**Resource and Referral List**

**Social Services**

* **Bureau of Blind Services** helps adults who are blind or visually impaired rediscover their independence and achieve their employment, education, training, and independent living goals. Services include: specialized vocational rehabilitation services; a short-term residential program for adults who are newly blind or visually impaired; independent living services for older individuals who are blind; and the Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind.
	+ IDHS/DRS' Bureau of Blind Services Central Office: **217-785-3887 (V/TTY)**
	+ For more information on Illinois Department of Human Services, call for your Family Community Resource Center at **1-800-843-6154**
* **IL Department of Aging**
	+ Care Coordinators, Support Services, Caregiver Services, Adult Protective Services, Housing and Meal Assistance
	+ For the senior help line, call **1-800-252-8966** or go online at [**https://ilaging.illinois.gov/**](https://ilaging.illinois.gov/)
* **Access Living**
	+ Personal Assistants Housing Assistance Legal Services Money Management Support Other Classes and Workshops
	+ Call (312) 640-2100 or go online at [**https://accessliving.org/**](https://accessliving.org/)
* **Friedman Place—Navigator Program (**[**www.friedmanplace.org**](http://www.friedmanplace.org)**)**
	+ The Navigator Program provides a broad range of case management and social services to people who are blind in order for them achieve the greatest level of self-determination, independence, and interaction within the community. Navigator staff informs, educates, supports and empowers clients who are blind or visually impaired along with their families and friends in many areas, including (but not limited to) obtaining and maintaining Public Entitlement Programs, Social, vocational, educational, and housing services, and Healthcare. Staff are available to meet in offices in Chicago’s loop and the northwest side.
	+ Call **T:** **773-989-9800**
* **Blind Diabetics—Advanced Diabetic Supply**
	+ Sellssupplies for struggling diabetics
	+ Servicing a Nationwide patient base, ADS is committed to delivering on your service expectations. With live knowledgeable Customer Care Specialists ready to assist you can contact us with any questions related to your diabetic supply products, insurance coverage questions, qualifying criteria details, or questions for our Pharmacists and/or Certified Diabetes Educators.
	+ **T: (866) 422-4866** | **(**[**www.northcoastmed.com**](http://www.northcoastmed.com)**)**
* **Low Vision Patients of Indiana—TradeWinds**
	+ TradeWinds is a full-service agency providing services from infants to seniors. TradeWinds has continued with our children’s programs of all-inclusive Childcare and Children’s Summer Camps and Speech & Occupational Therapy. Serving our adults with physical and intellectual disabilities with programs which include Adult Day Activity Program & Training (ADAPT), Pre-Vocational Services in Packaging & Assembly and Order Fulfillment, Sewing Manufacturing, Sign Shop and Employment Services; Residential Group Homes and Supported Living; Respite for Caregivers, Deaf Services; and a Chicago Lighthouse Low Vision Clinic for residents of Northwest Indiana.
	+ **T: (219) 945-0100** | [**www.tradewindsnwi.org**](http://www.tradewindsnwi.org)
* **Wisconsin Low Vision/Blindness Patients—Vision Forward**
	+ Vision Forward provides a continuum of services, from birth through adulthood, to people with visual impairments, helping them achieve important developmental milestones as well as educational, personal and professional goals. All our programs and services are provided regardless of a person’s or family’s ability to pay.
	+ **T:** **(414) 615-0100** | [**www.vision-forward.org**](http://www.vision-forward.org)
* **Hadley**
	+ The mission of Hadley is to create personalized learning opportunities that empower adults with vision loss or blindness to thrive - at home, at work, and in their communities. Take classes on daily living, adjusting to vision loss, recreation, technology, braille, and working – at any time – as many times as you’d like. Watch the educational videos from Hadley at [**www.hadley.edu/learn**](http://www.hadley.edu/learn).
* **Well Connected & Well Connected Español**
	+ A virtual community that offers phone and online activities that build community through group conversations, games, and education.
	+ **877-797-7299**
* **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**
	+ JAN is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the US Department of Labor and facilitates the employment and retention of workers with disabilities by providing employers, employment providers, and people with disabilities with information on job accommodations, self-employment, and small business opportunities.
	+ Call (800)526-7234 to connect or go online to [**https://askjan.org/**](https://askjan.org/)
* **Guide for Job Seekers & Workers with a Disability: Your Rights When Looking for a Job and Getting Reasonable Accommodation Under the ADA**
	+ [**https://www.moneygeek.com/careers/resources/workers-with-disabilities-and-ada/**](https://www.moneygeek.com/careers/resources/workers-with-disabilities-and-ada/)
* **Veterans Affairs – Blind Rehabilitation Services**
	+ The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides specialized services for veterans who are blind or have low vision. These services include rehabilitation, assistive technology, training programs, and counseling to enhance independence and support daily living. Veterans can access these services through VA Blind Rehabilitation Centers across the country.
	+ Learn More: [**www.va.gov/blindrehab**](http://www.va.gov/blindrehab)
* **OASIS Christian Support Group for VI**
	+ This organization offers OASIS, or safe haven, to those who have impaired vision

