pm

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

American Printing House for the Blind

Address: 1839 Frankfort Ave Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206

Phone: 800-223-1839

E-Mail: info@aph.org

Web site: www.aph.org

Description: Electronic book reading machines, Braille maps and many more other educational aids. Catalog available on request.

Braille Bible Foundation (International)

Address: PO Box 948307
Maitland, FL 32794

Phone: 800-766-9080

Web site: www.careministries.org/bbf.html

Description: King James Bible in Grade 2 Braille, large print, on cassette and on CD.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: Monday –Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm EST

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

Braille Forum Newsletter

Address: 1155 15th Street, Suite 720
Washington, DC 20005

Contact: Sharon Lovering

Phone: 202-467-5081

E-Mail: editor@acb.org

Web site: www.acb.org/magazine/index.html

Description: Braille, large print, half- speed four-track cassette tape and computer disk

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, EST

Colorado Talking Book Library

Address: 180 Sheridan Blvd
Denver, CO 80226

Phone: 800-685-2136

E-Mail: ctbl.info@cde.state.co

Web site: www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl

Description: Provides Braille books, large print books, and some descriptive videos.

Eligibility: Visual, physical, learning disabilities

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

Encore Music Company

Address: PO Box 191/22133 Main St
Woodburn, IN 46797

Contact: Customer Service

Phone: 800-819-3055

E-Mail: CustomerService2006@encoreMusic.com

Web site: www.encoremusic.com/piano/large-print.html

Description: Large print sheet music is laid out on the page to make it easier on the eyes. There are usually only 3 pairs of staves on the page, and the staves run across facing pages in the book so you still get a decent number of measures on each line.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 5 pm, CST

G.E.H. Music

Address: 7755 Woodsmuir Dr
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

Contact: Customer Service

Phone: 561-775-4961

Web site: www.piano-pal.com

Description: Large print sheet music for piano

Eligibility: Vision Impairment

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 3 pm, EST

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

Howe Press of Perkins School for the Blind

Address: 175 N. Beacon St
Watertown, MA 2472

Phone: 617-924-3434

E-Mail: howepress@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us

Web site: www.perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us/

Description: Sells brailers, slates and accessories, measuring and drawing supplies, and more.

Lighthouse, Inc.

Address: 111 East 59th St.
New York, NY 10022

Phone: 800-829-0500

Web site: www.lighthouse.org

Description: National clearinghouse for educational materials, including a large print newsletter (Sharing Solutions).

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm EST

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: Music Library

Address: Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

Contact: Mary Dell Jenkins

Phone: 888-NLS-READ

E-Mail: nlsm@loc.gov

Web site: www.loc.gov/nls/music/orderform.html

Description: Large print and Braille music

Eligibility: Vision or physical impairment

New York Times Weekly

Address: 229 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036

Contact: Circulation

Phone: 800-631-2580

E-Mail: directory@nytimes.com

Web site: www.nytimes.com

Description: Large Print Newspaper.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 5 am - 12 am EST

READING MATERIALS (PRINT)

Stephens Development Company

Address: 3542 Fair Oaks Lane
Longboat Key, FL 34228

Phone: 888-714-4419

E-Mail: stevepub@comcast.net

Description: Publishes large print music (classical, popular, religious and traditional) at 2.5 times the size of regular music for the visually impaired.

RECREATION

Descriptive Video Service

Address: PO Box 55742
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Phone: 888-818-1181

Web site: main.wgbh.org/wgbh/pages/mag/resources/dvs-home-video-catalogue.html

Description: Provides films with audio narration that describes visual information in the film.

Gwen Blumenschein

Address: 8424 W 25th Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80215

Contact: Gwen Blumenschein

Phone: 303-233-7487

Description: Personal piano lessons; able to use Braille system.

Eligibility: 8 years through adults

RECREATION

United States Association of Blind Athletes

Address: 33 N. Institute St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Mark Lucas

Phone: 719-630-0422

E-Mail: mlucas@usaba.org

Web site: www.usaba.org

Description: Provides athlete and coach identification and support, program and event management, and national and international representation. We value the life-enhancing aspects of sports and the opportunity to demonstrate the abilities of people who are blind and visually impaired.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Visually Impaired and Blind Skiers (VIBeS)

Address: 5636 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Phone: 719-593-1982

E-Mail: TNTSYKES@MSN.COM

Web site: www.coloradovibes.org/

Description: A community based nonprofit organization dedicated to enabling the blind and visually impaired to experience recreational activities through a shared vision.

REHABILITATION (TRAINING)

Colorado Center for the Blind

Address: 2233 W. Shepperd Ave
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Julie Deden

Phone: 303-778-1130

E-Mail: ccb@cocenter.org

Web site: www.cocenter.org

Description: Four training programs including Braille, adaptive technology, home management and travel.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

REHABILITATION (TRAINING)

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Address: 110 Parkside Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Contact: Sharon Wood

Phone: 719-635-3585

E-Mail: Sharon.Wood@state.co.us

Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us/ods/dvr/index.html

Description: Available services may include: evaluation and diagnosis, vocational rehabilitation counseling and guidance, rehabilitation teaching for the blind, purchase of assistive devices according to client's financial need and job placement services.

