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Dr. Hammer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 25 years experience in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Since 1986, Dr. Hammer has been in private practice at Retina Associates of Florida.

Dr. Ivan J. Suñer
Dr. Suñer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 15 years experience in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Before joining Retina Associates of Florida, he served on the faculty at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami and Duke University.

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Dr. Peden is a retina and macula specialist who is experienced in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Prior to joining Retina Associates of Florida, Dr. Peden was on the faculty of the University of Florida and served as division director of Vitreo-retinal Disease and Surgery.

Low-Vision Specialists
(by county)

Highlands County
Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.
5233 US 27 N
Sebring, FL 33872
Tel. (863) 385-4220, Fax (863) 385-5635

Hillsborough County
Bruce W. Anderson, O.D.
Offices:
719 W Fletcher Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612
Tel. (813) 961-2020, Fax (813) 961-4105
USF Eye Institute
12901 Bruce B Downs Blvd.
MDC-21
Tampa, FL 33612
Tel. (813) 974-3820, Fax (813) 974-5621

Michael Goodwin
Hyde Park Eye Center
501 N. Howard Ave., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. 813-253-2727
Fax 813-253-2729
Email: MJGoodwin@tampabay.rr.com

Susan Payne, O.D.
Sun City Cataract Center & Eye Clinic
1701 Rickenbacker Dr.
Sun City Center, FL 33573
Tel. (813) 634-8877, Fax (813) 634-2266

Retina Associates of Florida is Tampa Bay’s leading medical group in treatment of retinal disease and has offices located throughout the Tampa Bay area. For more information on Retina Associates of Florida, visit TampaRetina.com or call 1-800-282-9141.
LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS
(by county)

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
1106 W Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org

Rodger Stephan
RWS Low Vision Systems
546 W Davis Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 254-9784, Fax (813) 254-8963
Email: sstepha1@tampabay.rr.com

Paul Scaglione, MS, OTR/L
Baycare Low Vision Rehabilitation Program
Baycare Homecare
8020 Woodland Center Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33614
Tel. (813) 806-0700, Fax (813) 243-9204

While reading through the information contained in this booklet, please keep in mind that MOST AGENCIES for the visually impaired require their clients to fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

• Have LOW VISION/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT: The inability to read standard printed material without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.

• Be LEGALLY BLIND: A visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye after correction, or the widest diameter of the visual field in the better eye of 20 degrees or less.

• Have a READING DISABILITY: An organic dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner.

• Have a DETERIORATING EYE CONDITION: A disease that may lead to blindness.

• Have an APPLICATION FORM completed and returned to the appropriate agency.

• Have a LETTER FROM THE DOCTOR or health care provider stating the disability and its extent.

• Be within certain INCOME LEVELS: There are circumstances in which this can be waived.

• Pay a NOMINAL FEE for certain programs: There are circumstances in which this can be waived.
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
AND RESOURCES

Social Security Administration
4010 Gunn Hwy Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33618
Tel. (813) 269-0223 or (800) 772-1213
TTY (800) 325-0778
Web site: http://www.ssa.gov/atlanta/southeast/fl/florida.htm

Various programs are available that are designed to assist the disabled and handicapped person.

Verizon’s Customer Contact Center
PO Box 110 MC 5008
Tampa, FL 33601
Tel. (800) 483-7762, Fax (800) 955-1339
Web site: www.verizon.com

The telephone company will waive directory assistance fees and assist the visually impaired person to make phone calls in certain cases. “Big Dial” telephones are available featuring a re-dial and ten number memory as well as a three number “emergency number” capacity.

LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS
(by county)

PASCO COUNTY

Sherry Teddy, O.D.
2740 Seven Springs Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34655
Tel. (727) 372-0414, Fax (727) 372-9313

PINELLAS COUNTY

Edward J Huggett, Jr. O.D.
Huggett Vision Institute
2323 Curlew Rd., Suite 7A
Dunedin, FL 34698
Tel. (727) 789-0199
Web site: lowvisionsupport.org

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.
Offices:

Petito Eyecare
8695 4th Street N
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Tel. (727) 578-9880, Fax (727) 578-1510

Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center
6925 112th Circle N, Suite 103
Largo, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511
Web site: www.lighthouseofpinellas.org
LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS  
(by county)  

POLK COUNTY  

Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.  
Offices:  
2815 Lakeland Hills Boulevard  
Lakeland, FL 33805  
Tel. (863) 683-6699  
250 Avenue K, SW  
Winter Haven, FL 33880  
Tel. (863) 297-5400 or (800) 472-8867  
Fax (863) 293-9780  

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.  
Winter Haven Rehabilitation  
206 Avenue D, NW  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559  

The above names represent only a partial listing of qualified low-vision practitioners in the Tampa Bay area.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES  
AND RESOURCES

Greyhound Bus  
Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Information Line  
Tel. (800) 752-4841  
TTY/TDD (800) 345-3109  
This service enables a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) to ride at 50% reduced rate to assist a physically or visually impaired person who needs help in boarding, exiting and traveling on a bus. 48-hour advance notice should be given about the passenger’s handicap to allow time for proper seating arrangements and baggage handling.

Handicap and Disabled Parking Permits  
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
Tel. (850) 617-2000  
Web site: www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html  
Handicapped and disabled parking permits can be applied for through the Tax Collector’s office in each county. Tax Collector office locations and application forms are available on the web site. You may apply for your parking permit through the mail or in person. The permit is valid statewide.

IRS Federal Tax Information  
3848 W Columbus Drive  
Tampa, FL 33607  
Tel. (800) 829-1040 or (813) 348-1831  
The IRS allows an extra exemption for blind persons on the 1040 income tax form.
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Comprehensive Home Care of Hillsborough
3102 W. Waters Ave., Suite 202A
Tampa, FL 33614
Tel. (813) 514-5520, Fax (813) 514-1904

Comprehensive Home Care of Pinellas/Pasco
33920 US Highway 19 North, Suite 341
Palm Harbor, FL 34684
Tel. (727) 786-5520, Fax (727) 786-7088
1-800-204-4440 for other locations throughout Florida.
Web site: www.comprehensivehomehealth.com
Comprehensive Home Care offers a Low Vision Program for Medicare recipients. The program's objective is to keep the visually impaired person as safe and as independent as possible in their home environment. The program is covered 100% by Medicare for persons that meet the program criteria.

AMTRAK
Tel. (800) 872-7245
TDD/TTY (800) 523-6590
Web site: www.amtrak.com
Offers special discount fares to physically and visually impaired persons. Call ahead of time to indicate the need for special assistance.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

HARDEE COUNTY

Florida Lions Foundation For the Blind
12455 SE 92nd TER
Summerfield, FL 34491
Tel. (352) 452-0806
Web site: www.floridalionsfoundation.org

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Handicapped Americans Love of Life (HALLO)
112 Medical Center Avenue
Sebring, FL 33872
Tel/Fax (863) 385-1196
Web site: www.halloinc.org
HALLO provides several support group opportunities for persons with physical and visual impairments.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Division of Blind Services
415 S. Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33609
Tel. (813) 871-7190, Fax (813) 871-7161
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com
Eye medical services for the indigent, rehabilitation, social services and training support for adjustment to blindness, job placement. Financial eligibility must be met for medical care and purchase of equipment.
Prevent Blindness Florida  
1112 E. Kennedy Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33602  
Tel. (800) 817-3595 ext 112, Fax (813) 226-3745  
Email: jtobin@preventblindnessfl.org  
Web site: www.preventblindnessflorida.org  
Provides information and educational materials on eye health and safety. Glaucoma and visual acuity screenings available. Publications and speakers available on topics such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Nominal fee for vision screening, referral and follow-up.

Radio Reading Service for the Blind and Print-Handicapped  
WUSF Radio Reading Service  
University of South Florida WRB 219  
4202 E Fowler Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33620-6860  
Tel. (813) 974-4193 or (800) 444-4193  
Web site: www.WUSF.org  
24-hour reading service including newspapers, magazines, books, grocery and department store ads.