by providing emotional, physical, and spiritual support through

rehabilitation and support group services.

* + **(708) 460-6573**
* **Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly**
	+ At all of our locations, we strive to meet the emotional and physical needs of our elderly friends. For some, isolation comes with growing older. Children move away to follow their work, spouses and friends die, a car wears out and is not replaced, or a driver’s license is surrendered or revoked because of illness. This isolation is compounded by poverty. In these difficult situations we extend a helping hand. We treat our elderly friends as individuals, offering them the gifts of respect and love by visiting, socializing, and providing programs that combat loneliness and promote independent living, helping them remain in their own homes.
	+ Call **(312) 455-1000** or go online to [**https://lbfechicago.org/**](https://lbfechicago.org/)
* **iCanConnect – Free Communication Technology for Deaf-Blind Individuals**
	+ iCanConnect provides free communication technology and training to people with significant hearing and vision loss. This program helps individuals stay connected with family, friends, and essential services through specialized devices like smartphones, tablets, and braille displays.
	+ Learn more and apply here: [**https://www.icanconnect.org/**](https://www.icanconnect.org/)
* **Penny Forward**
	+ A non-profit organization offering financial education and coaching for blind and visually impaired individuals. They also provide podcasts, online courses, and one-on-one coaching to build financial independence and literacy.
	+ Website: [**www.pennyforward.com**](http://www.pennyforward.com)

**Transportation**

* **Pace Paratransit—**If you are unable to use public transportation
	+ Paratransit service is the general term for a "demand-response" service in which a passenger must reserve a ride in advance. Unlike fixed-route service, in which buses travel the same route in a regular pattern and pick up any waiting passengers, paratransit vehicles make only pre-arranged trips for riders who are eligible for the particular service. There are several different types of paratransit service, visit their site or call to learn more.
	+ Pace also operates a fixed route system, which is entirely [accessible to people with disabilities](http://www.pacebus.com/sub/bus_system/accessible_bus_service.asp). For senior citizens and people with disabilities, fixed route is a less expensive way to get around the community and gives people the freedom to travel without arranging a ride in advance. The Regional Transportation Authority offers a [training program](http://www.rtachicago.org/rider-resources/accessible-transit/travel-training) for those who wish to learn how to ride fixed route.
	+ **T: (847) 364-PACE (7223), option 3** | [**http://www.pacebus.com/paratransit**](http://www.pacebus.com/paratransit)
	+ **Taxi Assistance Program (TAP)**: Receive a subsidy for cab rides provided within the service area, which allows for a subsidy on trips up to $30 in value after a $2.00 fare. For more information, visit [**https://www.pacebus.com/tap**](https://www.pacebus.com/tap).
	+ **Rideshare Access Program (RAP)**: Receive a subsidy for Uber or UZURV trips provided within the service area, which allows for a subsidy on trips up to $30 in value after a $2.00 fare. For more information, visit [**https://www.pacebus.com/rap**](https://www.pacebus.com/rap).
* **GoGo Grandparents**
	+ You don’t have to be a grandparent to use this service! Many people with vision loss have a hesitancy to get a smart phone or learn its accessibility, but then miss out on the benefits.
	+ Access services from partners like Uber, Doordash, and Instacart, with or without a smartphone, 24/7. They screen drivers, find preferred vehicle sizes, manage pickups & driver GPS and more for 100% safety and reliability. Trained concierge team members are always available by telephone to help put doctor's visits, medication delivery, dietary restrictions and groceries on autopilot
	+ You get a one month free trial, then it is subscription based.
	+ Call **(855) 464-6872** to learn more or sign up.
* **Uber Assist**
	+ Ridesharing service with drivers trained to help passengers who need additional assistance. Call the hotline to order a ride without having the app downloaded, however, additional fees may apply.
	+ Website:[**https://www.uber.com/au/en/ride/assist/**](https://www.uber.com/au/en/ride/assist/)