Eligibility: Disability that results in barriers to employment or independent living.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

REHABILITATION (TRAINING)

Colorado Springs Independence Center

Address: 21 E. Las Animas St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Nancy Hunt

Phone: 719-471-8181

Web site: csindependence.org

Description: Training in independent living skills, employment readiness and computers.

Eligibility: Disabled

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Peak Vista Second Sight Vision Services

Address: 5636 N. Union Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contact: Shari-Rae Tiilikainen MSEd, CVRT

Phone: 719-329-7171

E-Mail: stiilikainen@peakvista.org

Web site: www.peakvista.org

Description: Assessment and training in Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), use of assistive devices and computers, in clients' homes and at the center.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Hours: By appointment

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adult Blind Association

Address: 1719 E. Bijou
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact: Joe Fabac

Phone: 719-633-8293

Description: Monthly meeting that provides an educational speaker or entertainment and refreshments

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Adult Role Model Group

Contact: Roger Harwell

Phone: 719-648-6844

E-Mail: r.harwell@juno.com

Description: Sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education. Presenters, who are visually impaired, make presentations and connect mentors to other visually impaired individuals.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

SUPPORT GROUPS

Family Dynamics Professional

Address: 2554 Palmer Park
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Contact: Rebecca Shields

Phone: 719-634-1851

E-Mail: rebecca.shields@juno.com

Description: Vision loss support group.

Eligibility: Visual impairment

Inn-Sight

Address: 2520 International Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Contact: Jeanne Long

Phone: 719-591-0862

Description: Support group for people of varying levels of visual impairment.

Nice Things Can Happen

Address: 2405 Patriot Heights #4231
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Contact: Fred Engelman

Phone: 719-387-6894

Description: Support group for people with macular degeneration.

TRANSPORTATION

Amblicab Paratransit of Pikes Peak Partnership

Address: 2377 N. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone: 719-633-4677

Description: Door-to-door on-demand transportation within Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs. Advance reservations required.

Eligibility: Call for information

Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 5 pm

Fountain Valley Senior Transit

Address: 5745 Southmoor Dr
Fountain, CO 80817

Contact: Representative

Phone: 719-520-6472

Web site: dhs.elpasoco.com/SeniorServices/default.asp

Description: Provides transportation for seniors in the Fountain Valley and Eastern El Paso County. 48 hour notice needed. Advance reservations required.

Eligibility: 60+

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

TRANSPORTATION

Metro Mobility

Address: 1015 Transit Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Contact: Jane Valentine, 385-7444

Phone: 719-392-2396 Reservations

Description: Curb to curb transportation for disabled people unable to use bus services. Must complete an application and be certified eligible. Advance reservations required.

Mountain Metropolitan Transit (City Bus Service)

Address: 1015 Transit Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 719-385-7433

Description: City bus system

TRANSPORTATION

Mountain Community Transit

Address: 375 S. Highway 105
Palmer Lake, CO 80133

Contact: Representative

Phone: 719-488-0076

Description: Transportation for seniors in the Tri-Lakes and surrounding areas. Leave message if you want transportation. Advance reservations required.

Eligibility: Seniors 60 plus

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Silver Key

Address: 2250 Bott Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Phone: 719-884-2380

Web site: www.silverkey.org

Description: Nonprofit organization offering transportation for eligible persons.

Eligibility: Persons 60 years of age and older, residing within the City of Colorado Springs, City of Manitou Springs and Stratmoor Hills/Stratmoor Meadows area(s). Advance reservations required.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

TRANSPORTATION

Teller Senior Coalition

Address: 312 N. Center St
Woodland Park, CO 80863

Contact: Representative

Phone: 719-687-3330

E-Mail: info@tellerseniorcoalition.org

Web site: www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/

Description: Provides transportation. Call 24 hours in advance for an appointment

Eligibility: Seniors and the disabled in Teller and western El Paso County.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

VETERANS SERVICES

Blinded Veterans Association

Address: 477 H St, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Contact: Peter Link

Phone: 202-371-8880

E-Mail: bva@bva.org

Web site: www.bva.org

Description: Field service program and volunteer service program

Eligibility: Visually impaired/blind veteran

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm EST

Veterans Administration Services

Address: 1055 Clermont St
Denver, CO 80220

Contact: Pamela Newton

Phone: 303-399-8020 x 340

E-Mail: Pamela.Newton@med.va.gov

Web site: www1.va.gov/blindrehab/

Description: Adjustment to blindness counseling, patient and family education, benefits analysis, comprehensive residential inpatient training, outpatient rehabilitation services and provision of assistive technology and research.

Eligibility: Disabled veteran

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

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