

Matrix of Missouri Resources Providing Services to Persons Who Are Visually Impaired/Blind

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<p>Alphapointe Association for the Blind / 816-421-5848 / http://www.alphapointe.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive rehabilitation and education programs (activities of daily living, O&M, adaptive technology training, communication skills, employment and job placement) • Low Vision Clinic and Products Store • Senior Adult Services • Diabetes Services • Summer Camps • Youth Services • Dual-Disabled Employment • Employment in plastics engineering, writing instruments and office products, eCommerce: online office supply store, military base supply stores, call center services 			X 14-21	X
<p>Blindness Skills Specialists Northeast Region / 660-785-7428 or 660-341-0541 (cell) / http://rpdc.truman.edu/blindskills.asp Southwest Region / 417-836-8872 / http://education.missouristate.edu/bss/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help teachers modify and design instruction in all subject areas including the Expanded Core Curriculum • Provide professional development • Mentor teachers who serve students with a visual impairment • Demonstrate teaching strategies • Provide agency referrals • Help school districts coordinate the educational program for students with visual impairment • Act as a liaison for parents, teachers and school districts • Provide information about available resources to assist families and school districts 		X	X	
<p>Children's Center for the Visually Impaired / 816-841-2284 / http://www.c cvi.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized therapy, consulting services and supportive family education • Home-based Infant Program • Preschool and Kindergarten classes, preparing children for entry into the public or private school systems • Specialized services include braille instruction, orientation and mobility, deafblind services, assistive technology, low vision training, speech, occupational, physical and aquatic therapies and family support • Itinerant and consulting services to area school districts 	X	X	X	
<p>Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments / 314-776-1300 / http://www.dgckids.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention assessments and direct services in functional vision assessments, educational services, orientation and mobility, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech and language services • Family support • GRADS program (Group Recreation and Developmental Support) • Outreach services, including "ability awareness activities for local schools", annual events, lending library and publications for purchase 	X	X	X	
<p>First Steps / 573-522-8762 / http://dese.mo.gov/se/fs/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and assessment • Family focused program designed to serve needs of the child and family as a whole • Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed to determine the family's priorities, develop outcomes and identify needed services • Professionals may include, but are not limited to, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, special instructors and audiologists 	X			
<p>Local Education Agency (LEA) / https://mcds.dese.mo.gov/quickfacts/District%20and%20School%20Information/School%20Directory%20(All%20Districts).pdf (alphabetical listing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides free appropriate public education to Missouri students 		X	X	

<p>Lighthouse for the Blind / 314-423-4333 or 800-542-3697 / http://www.lhbindustries.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services for adults including daily living skills/independent living skills training and employment/ job training • Services for children including community outreach programs, employment/job training and low vision services • Services for professionals including consultation/technical program assistance 		X	X	X
<p>Midwestern Braille Volunteers / 314-966-5828 / http://mbvol.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcribing, embossing and training • Main focus to transcribe textbooks for blind students attending classes with sighted peers on the elementary and secondary education levels • Transcribes for individuals, schools, businesses, governments, churches, hospitals and community organizations 			X	X
<p>Missouri Assistive Technology Project (MoAT) / 800-647-8557 (in-state only) or 816-655-6700 / http://www.at.mo.gov/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistive technology device loan and demonstrations, Telecommunications Access Program (telephone and internet), Kids Assistive Technology (KAT) funding program, assistive technology reimbursement for schools, Power Up Conference and Expo, device recycling and exchange, Show Me Loans (low interest loans to purchase assistive technology equipment and devices, home access improvements or vehicle access modifications) and individual information and assistance 	X	X	X	X
<p>Missouri Council of the Blind (MCB) / 314-832-7172 or 800-342-5632 / http://moblind.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers educational scholarships, health benefits, summer camps, special services program, public awareness programs, adaptive technology information and advocates on employment and legislation issues 	X	X	X	X
<p>Missouri School for the Blind / 314-776-4320 / http://msb.dese.mo.gov/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Program: serves students in a traditional K-12 program providing instruction in core and expanded core curriculum programming • Outreach Services: offers a variety of free services statewide to support all Local and State Education Agencies in Missouri including the Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project, Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network (MoSPIN), Library Media Center Statewide Services, Missouri Instructional Resource Center (MIRC) and vision education services and Orientation & Mobility 	X	X	X	
<p>Missouri State University / 573-836-5392 / http://education.missouristate.edu/sped/graduate/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides course work leading to certification in Visual Impairment and Orientation & Mobility 				
<p>National Federation of the Blind of Missouri (NFB) / Gary Wunder, President gwunder@earthlink.net / http://www.nfbmo.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers scholarships, summer programs, publications and training opportunities 				
<p>Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) / 800-592-6004 (State Office) / http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/index.htm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services provided in vocational rehabilitation, assistive technology, independent living, children's services, Older Blind Services, transition, business enterprise, Prevention of Blindness, BEST Program (Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment) and employer services 	X	X	X	X
<p>St. Louis Society for the Blind / 314-968-9000 / http://www.slsbvi.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult services provided in low vision clinic, low vision aids, vision rehabilitation therapy, Orientation & Mobility, adaptive cooking classes, adaptive aids and equipment, social work services, support groups, family education and support, computer technology, Braille and communication skills and therapeutic recreation groups • Children's services in Orientation & Mobility, Teacher of the Visually Impaired services and STARS (Specialized Technology and Adaptive Resources for Students) 	X	X	X	X
<p>Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library / 800-392-2614 / http://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free library service for Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials • Audio and braille books, magazine subscriptions and playback machines for audio books 	X	X	X	X