**Housing**

* **Friedman Place (www.friedmanplace.org)**
	+ A nonprofit Supportive Living Community for adults who are blind or visually impaired. Most of the residents have additional health challenges that become more difficult to manage due to blindness. Visual impairment is what unites our residents, but each person has unique needs which are addressed by the programs and services Friedman Place provides.
	+ 5527 N. Maplewood Ave. | Chicago, IL 60625 **T:** **(773) 989-9800**
* **Foglia Residences**
	+ A residence located at 1134 S Wood St. with studios, 1 bed, and 2 bed apartments for income eligible households, accommodating and placing priority for those with disabilities.
	+ For interest, call **872-282-8987 and select Option 1** or apply online at [**www.fogliaresiences.com**](http://www.fogliaresiences.com).
* **Access Living**
	+ Offering services and support for people with disabilities in Chicago, including home and community based services, housing services, youth programs, consulting and training for business, and legal services for people with disabilities facing discrimination.
	+ For interest, go online to [**www.accessliving.org**](http://www.accessliving.org), or call **312-640-2100**.

**Religious Texts**

* **Islam By Touch – Accessible and Free Islamic Library App**
	+ The first Islamic library app fully compatible with iPhone VoiceOver for those who are blind or visually impaired.
	+ Access the Quran in English along with other books about Islam with options for large text and color inversion.
	+ To download, search **Islam by Touch** on Apple’s App Store.
* **Braille Bibles for the Blind**
	+ Provides free braille Bibles to individuals who are blind.
	+ Phone: 812-466-4899
	+ Website: [**https://www.biblesfortheblind.org/**](https://www.biblesfortheblind.org/)
* **Jewish Braille Institute – Accessible Religious Texts**
	+ Offering free liturgical, biblical, and lifecycle texts in large print, braille, and audio formats for all denominations. Large print is also available in Russian and Hebrew.
	+ Explore the Jewish Braille Institute Catalog at [**http://www.jbi.klas.com**](http://www.jbi.klas.com)

**Reading/Books**

* **National Federation of the Blind**
	+ NFB-NEWSLINE is a free audio news service for anyone who is blind, low-vision, or otherwise print-disabled that offers access to more than 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more. Place a call over the phone to listen to the newspaper or download the app to read the paper using accessibility features of your device.
	+ **(866) 504-7300 ext. 2317** | [**www.nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline**](http://www.nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline)
* **The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled/Audio Book Player**
	+ Free service through library, choose language and print
	+ Using the book player or mobile app you can listen to books from the library [**www.loc.gov/nls/enrollment-equipment/apply-for-nls-service/application-in-english-spanish-and-for-institutions/**](http://www.loc.gov/nls/enrollment-equipment/apply-for-nls-service/application-in-english-spanish-and-for-institutions/)
	+ **For Large Print Books through NLS**

[**www.loc.gov/nls/resources/general-resources-on-disabilities/large-print-materials/**](http://www.loc.gov/nls/resources/general-resources-on-disabilities/large-print-materials/)

* **Kindle & Audible**
	+ Whispersync is a feature that allows you to continue listening to any Audible (professionally narrated) audiobook across multiple Whispersync devices (including voice-enabled) without losing your place. Furthermore, Whispersync also allows you to switch seamlessly between listening to your audiobooks and reading their companion Kindle eBooks (digital books in which you can enlarge the print and change the contrast). As long as your Whispersync device has access to a Wi-Fi connection, the playback position, bookmarks, and notes will be kept across devices without any action required.
	+ Simply purchase your Kindle eBook on Amazon.com first and add the Audible version to the purchase to get started.
* **Bookshare**
	+ Bookshare makes reading easier. People with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other reading barriers can customize their experience to suit their learning style and find virtually any book they need for school, work, or the joy of reading.
	+ Customize your reading experience with ebooks in audio, audio + highlighted text, braille, large font, and other formats.
	+ Access the largest library of textbooks, bestsellers, children's books, career resources, and more for people with reading barriers.
	+ Read on almost any device, including smartphones, tablets, Chromebooks, computers, and assistive technology devices.
	+ Get unlimited access: FREE for qualified U.S. students and schools, less than $1 per week for adults, and reduced fees in certain countries.
	+ [**https://www.bookshare.org/cms/**](https://www.bookshare.org/cms/)
	+ **650-352-0198**
* **Textbooks for Students: RedShelf (**[**www.redshelf.com**](http://www.redshelf.com)**)**
	+ RedShelf:Leading-edge digital course materials with accessibility-first design to ensure equal experiences for all.
		- Make an accessibility request for a book here:

