

# RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED IN CENTRAL INDIANA

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## **AGENCIES SERVING THE VISUALLY DISABLED**

### **BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICES**

**(317) 232-1433**

**State agency responsible for coordination of services for visually impaired of all ages.**

### **BOSMA INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND**

**(317) 684-0600**

**Vocational evaluation, transitional employment, and placement services.**

### **CIRCLE CITY RESOURCE CENTER**

**(317) 637-0130**

**Referral agency and provider of low vision products. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### **CROSSROADS REHABILITATION CENTER**

**(317) 466-1000**

**Low vision occupational therapy rehabilitation services, including in-home assessment, bioptic lens driver training, and assistive technology courses. Also has monthly support group.**

### **FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL INDIANA**

**(317) 634-6341**

**Training and rehabilitation program for visually impaired adults, including in-home assessment and monthly support group.**

**INDIANA ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**(317) 577-3062**

**Information/referral source.**

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DIVISION OF  
EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS**

**(317) 232-0570**

**Information/referral source for children's services.**

**INDIANA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION**

**(317) 237-3560**

**Information/referral source.**

**RESOURCE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.**

**(317) 596-6440**

**Referral agency and support services for disabled  
persons in Indianapolis.**

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**(800) 772-1213**

**Disability payments may be available to workers  
under age 65 and their dependents. Additional  
benefits may be available through Supplemental  
Security Income (SSI).**

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BLIND CENTERS**

**(317) 554-0000**

**Rehabilitation and adjustment programs for  
qualifying blind and visually impaired veterans.**

## **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**(317) 232-1513**

**Provides training in communications, orientation and mobility, personal management, and vocational skills for working age individuals. Also offers an excellent independent living course for the elderly.**

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

### **CICOA - INDIANAPOLIS**

**(317) 254-5465**

**Provides numerous services for the disabled, including transportation, meal delivery, and home health aides.**

### **CROSSROADS REHABILITATIVE DRIVING**

**(317) 466-1000**

**Training program for certain eligible, visually impaired individuals.**

### **INDYGO – OPEN DOOR PROGRAM**

**(317) 635-2100**

**Provides transportation for the disabled throughout Indianapolis.**

## **LOW VISION AIDS AND DEVICES**

### **ASSISTED ACCESS, INC.**

**(800) 950-9655**

**Consumer catalog.**

### **EYE CAN SEE, INC.**

**(317) 413-7835**

**Local provider of low vision products.**

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING AIDS, INC.**

**(800) 537-2118**

**Catalog with a variety of inexpensive low vision products.**

## **READING RESOURCES**

### **AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

**(800) 223-1839**

**Free subscriptions to Newsweek and Reader's Digest, and educational aids for visually impaired children.**

### **ASSOC. SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – RECORDED PERIODICALS**

**(215) 627-0600**

**Current periodicals on tape.**

**AURORA MINISTRIES**

**(941) 748-4100**

**Bible on cassettes, free of charge. Available in several languages.**

**BETTY CROCKER**

**(800) 328-6787**

**Large print recipes and meal planners.**

**EDUCATIONAL TAPE RECORDING FOR THE BLIND**

**(773) 445-3533**

**College student resource for educational recordings.**

**INDIANA READING AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

**(IRIS)**

**(317) 715-2004**

**Broadcasts regional newspapers and a variety of programming in the Indianapolis area. Requires special radio receiver (free of charge). Also provides statewide dial-up (telephone) programming.**

**INDIANA STATE LIBRARY – SPECIAL SERVICES**

**DIVISION – “TALKING BOOKS” PROGRAM**

**(317) 232-3684**

**Books and periodicals on compact discs and cassette tapes.**

**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN BRAILLE MISSION**

**(304) 768-8876**

**Braille, audio, and large print religious materials.**

**MATILDA ZIEGLER MAGAZINE FOR THE BLIND**

**(212) 242-0263**

**General interest magazine in audio and computer formats.**

**NEW YORK TIMES LARGE PRINT WEEKLY**

**(800) 631-2580**

**RANDOM HOUSE AUDIO BOOKS**

**(800) 726-0600**

**Current best sellers, etc.**

**READER'S DIGEST LARGE PRINT**

**(800) 807-2780**

**ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS**

**AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND**

**(800) 424-8666**

**Information/referral source.**

**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND**

**(800) 829-0500**

**Information/referral source.**

**BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**(800) 222-3566**

**Information/referral source for children up to 5 years of age.**

**FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS**

**(800) 683-5555**

**Leading organization for retinitis pigmentosa and macular degeneration awareness and research funding.**

**GLAUCOMA SUPPORT NETWORK**

**(800) 826-6693**

**Telephone-based support network and information source.**

**INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

**(317) 253-1481**

**Located in Indianapolis.**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED**

**(212) 889-3141**

**Information/referral source.**

**NATIONAL DIABETES INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE**

**(301) 654-3327**

**Information source.**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND – INDIANA**  
**(317) 205-9226**

**Information/referral source.**

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ALBINISM AND  
HYPOPIGMENTATION**  
**(800) 473-2310**

**Information/support source.**

**PREVENT BLINDNESS – INDIANA**  
**(317) 955-9580**

**Nation’s leading volunteer eye health and safety  
organization.**

**VISION WORLD WIDE**  
**(317) 254-1332**

**Provider of newsletters and quarterly journals, with  
news and information for the visually impaired.**

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**AMERICAN BLIND BOWLERS OF INDIANA**  
**(317) 898-3408**

**Weekly bowling league for the visually impaired.  
Contact Jeanettea Schaefer for more information.**

**CROSSROADS REHABILITATION CENTER**

**(317) 466-1000**

**Services include monthly support group.**

**FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL INDIANA**

**(317) 634-6341**

**Services include regularly scheduled support group.**

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND –  
MARION COUNTY CHAPTER**

**(317) 357-1468**

**Social and support group with monthly meetings.  
Contact Gloria Franklin for more information.**

**MACULAR DEGENERATION SUPPORT GROUP**

**(317) 843-8340**

**Quarterly meeting at St. Vincent's hospital (Cooling  
Auditorium). Reservations required. Contact Chet  
Riedemann for more information.**

**BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE LEGALLY BLIND**

**DISABLED PARKING STICKER/PERMIT**

**Available from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.**

## **FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION**

**(800) 829-1040**

**Contact the IRS directly regarding other possible tax benefits. Requires two statements verifying legal blindness.**

## **FREE POSTAGE**

**Register at local Post Office. Requires statement of visual impairment. Mail must be sent only from local facility where registered.**

## **FREE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**

**(800) 742-8771                      Ameritech**

## **IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

**Available from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the American Foundation for the Blind.**

## **LARGE PRINT BILLS**

**(800) 742-8771                      Ameritech**  
**(800) 427-4217                      Citizens Gas**  
**(317) 261-8222                      Indianapolis Power & Light**

## **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OF \$500**

**Requires two statements verifying legal blindness.**

## **TRAVEL CONCESSIONS - AMTRAK**

**(800) 872-7245**

**Discount of 15% on tickets anywhere in the United States.**