STATEWIDE RESOURCE GUIDE

Reading & Audio Services

Libraries: Local libraries can be a resource for large print and audio books, as well as the Nebraska Library Commission-Talking Book and Braille Service. 1-800-742-7691

Newline: Select local and national newspapers are available at no cost in an audio format. Available to listen via various formats. 1-877-809-2419

Radio Talking Book Network: This is a radio reading service for blind and visually impaired individuals which features news, editorials, sports, human interest features, obituary columns, audio description of the cultural arts, etc. at no charge. 1-402-572-3003

Aurora Ministries: Provides blind and visually impaired individuals with bibles (old and new testaments), daily devotionals bibles studies, all on cassette at no charge. 1-941-748-3031

Education & Technology Services

Hadley School for the Blind: This is a free educational resource for many topics related to blindness and general education. www.hadley.edu 1-800-323-4238

Nebraska Center for the Education of children who are Blind and Visually Impaired (NCECBVI): Hosts blindness related workshop and consults with schools throughout the state. They also offer educational services through the completion of secondary education which is located in Nebraska City. 1-402-873-5513

PTI Nebraska: Provides parent training and information statewide. https://pti-nebraska.org 1-402-346-0525

Nebraska Foundation for Visually Impaired Children: Provides supplemental services to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired Nebraska school aged children. nfvic.org 1-402-558-3813

Nanopac: Vendor of assistive technology in Nebraska. www.nanopac.com 1-866-539-4357

Magnification Resources Inc: Vendor of assistive technology in Nebraska. www.magnificationresources.com 1-866-278-1850
**AT4ALL:** Assistive technology partnership www.at4all.com 1-888-806-6287

**Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP):** Connects people of all ages with assistive technology devices and services available for loan, demonstration, free or for sale. 1-800-683-6699

**Independent Living Aids, Inc:** Vendor of low vision and independent living products. 1-800- 537-2118 www.independentliving.com

**LS&S:** Vendor of low vision and independent living products. 1-800-468-4789 www.LSSproducts.com

**MaxiAids:** Vendor of low vision and independent living products. 1-800-522-6294 www.MaxiAids.com

**Transportation Services**

**Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers:** Provides information regarding transportation that is available statewide. http://www.neatp.org 1-402-761-2216

**Uber:** Ride hailing service available in various locations in Nebraska. https://www.uber.com

**Lyft:** Ride hailing service available in various locations in Nebraska. https://www.lyft.com

**Camelot Transportation Inc:** provides transportation services to the people of Nebraska and surrounding states. 1-888-452-3194

**Intelliride:** Provides transportation to medical appointment to those who are Medicaid eligible and are eligible for the transportation benefit. Jeff.Achenbaugh@nebraska.gov 1-844-531-3783

**Dash About Roadrunner:** Offers scheduled service from the Front Range of Colorado to Omaha Nebraska with stops along the way. 1-970-345-6613

**SHARE A FARE:** The American Council of the Blind has a discount cab fare program. Contact: 402-827-9814 in Omaha or 402-477-5370 in Lincoln

**Low Vision Providers**

**Heartland Eye Consultants** – Omaha, NE 402-493-6500 http://www.heartland-eye.com/lowvision.asp

**Weigel Williamson Center for Visual Rehabilitation - Low Vision House** – Omaha, NE 402-559-2463 www.unmc.edu/lowvision
Weigel Williamson Satellite Clinic – Hastings, NE
402-559-2463 www.unmc.edu/lowvision

Kearney Eye Institute – Kearney, NE – 308-865-2760

Dr. Kristi Lynn Stephenson – Hastings, NE – 402-462-9009

Dr. Sandy Authier – Norfolk, NE – 402-371-8230

Miscellaneous Organizations & Services

Client Assistance Program: This is a neutral third party that understands what we at NCBVI are mandated to do and provide. For concerns regarding NCBVI services call 1-800-742-7594.

Hotline for Disability Services: Available for questions regarding disabilities and can provide information and referral services. 1-800-742-7594

Veterans Administration – VIST Program: Offers vision related services and may be able to purchase assistive technology for Veterans. Ronita Bland 1-402-995-3188 ronita.bland@va.gov

Health and Human Services: Available for questions/sign up for state benefits. 402-471-3121

Nebraska Department of Labor: Offers employment and training services throughout the state of Nebraska. 1-800-833-7352

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Offers services related to hearing loss and deafness. 1-402-471-3593

Nebraska Relay: Offers free services that provide full telephone access to people with a hearing loss or speech disability. Dial 711

Independence Rising: Offers services to people with disabilities in order to help them meet their goals for independence. Serves 39 counties in South central and Southwest Nebraska. Independence Rising has durable medical equipment for rent or loan. (308) 382-9255 http://cilne.org/

The League of Human Dignity: Can assist to find out if you may receive funding assistance for vehicle modifications, a scooter, or a wheelchair. http://leagueofhuman dignity.com/#2 1-402-441-7871

Low Vision Support Groups: These groups address issues that related to adjustment to blindness. Groups are available around the state. Weigel Williamson Center 402-559-2463

Lions Club: Various clubs throughout the state may be able to provide financial assistance with eye exams or glasses. Find your nearest club at www.md38.com

Banks: By contacting your local banks, you can order large print/raised lined checks.

Phone Companies: Offer free directory assistance. Check with your local provider.

Postal Services: Free postage is available to the blind, visually impaired and physically handicapped, when mailing large print (16 pt. font or larger) Braille, or cassette materials. Check with your local Post Office about further details.

