



Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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## 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

**Newsline:** 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](http://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](http://nfvic.org)  
1-402-558-3813

**Nanopac:** Vendor of assistive technology in Nebraska. [www.nanopac.com](http://www.nanopac.com) 1-866-539-4357

**Magnification Resources Inc:** Vendor of assistive technology in Nebraska.  
[www.magnificationresources.com](http://www.magnificationresources.com) 1-866-278-1850

**AT4ALL:** Assistive technology partnership [www.at4all.com](http://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](http://www.independentliving.com)

**LS&S:** Vendor of low vision and independent living products. 1-800-468-4789  
[www.LSSproducts.com](http://www.LSSproducts.com)

**MaxiAids:** Vendor of low vision and independent living products. 1-800-522-6294  
[www.MaxiAids.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.unmc.edu/lowvision)

**Weigel Williamson Satellite Clinic** – Hastings, NE  
402-559-2463 [www.unmc.edu/lowvision](http://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](mailto: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://leagueofhumandignity.com/#2>  
1-402-441-7871

**Diabetes Supply Center of the Midlands:** Offers diabetic supplies. 1-800-779-3374  
[www.Diabetes-Supply.com](http://www.Diabetes-Supply.com)

**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](http://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.

Kearney area: 308-865-5677 Grand Island area: 308-385-5324 Hastings area: 402-463-5681

### **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 Range 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](http://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. 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.