[**https://solve.redshelf.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket\_form\_id=360000299974**](https://solve.redshelf.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=360000299974)

* **Penguin Random House – Large Print Books**
	+ Penguin Random House offers a broad selection of large print books across various genres, making reading more accessible for individuals with low vision. Their large print editions include popular titles, ensuring everyone can enjoy reading comfortably.
	+ Learn More and Browse Large Print Books: [**https://www.randomhouse.com/category/largeprint/**](https://www.randomhouse.com/category/largeprint/)
* **InfoCon – Custom Large Print Books**
	+ InfoCon allows users to create and purchase large print books tailored to their specific needs. Font sizes start at 20pt, ensuring maximum readability and comfort. This personalized service ensures everyone can enjoy their favorite books in a format that suits them best.
	+ Learn More:[**www.largeprintbooks.com**](http://www.largeprintbooks.com/)
* **Reader’s Digest – Large Print Edition**
	+ Reader’s Digest offers a large print edition of their popular magazine, providing articles, stories, and content in an accessible format for readers with low vision. Enjoy engaging and informative content in a clear and easy-to-read layout.
	+ Learn More: [**www.rd.com**](http://www.rd.com/)

**Phone**

* **Phones for Deaf/Blind—**Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation
	+ Free phones for those who are hard of hearing. **T: 800-841-6167**
	+ [**www.itactty.org/apply**](http://www.itactty.org/apply)
* **TruConnect Lifeline – Free Phone Service**
	+ TruConnect offers free phone service through the Lifeline program, providing essential connectivity for low-income individuals and families.
	+ Call **(800) 430-0443** or apply online at [**http://www.truconnect.com/lifeline**](http://www.truconnect.com/lifeline)
* **Hadley**
	+ Hadley has video workshops on how to make your smart phone or tablet more accessible at [**www.hadley.edu/learn**](http://www.hadley.edu/learn)
* **iBUG Today**
	+ Training on Apple and Android products, Movie nights, Book clubs, Free to join!
	+ **832-453-7139**
	+ [**http://www.ibugtoday.com/**](http://www.ibugtoday.com/)
* **CapTel – Captioned Telephones for Hearing Loss**
	+ CapTel phones provide real-time captions of phone conversations, allowing individuals with hearing loss to read and listen simultaneously. This service enhances communication and ensures clarity during calls.
	+ Learn more or request a phone: [**www.captel.com**](http://www.captel.com)
* **ClearCaptions – Real-Time Phone Captions**
	+ ClearCaptions offers free captioning services for individuals with hearing loss, displaying real-time captions of phone conversations. Certified by the FCC, this service ensures accessibility for everyday communication.
	+ Get more information here: [**www.clearcaptions.com**](http://www.clearcaptions.com)

