

Resource Directory

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments:

www.dgckids.org 314-776-1300. Located in St. Louis, DG provides individualized education, therapy, and support services to them and their families (birth to three). They also have group recreation and development support groups that meet monthly during the school year and a tandem bike club that meets weekly in the summer.

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired: www.slsbvi.org 314-968-9000. Located in St. Louis, provides services to help individuals who are blind or visually impaired remain independent. Examples include computer training, functional low vision exams, and ADL training through the STARS program.

Missouri Council of the Blind www.missouricounciloftheblind.org : The council shall promote the general well-being of our members and legally blind people in Missouri. The council offers a number of assistance programs and camps for people who are blind. The annual membership fee is only about \$10.

Missouri School for the Blind: <http://msb.dese.mo.gov> : MSB offers educational and outreach services for legally blind Missouri children from birth through age 21 and their families. MSB is operated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State of Missouri and its services are free of charge. If the student lives too far from the school to commute daily, the student may live in a dormitory on campus during the school week. Transportation home on the weekends will be provided. The school offers an array of extracurricular activities including sports and other recreational opportunities.

Special School District of St. Louis County: www.ssdmo.org : SSD, in collaboration with partner districts, provides technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services, designed to ensure the student's successful contribution to our community.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind: www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb: Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) provides services to people with varying degrees of visual impairment, ranging from those who cannot read regular print to those who are totally blind. These services are provided on the premise that with adequate preparation and reasonable accommodation, each blind or visually impaired person will be able to achieve his or her maximum potential in the home and community, in educational settings, and in employment. For more information call 1-800-592-6004.

Mind's Eye Information Service: www.mindseyeradio.org :Mind's Eye brings printed words to life each day for thousands of people in the St. Louis Metro Area. Since 1973, Minds Eye has provided free and verbatim readings of over 100 magazines, newspapers, books, and even retail ads to people who are unable to read them. These audio readings are available through use of a special radio obtained by subscription to Mind's Eye. Service is Free of Charge.

American Foundation for the Blind: www.afb.org/services.asp : AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources.

Bookshare: www.bookshare.org : Accessible Books and Periodicals for Readers with Print Disabilities. 125,000 titles including text books, periodicals and teacher-recommended books free to students who qualify (such as visually impaired).

Family Connect: www.familyconnect.org : FamilyConnect is a web site created by AFB and NAPVI (National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired Children) to give parents of visually impaired children a place to support each other, share stories and concerns, and find resources on raising their children from birth to adulthood.

National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired Children: www.spedex.com/napvi : NAPVI provides peer support to and from other parents with children with visual impairments. Provides resources and referrals to other parents nationwide.

Guide Dogs for the Blind: www.guidedogs.com : Guide Dogs for the Blind is a charitable organization with a mission to provide Guide Dogs and training in their use to visually impaired people throughout the United States and Canada.

Missouri Assistive Technology: www.at.mo.gov: The mission of MoAT is to increase access to assistive technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities, of all ages. Core programs include providing telecom access for telephone and internet access to those that otherwise would not be able to access them in the traditional means. Also have an equipment loaner program for schools so they can try the equipment out before purchasing for the qualified student.

Wolfner Library: www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner: Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled is Missouri's public library for the blind, visually impaired, and reading disabled. Services are provided free-of-charge to eligible individuals and institutions. The library's collection includes fiction and nonfiction audio and braille

books for all ages. Over seventy (70) magazine subscriptions are available, and the library loans playback machines to those using audio books. All materials and equipment are mailed at no costs, both to and from patrons.

Alphapointe Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired:

www.alphapointe.org: Alphapointe is located in a KC suburb and provides employment opportunities for adults who are legally blind. They also provide support, training and skills necessary to live, work and be independent.

Lighthouse for the Blind – St. Louis: **www.lhbindustries.com** LHB provides employment opportunities for people who are legally blind. LHB also has about 15 programs providing numerous kinds of financial support for education, camps (Barnabas, Space Camp, Sports Camp), Social activity groups (St. Louis and Springfield Areas); computer and ADL training (STEP and STARS), etc. Go to the website, click on the Programs tab under Outreach for more info. All programs for kids are free of charge.

VisionAware: **www.visionaware.org**: The mission of **VisionAware** is to provide information, resources, and step-by-step daily living techniques that can increase independence and enhance quality of life for individuals with vision loss.