

# Dallas Area Services for Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired

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## **AARP Sights & Sounds**

Support group for persons who are deaf and deaf-blind. 214-521-0407.

[www.deafactioncentertexas.org](http://www.deafactioncentertexas.org)

## **Alliance of and for Visually Impaired Texans**

Statewide inter-organizational coalition, bringing a unified voice to policy makers and state/community boards. 214-352-7222, ext. 15.

## **American Council of the Blind**

Consumer organization 214-376-3513  
ACB of Texas 806-291-9100  
National 800-424-8666.

[www.acbtexas.org](http://www.acbtexas.org),  
[www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org)

**American Foundation for  
the Blind**, Information, public  
education materials & referrals.  
214-352-7222

[dallas@afb.net](mailto:dallas@afb.net), [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

## **Beep Baseball**

214-688-7007

[bobby.lakey@tcb.state.tx.us](mailto:bobby.lakey@tcb.state.tx.us)

## **Blinded Veterans**

Consumer  
Organization 214-857-0965  
National 800-669-7079

## **Center for Computer Assistance to the**

**Disabled**-Adaptive access  
technology and evaluation  
through the use of modified  
computers, adaptive devices,  
and custom software.

214-800-2223

[www.c-cad.org](http://www.c-cad.org)

## **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

800-633-4227

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

## **Community Council of Greater Dallas**

Information and referral  
214-379-4357, 800-548-1873  
[www.helpintexas.com](http://www.helpintexas.com),  
[www.ccgd.org](http://www.ccgd.org)

## **Dallas Area Agency on Aging**

- Serves persons 60  
years and older.  
214-379-4636, [www.ccgd.org](http://www.ccgd.org)

## **Dallas Area Rapid Transit**

214-979-1111, Para transit  
services 214-515-7272  
[custinfo@dart.org](mailto:custinfo@dart.org),  
[www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org)

**Dallas Lighthouse** - Adult  
employment, temporary  
employment agency,  
technology training, literacy,  
orientation and mobility,  
Braille, adult day care,  
recreation. 214-821-2375  
[aarnott@dallaslighthouse.org](mailto:aarnott@dallaslighthouse.org),  
[www.dallaslighthouse.org](http://www.dallaslighthouse.org)

**Dallas Services** - Serves  
children birth through age 4.  
**Low Vision Clinic** - Vision  
rehabilitation services, low  
vision devices. 214-828-9900

**Deaf and Blind Multi-  
Handicapped Association  
of Texas** Consumer  
Organization, 972-287-1904  
[DBMATorg@aol.com](mailto:DBMATorg@aol.com),  
[www.dbmat.org](http://www.dbmat.org).

## **Department of Ophthalmology**

Comprehensive coverage of all  
aspects of eye and vision  
abnormalities, direction of  
provision of education to future  
eye care professionals, clinical  
and basic research into causes,  
prevention and treatment of  
existing eye conditions.  
214-648-2020  
[angela.brodrick@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:angela.brodrick@utsouthwestern.edu)  
[www.utsouthwestern.edu/ophth](http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/ophth)

### **Descriptive Video Service**

Narrated visual descriptions of television programs and home videos.

800-333-1203, [dvs@wgbh.org](mailto:dvs@wgbh.org)  
[www.dvs.wgbh.org](http://www.dvs.wgbh.org)

### **Education Service Center**

**Region X** - Supplemental services to educational programs available at local school districts for children from birth to age 21.

972-348-1580

[grayk@esc10.ednet10.net](mailto:grayk@esc10.ednet10.net),  
[www.ednet10.net/visuallyimpaired](http://www.ednet10.net/visuallyimpaired)

### **Hadley School for the Blind**

- Tuition-free distance education, including Braille.

800-323-4238

[info@Hadley-School.org](mailto:info@Hadley-School.org),  
[www.hadley-school.org](http://www.hadley-school.org)

### **Helen Keller National Center for Youth and Adults who are Deaf/Blind**

Information and referral, advocacy, consultation, and training. 972-490-9677

[ccfutbol@aol.com](mailto:ccfutbol@aol.com)  
[www.HelenKeller.org](http://www.HelenKeller.org)

### **Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, District 2X1**

Free eye exams and glasses for children, referrals through area school nurses. Free glasses for adults, referrals through area social workers. Needs based. Recycling of eye glasses, transplant services.  
972-239-3937.