**Television**

* **The Audio Description Project** ([**https://adp.acb.org/welcome-new-adp-website**](https://adp.acb.org/welcome-new-adp-website))
	+ An Initiative of the American Council of the Blind. Audio Description involves the accessibility of the visual images of theater, television, movies, and other art forms for people who are blind, have low vision, or who are otherwise visually impaired. It is a narration service (provided at no additional charge to the patron) that attempts to describe what the sighted person takes for granted -- those images that a person who is blind or visually impaired formerly could only experience through the whispered asides from a sighted companion.
	+ Alphabetical listing of all USA commercial DVDs and Blu-ray discs with audio description
* **Cable and Streaming Services with Accessibility**
	+ **Comcast** **Xfinity**: voice remote, voice guidance, video description, enhanced text readability, EZ button remote, Braille or large print bill, Braille or large print channel lineup, Braille or large print set up kit
		- **(855) 270-0397** | [**www.xfinity.com**](http://www.xfinity.com)
	+ **ATT U-Verse**: video description, closed captioning, Braille/large print bills
		- [**www.att.com/features/accessibility.html**](http://www.att.com/features/accessibility.html)
	+ **Dish** **Network**: accessible receivers, voice activated remote, audio description, bluetooth audio, screen magnification & text to speech menus, closed captioning, accessible billing
		- [**www.dish.com/accessibility**](http://www.dish.com/accessibility/)
	+ **DirecTV – Accessibility for Blind and Low Vision Users**
		- DirecTV provides a Talking Guide feature that narrates channel listings, program guides, and on-screen menus for blind and low vision users. Audio descriptions are available on select programming, and the platform supports various screen readers for enhanced accessibility.
		- Learn More: [**www.directv.com/accessibility**](http://www.directv.com/accessibility)
	+ **Spectrum**: guide narration (talking guide menu), Roku audio guide, descriptive video service (video description), closed captions
		- [**www.spectrum.net/page/accessibility**](http://www.spectrum.net/page/accessibility/)
		- [**www.spectrum.net/support/accessibility/talking-guide-information-and-support**](http://www.spectrum.net/support/accessibility/talking-guide-information-and-support/)
	+ **Netflix**
		- Netflix provides extensive audio description for a wide range of shows and movies, narrating important visual elements to enhance the viewing experience for blind and low vision users. The platform also supports screen readers across its website and app, allowing seamless navigation. Full keyboard navigation ensures accessibility for those who prefer or require keyboard controls.
		- Learn More: [**www.netflix.com/accessibility**](http://www.netflix.com/accessibility)
* **Hulu**
	+ - Hulu offers select titles with audio descriptions to assist blind and low vision users in enjoying their favorite content. The Hulu app and website are compatible with popular screen readers like VoiceOver (iOS) and TalkBack (Android), ensuring easy navigation. Users can also adjust high contrast settings and enlarge text through their device settings for improved readability.
		- Learn More: [**www.help.hulu.com/s/article/accessibility**](http://www.help.hulu.com/s/article/accessibility)
* **Amazon Prime Video**
	+ - Amazon Prime Video features thousands of titles with audio descriptions, enabling blind and low vision users to experience the full scope of the content. The platform supports voice control through Alexa, allowing users to navigate and search hands-free. Prime Video is fully compatible with screen readers, including VoiceOver and TalkBack, ensuring accessibility across devices.
		- Learn More: [**www.amazon.com/adlp/primevideoaccessibility**](http://www.amazon.com/adlp/primevideoaccessibility)
* **Amazon Fire TV/Firestick**
	+ - Amazon Fire TV and Firestick include the VoiceView screen reader, which narrates menus, options, and content descriptions, making it easier for blind users to navigate. The built-in magnifier allows users to zoom and enlarge text, while high contrast text improves visibility and enhances readability for low vision users.
		- Learn More: [**https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=202105050**](https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=202105050)
	+ **Roku – Accessibility for Blind and Low Vision Users**
		- Roku devices offer an Audio Guide screen reader that provides spoken feedback for all on-screen options and menus. Users can activate high contrast mode to enhance text visibility, and select Roku models also include voice search capabilities, allowing for hands-free content discovery and navigation.
		- Learn More: [**www.roku.com/accessibility**](http://www.roku.com/accessibility)