Lincoln Area Resources:
Social Security Office: 1-866-593-2880
Lincoln Aging Partners: 1-402-441-7070
Douglas County Housing Authority: 1-402-444-6203
Lincoln Housing Authority: 1-402-434-5500
Z trip Cab Service: 1-402-202-2222
StarTran (bus service) & HandiVan: Discount fares are available with a doctor certified form. HandiVan is a para-transit service that requires doctor certification of a disability; the HandiVan must be scheduled in 24 hours in advance. 1-402-476-1234

Omaha Area Resources:
Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging: 1-402-444-6444
Douglas County Housing Authority: 1-402-444-6203
Omaha Housing Authority: 1-402-444-6900
Bellevue Housing Authority: 1-402-734-5448
Walter Roberts Manor Apartments: 1-402-827-8234
Social Security: 1-866-716-8299
Z Trip Cab Service: 1-402-292-2222
Papillion Transit System: 1-402-597-2077
La Vista Transit System: 1-402-331-4343
Bellevue Transit System: 1-402-293-3138
Metro Area Transit (bus service) & MOBY: Discount fares are available with a doctor certified form. MOBY is a para-transit service that requires doctor certification of a disability; MOBY must be scheduled in 24 hours in advance. 1-402-341-0800

Norfolk Area Resources:
Social Security: 1-855-207-7082
Office on Aging: 1-402-370-3454
Madison County Housing Authority: 1-402-844-2080
Platte County Housing Authority: 1-402-564-1131
Handi-bus service in Norfolk: 1- 402-371-8299
Goldenrod Hills Program: Assist with home modifications and other areas of maintain independence. 402-358-5297 (Wisner, NE) 402-564-1124 (Central Nebraska Community Service, Columbus, NE)

Kearney Area Resources:
Social Security: 1-877-407-3441
Kearney Office on Aging: 1-308-234-1851
Grand Island Office on Aging: 1-308-385-5308
Hastings Office on Aging: 1-402-463-4439
Kearney Housing Authority: 1-308-234-3000
Grand Island Housing Authority: 1-308-385-5530
Hastings Housing Authority: 1-402-463-1061
R.Y.D.E. Transit: operates buses in Buffalo, Adams, Dawson, Franklin, Hamilton, Kearney, and Gosper counties and in the City of Ravenna. Rides must be scheduled in advance.

North Platte Area Resources:
Social Security: 1-866-830-0668
North Platte Office on Aging: 308-535-8195
Broken Bow Office on Aging: 308-234-1851
McCook Office on Aging: 308-535-8195
Ogallala Office on Aging: 308-535-8195
North Platte Housing Authority: 308-534-4887
Broken Bow Housing Authority: 308-872-2850
McCook Housing Authority: 308-345-3605
Ogallala Housing Authority: 308-284-8161
North Platte Public Transit: 308-532-1370
McCook Handi Bus: 308-345-6795
Broken Bow Handi Bus: 308-872-6609
Ogallala Handi Bus: 308-284-6400

Scottsbluff Area Resources:
Social Security: 1-800-297-4291
Scottsbluff Area Office on Aging: 308-635-0851
Sidney Office on Aging: 308-254-4835
Alliance Office on Aging: 308-762-1415
Chadron Office on Aging: 308-432-2996
Gering Housing Authority: 308-632-0473
Chadron Housing Authority: 308-432-3340
Alliance Housing Authority: 308-762-5130
Sidney Housing Authority: 308-254-5300
Panhandle Independent Living Service: 308-635-7901
Scottsbluff: Handi Bus: 308 436-6751
Box Butte County Handi Bus: 308-762-3596
Chadron Senior Citizens Center Handi Bus: 308-432-0520
Sidney Handi Bus: 308-254-7070
Denver Coach Shuttle: Daily van service to and from Western NE, Eastern WY, Denver, CO, and Front Rangie cities in CO. 800-658-3125, 308-632-8400
Panhandle Trails (Intercity Public Transit): Fixed route bus service that connects Dawes, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, and Cheyenne Counties with a final destination of Ogallala, NE. info@panhandletrails.com, 308-761-8747

Local Organizations/Groups of the Blind and Visually Impaired
American Council of the Blind of Nebraska: https://acbnebraska.org 402-699-2363
   Omaha Chapter: Meets in person the second Thursday of each month (except in July and August) at 7:00pm at the First United Methodist Church Room 112
   Lincoln Chapter: Meets in person the third Saturday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 10:30am at the Bennet Martin Library.

National Federation of the Blind-Nebraska: www.ne.nfb.org 402-477-7711
   Omaha Chapter: Meets in person on the Third Saturday of the month at 9:15am at the Swanson Branch Library
   Lincoln Chapter: Meets in person on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
   Columbus Area Chapter: Meets in person on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles
   Nebraska At-large Chapter: Meets over the phone on the second Saturday of the month at 1:00pm central time. Call in number: 877-394-5901 Access Code: 4740881
   Nebraska Association of Blind Students: Meetings vary, call the number above for meeting information
   Senior Division: Meets over the phone on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm central time. Call in number: 1-712-451-0011 Access Code: 345154
   Parents Division: Meetings vary, call the number above for meeting information

Omaha Association of the Blind: https://omahaassociationoftheblind.org 402-341-3017
   Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1024 S. 32nd Street at 7:30pm.

Weigel Williamson Center Groups: https://www.unmc.edu/lowvision/ 402-559-2463
   Group meets to address issues related to the adjustment to vision loss in Omaha.