### **National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments**

800-562-6265  
[napvi@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us](mailto:napvi@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us)  
[www.napvi.org](http://www.napvi.org)

### **National Federation of the Blind**

- Consumer organization,  
Dallas 214-942-2612,  
Texas 512-323-5444,  
National 410-659-9314,  
[www.nfb-texas.org](http://www.nfb-texas.org)  
[www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

**Newsline** - Automated talking newspaper that may be accessed over the telephone.

888-882-1629  
[newsline@nfb-texas.org](mailto:newsline@nfb-texas.org)  
[www.nfb-texas.org](http://www.nfb-texas.org)

### **Parkland Hospital Eye Clinic**

- Eye medical treatment for Dallas County residents with low income, 214-590-5591

### **Prevent Blindness Texas**

Vision screenings, including glaucoma, health and eye safety programs. 214-528-5521  
[PBTDALLAS@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PBTDALLAS@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

### **Reading and Radio Resource**

- Information through a radio reading service & cassette recordings of printed material.  
214-871-7668, 800-871-7668  
[reading@readingresource.org](mailto:reading@readingresource.org)  
[www.readingresource.org](http://www.readingresource.org)

### **R.E.A.C.H. Resource Center on Independent Living**

- Information, referral, and case management to persons who are disabled.  
214-630-4796, TTY 630-5995  
[reachdallas@reachils.org](mailto:reachdallas@reachils.org)  
[www.reachcils.org](http://www.reachcils.org)

### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**

- Records college and high school textbooks on cassette tapes, and lends them to students.  
Austin 512-323-9390  
National 800-221-4792  
[www.rfbid.org](http://www.rfbid.org)

### **Retina Foundation of the Southwest**

- Retinal research, visual testing, and evaluation services to infants and children who have developmental and neurological problems that preclude the use of traditional vision tests; genetic counseling.  
214-363-3911  
[rfs@retinafoundation.org](mailto:rfs@retinafoundation.org)  
[www.retinafoundation.org](http://www.retinafoundation.org)

### **Social Security Administration**

800-772-1213, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **Telephone Directory Assistance Exemptions**

Contact your telephone company.

### **Texas Commission for the Blind**

- Comprehensive vocational, independent living, and other services to persons of all ages and their families.  
West Dallas 214-688-7007  
East Dallas 214-360-9696  
[david.jeppson@tcb.state.tx.us](mailto:david.jeppson@tcb.state.tx.us),  
[www.tcb.state.tx.us](http://www.tcb.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Department of Human Services**

877-236-6500  
[www.dhs.state.tx.us](http://www.dhs.state.tx.us)

**Texas Federation of the Blind** – Dallas Chapter 1,  
Consumer organization  
469-579-7383  
rpharley@wt.net  
[www.richardscott-tfb.com](http://www.richardscott-tfb.com)

**Texas Information and Referral Network** - Online  
information and referral  
database. [www.helpintexas.com](http://www.helpintexas.com)

**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired** - Center for  
educational services, and a  
source of information and links  
related to blindness and visual  
impairments for students,  
teachers, and parents.  
512-454-8631  
Toll free recording number:  
800-872-5273  
TDD, 512-206-9451  
[www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu)

**Texas State Library  
Talking Book Program**  
Lending library of books in  
Braille, large print, and cassette.  
800-252-9605  
[tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us)  
[www.tsl.state.tx.us/tpb](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tpb)

**Texas Workforce Centers**  
Employment Services  
877-872-5627  
Job search by phone:  
800-414-5748  
[www.worksource.org](http://www.worksource.org)  
[www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org)

**VA Medial Center/Visual Impairment Service**  
Rehabilitation training,  
assistance and benefits to  
veterans who become legally  
blind. 214-857-2018

**Visual Aid Volunteers**  
Producers of Braille materials.  
972-272-1615,  
[tx.braille@gte.net](mailto:tx.braille@gte.net)

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**CONSORTIUM**