**Computer**

* **Built-in Accessibility on Windows Computers**
* Ease of Access Center- Can be found on most Windows computers by searching “Ease of Access or by pressing and holding down the Windows Logo key (located at the bottom left of the keyboard between the Ctrl and Alt keys) while pressing the letter U. Optimize Display, Launch Narrator, Use built in Screen Magnifier.
	+ [**https://www.afb.org/blindness-and-low-vision/using-technology/using-computer/part-ii-experienced-computer-user-new-1**](https://www.afb.org/blindness-and-low-vision/using-technology/using-computer/part-ii-experienced-computer-user-new-1)
* **Built in Accessibility on Apple Computers-OS X**
	+ The OS X operating system includes built-in features to assist users with a range of physical and motor disabilities. Command + Option + F5 summons a complete list of accessibility options, including turning screen magnification on or off, increasing or decreasing contrast, and inverting screen colors, and enabling VoiceOver
	+ [**https://www.afb.org/blindness-and-low-vision/using-technology/using-computer/part-ii-experienced-computer-user-new-3**](https://www.afb.org/blindness-and-low-vision/using-technology/using-computer/part-ii-experienced-computer-user-new-3)
* **Computers for the Blind**
	+ [**https://www.computersfortheblind.org/**](https://www.computersfortheblind.org/)
	+ CFTB provides refurbished laptop computers preloaded with accessibility software. Laptops are available to consumers starting at $250. CFTB offers a warranty for laptop hardware. Accessories and an external monitor can be purchased for an additional low cost. CFTB provides a one-year home edition license of the consumer’s choice of JAWS or ZoomText at no additional cost. CFTB computers are loaded with a trial version of Typio, a talking typing program. It retails for $60/yr but is available for only $20/lifetime.
* **PCs for People – Affordable Computers and Internet**
	+ PCs for People provides low-cost computers and affordable internet to individuals with limited income. This program helps bridge the digital divide, making technology accessible for education, work, and communication.
	+ Learn more or apply here: [**www.pcsforpeople.org**](http://www.pcsforpeople.org)
* **Compudopt – Free Computer Giveaway & Free Digital Skills Training Videos**
	+ Compudopt provides the opportunity to receive free computers to students and families in need, helping to bridge the digital divide and ensure access to technology for education and personal growth. Compudopt also offers free digital skills training to help individuals build confidence and improve their computer literacy, empowering them for school, work, and daily life. Videos include computer basics, email basics, internet use and safety, and intro to google workspace, slides, and docs, all in English and Spanish.
	+ Gain digital skills here: [**www.compudopt.org/digitalskills**](http://www.compudopt.org/digitalskills)
	+ Choose your state and apply for a free computer here: [**www.compudopt.org/computergiveaway**](http://www.compudopt.org/computergiveaway)
* **Apple Accessibility Hotline**
	+ Questions are welcome regarding accessibility features - VoiceOver, Zoom, etc.  This hot line is not for help on operating your device’s general features and applications. **T:** **(877) 204-3930** | **accessibility@apple.com**
* **Free Screen Reader (**[**www.nvaccess.org**](http://www.nvaccess.org)**)**
	+ Screen reading software allows those with no vision to access a computer audibly. Download onto your computer. Requires Windows XP or later.
* **Pneuma Solutions – Accessibility and Remote Support for the Blind**
	+ Pneuma Solutions offers innovative assistive technology designed for blind and low vision users. Their products include remote desktop accessibility tools, screen reader-compatible software, and cloud-based platforms that enhance independence and productivity. Pneuma Solutions focuses on creating tools that ensure seamless digital access and connectivity for visually impaired individuals.
	+ Learn More: [**https://pneumasolutions.com/**](https://pneumasolutions.com/)
* **Windows Quick Assist – Remote Support for Accessibility**
	+ Windows Quick Assist allows users to remotely connect with another computer to provide or receive assistance. This feature is particularly useful for blind or low vision users needing technical support, as it enables trusted individuals to navigate and troubleshoot issues directly. Quick Assist is built into Windows, making remote help easy and accessible without needing third-party software.
	+ Learn More: [**https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/help-someone-with-their-pc-using-quick-assist-39b0e3a7-2b1c-2c12-3e67-d2aa592f5e73**](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/help-someone-with-their-pc-using-quick-assist-39b0e3a7-2b1c-2c12-3e67-d2aa592f5e73)
* **Computer and Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP)**
	+ The Computer and Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) within the Department of Defense provides assistive technology and services to ensure equal access to the workplace for employees with disabilities. CAP offers tools like screen readers, magnification software, and ergonomic equipment at no cost to eligible individuals.
	+ Learn More: [**www.cap.mil**](http://www.cap.mil)

**Prescriptions**

* **Script Talk**
	+ ScripTalk Station **(T: 800-890-1180)**
	+ A free prescription reader device service through pharmacy. Simply press a button and place the special ScripTalk talking label over the reader. A pleasant natural sounding voice speaks all the information printed on the label.
	+ [**www.envisionamerica.com/products/scriptability/scriptalk/scriptalk-station-for-patients**](http://www.envisionamerica.com/products/scriptability/scriptalk/scriptalk-station-for-patients)
* **Accessible Pharmacy**
	+ Accessible Pharmacy Services for the Blind is a comprehensive, home delivery pharmacy service and accessible medication labeling service specializing in the needs of people who are blind and have low vision. To speak with their pharmacy team, call **1-888-633-7007** or go online to [**www.accessiblepharmacy.com**](http://www.accessiblepharmacy.com).
* **Spoken Rx – CVS Pharmacy**
* A prescription service that reads medication labels aloud for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Simply scan the special RFID-tagged label using the CVS Pharmacy app or a dedicated reader.
* Visit or call your local CVS Pharmacy to check on their knowledge of Spoken Rx. All CVS pharmacies must participate. To learn more, go online to [**https://www.cvs.com/content/pharmacy/spoken-rx**](https://www.cvs.com/content/pharmacy/spoken-rx)

