

## Blind and Visually Impaired Resources

## **Navigation Services**



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

#### **Anchor Center for Blind Children**

303-377-9732 | info@anchorcenter.org 2550 Roslyn St, Denver, CO 80238 https://anchorcenter.org/

- Assists children with visual impairments in developing the emotional security, social competence and intellectual skills needed to build on their natural talents and ability to succeed in school.
- Services include family support services, support groups, teacher and parent resources, eye exams by referral.

The following is a list of resources for those who are blind or visually impaired. Most agencies are dedicated to helping those who are blind or visually impaired lead independent and productive lives.

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# Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired – Colorado Chapter 703-671-4500 | aer@aerbvi.org

https://www.aerbvi.org/chapter\_colorado

- Our aim is to ensure that persons with vision loss will have optimal gains and greater independence by giving timely, intentional, and value-added support to professionals in the field.
- AER provides professional development via face-to-face conferences, virtual offerings, and publications to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and abilities of professionals within the field.
- AER provides networking, mentoring, connectivity, awards, and scholarships for professionals to advance excellence within the field.

#### **Audio Information Network of Colorado**

303-786-7777

1700 55th St. Suite A, Boulder, CO 80301

https://aincolorado.org/

- All broadcasts and podcasts are FREE.
- AINC is among the nation's leading resources for blind, visually impaired and print-disabled individuals.
  AINC reads and records publications including Colorado local news, consumer information, health and wellness, working and getting around, entertainment, and education.
- Many recordings are offered in Spanish and other languages.

## Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering (formerly "Assistive Technology Partners")

303-315-1280 | cide@ucdenver.edu

1224 5th St, Denver, CO 80204

https://www1.ucdenver.edu/centers/center-for-inclusive-design-and-engineering

- Disability specific device exchange program and database of potential assistive technology funding resources.
- Make and Take directions on various low-cost assistive technology adaptations & devices.
- Services: device demonstrations, technical assistance, product testing, clinical services.

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## Center for People with Disabilities - Beyond Vision Program

303-442-8662 | info@cpwd.org

https://cpwd.org/what-we-do/beyond-vision/

- The Beyond Vision program provides individual services and facilitates outreach and low vision support groups for people who are visually impaired or blind and residing in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver and Jefferson, Gilpin and Weld Counties.
- Services include independent living skills classes, support in obtaining and using assistive technology, peer support, communication services, and advocacy.

#### Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

719-578-2100

33 North Institute St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

https://csdb.colorado.gov/

State-funded school within the Colorado Department of Education, Providing comprehensive educational services for children, birth to age 21, who are blind/low vision and/or deaf/hard of hearing. Services are provided directly to students enrolled at the school, and outreach programs serve students, staff, and families in communities throughout Colorado.

#### Colorado Center for the Blind

303-778-1130 | ccb@cocenter.org

2233 W. Shepperd Ave., Littleton, CO 80120

https://cocenter.org/

- Provides comprehensive training, support and opportunities to blind persons and others in developing positive attitudes in order to empower blind persons to lead independent lives as fully integrated. productive and contributing members of society.
- Programs include Youth Summer Programs, Residential Independence Training Program, Senior Services Program, and career/employment services.

#### **Colorado Talking Book Library**

303-727-9277 or 800-685-2136 | ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us 180 Sheridan Blvd, Denver 80226

https://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/

- Hours of Operation
  - Building Hours: Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm
  - o Phone Hours: Monday-Friday 8am to noon and 12:30 to 4:30pm.
- A free service to Coloradans of all ages who are unable to read standard print material due to visual, physical or learning disabilities whether permanent or temporary. CTBL provides recorded, Braille and large-print books and magazines.

## **Denver Human Services - Aid to the Blind**

720-944-4347 | Disability Services - City and County of Denver (denvergov.org)

1200 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO

- Provides cash assistance to individuals who are **not** already receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If someone is receiving SSI, they may still qualify for medical insurance (Medicaid) benefits through Aid to the Blind.
- Eligibility: Be aged 59 or younger, Be a resident of Denver County, Be born in the US, a naturalized citizen, or a legal alien, and Receive certification by an optometrist or ophthalmologist as meeting the legal definition of blindness and without work capacity, if applicable.

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

303-778-1130 ext. 219 | <u>ibbeecham@gmail.com</u> 2233 W. Shepperd Ave., Littleton, CO 80120 https://www.nfbco.org/

Provides advocacy and support to blind and visually impaired Coloradans across the state.

#### **Senior Resource Center**

303-238-8151 3227 Chase St Denver, CO 80212 https://www.srcaging.org/

- Has a grant to provide counseling, care management, and material aid for visually impaired older adults age 60+
- For clients in Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Adams counties.
- Material aid can be used for minor home modifications such as grab bars, smoke detectors, assistive devices (canes, white canes, magnifying readers), optometrist appointments and eyeglasses.

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