**Other Resources**

* **NFB Free White Cane Program**
	+ To register to receive a free non-folding white cane, go online and order at [**www.nfb.org/programs-services/free-white-cane-program**](http://www.nfb.org/programs-services/free-white-cane-program) or call **410-659-9314**.
* **Guide Dogs**
	+ The following site contains a list of locations where you can be trained to use a guide dog: [**www.nfb.org/resource-list-guide-dog-schools**](http://www.nfb.org/resource-list-guide-dog-schools)
* **Money Identifier**
	+ Free though state, choose language, and print application
	+ Pocket sized device allows dollar increments to be identified audibly
	+ [**www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html**](http://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html)
* **Echo Show Amazon Devices**
	+ Voice Commands through Amazon assistant “Alexa”—Needs internet connection
		- Weather, Time and date, look up recipes, News, Music, set timers, etc.
	+ Echo Show offers a new object identification feature by asking Alexa “what am I holding” Alexa will also give verbal and audio cues to help the customers place the item in front of the device’s camera.
	+ Alexa Together is a new way to provide support for your loved ones, keeping youtogether even when you're apart. Enjoy features such as 24/7 Urgent Response, Activity Feed, Customized Alerts, Circle of Support, Remote Assist and Fall Detection Response. All it takes to get started is an Alexa Together subscription and an Echo device. Make sure you both have your own Amazon.com accounts too.
	+ Amazon Accessibility Line: **888-283-1678**
* **Linkupil.org**
	+ Making healthy, local, farm-fresh foods more affordable and accessible by doubling the value of Link purchases at farmers markets, farm stands, food co-ops, and independent grocery and corner stores across Illinois.
	+ Some of these resources also offer home delivery, such as Forty Acres Fresh Market and Urban Canopy
* **Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors (SARFS)**
	+ The Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors (SARFS) program provides safety, security and accessibility improvements that help senior citizens to remain in their homes. Repair types are limited to minor repairs that may include, but are not limited to:
	+ [**https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/homeowners/svcs/sarfs.html**](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/homeowners/svcs/sarfs.html)
	+ **773-921-3200**
* **Amazon Fresh – SNAP EBT**
	+ Use SNAP benefits to purchase groceries online with free delivery. Applicable items for SNAP-EBT include fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, breads, cereals, canned vegetables, pantry staples, and other foods such as snacks, seeds, and non-alcoholic beverages. Look for items labeled SNAP EBT Eligible.
	+ To sign up to use your EBT benefits on Amazon and a list of eligible states based on government guidelines, visit [**www.amazon.com/ebt**](https://www.amazon.com/ebt).
* **Horizons for the Blind**
	+ Provides transcription services for documentation into large print, Braille, audio, as well as provides tactile images.
	+ Website: [**www.horizons-blind.org**](http://www.horizons-blind.org)
* **APH Connect Center**
	+ The APH Connect Center, run by the American Printing House for the Blind, offers resources, information, and support for people who are blind or visually impaired. The center provides guidance on education, employment, and daily living to promote independence and improve quality of life.
	+ Learn More: [**www.aphconnectcenter.org**](http://www.aphconnectcenter.org)

**Student Resources:**

* **Desmos – Accessible Math Graphing Calculator**
	+ Desmos offers an online graphing calculator designed to be fully accessible for blind and low vision users. With sonification features, Desmos allows users to hear graphs through audio tones, making complex mathematical concepts more accessible and inclusive. This tool is essential for students and professionals who need advanced graphing capabilities.
	+ Learn More: [**www.desmos.com/accessibility**](http://www.desmos.com/accessibility)
* **Nemeth Braille Code Curriculum**
	+ The Nemeth Braille Code Curriculum provides resources and instructional materials to teach math and science using the Nemeth Braille Code. This curriculum supports blind and visually impaired students in mastering mathematical concepts through braille, ensuring equal access to STEM education.
	+ Explore the Curriculum: [**https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/nemeth-curriculum/**](https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/nemeth-curriculum/)