Low Vision Works  
Hillsborough County  
Tel. (813) 413-8371, Fax (813) 413-8375  
Polk County  
Tel. (863) 401-3550, Fax (863) 401-8199  
Pasco, Polk, and Manatee Counties  
Tel. (866) 757-9995, Fax (888) 445-3937  
Web site: lowvisionworks.com  
Low Vision Works provides their clients with the highest quality low vision rehabilitation services, to help them improve their ability to use their remaining vision effectively and function more safely and independently. The low vision rehabilitation therapy is provided by licensed, professional occupational therapists in the home and is covered through Medicare.

Medi Home Health Agency  
Hillsborough  
1911 US Hwy 301 North Suite 470, Tampa, FL 33619  
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax 813-623-2058  
Pinellas  
1250 Belcher Rd. South, Suite 140, Largo, FL 33771  
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 539-6351  
Pasco  
5626 Gulf Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652  
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 847-9935  
Polk  
1129 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland 33805-4655  
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (863) 688-2199  
Web site: www.msa-corp.com  
Provides services in home and promotes self-management and education through a collaborative effort by the patient, family and multidisciplinary health care team of RN’s, O.T.’s, P.T.’s and S.W.’s. Medi provides home safety evaluations and fall prevention. Services covered by Medicare.
SEEING EYE DOGS

These dogs can help visually impaired and blind persons continue to be active and independent. They offer the additional benefits of warmth, companionship and affection. There are a few requirements which must be met to qualify for this program.

Seeing Eye, Inc.
PO Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07963-0375
Tel. (973) 539-4425, Fax (973) 539-0922
Email: info@seeingeye.org
Web site: www.seeingeye.org

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.
4210 77th Street E
Palmetto, FL 34221
Tel. (941) 729-5665 or (800) 944-dogs (3647)
Fax (941) 729-6646
Email: info@guidedogs.org
Web site: www.guidedogs.org

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Self Reliance, Inc.
Center for Independent Living
8901 N Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33604
Tel. (813) 375-3965, Fax (813) 375-3970
TDD (813) 375-3972
A resource and referral source for persons with any disability free of charge.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
1106 W Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305
Email: tpalight@gate.net
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org
Services for totally blind, legally blind and visually impaired including case management, employment counseling and placement, low-vision eye clinic and rehabilitation. On-site store sells adaptive aids and magnifiers. Medicare is accepted. Low-vision exam fees and prices of low-vision devices vary.

YES! of America United, Inc.
9502 N. Florida Ave
Tampa, FL 33612
Tel. (813) 935-5696
Email: becki@yesunited.org
A community supported Abilities Bank to complement existing programs and services. This support group offers peer counseling, social activities, referral and research, education and volunteerism for and by individuals with disabilities.
STATE OF FLORIDA
ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

PASCO COUNTY

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind
8610 Galen Wilson Boulevard
Port Richey, FL 34668
Tel. (727) 815-0303, Fax (727) 815-0203
Web site: www.lighthouse-pasco.org
Offers classes in typing, Braille, voice-synthesized computers, microwave cooking, personal safety and independence management, communications training, adaptation techniques in using the other senses, coping with visual loss, family support groups and socialization, job placement assistance and job training. Magnifiers, special lighting, large-print and CCTVs are also available.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Abilities, Inc. of Florida
2735 Whitney Road
Clearwater, FL 33760
Tel. (727) 538-7370

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Ophthalmology
PO Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
Tel. (415) 561-8500, Fax (415) 561-8533
Web site: www.aao.org

American Academy of Optometry
6110 Executive Boulevard Suite 506
Rockville, MD 20852
Tel. (301) 984-1441, Fax (301) 984-4737
email: aaoptom@aaoptom.org
Web site: www.aaopt.org

American Optometric Association
243 N Lindbergh Boulevard 1st Floor
St. Louis, MO 63141
Tel. (800) 365-2219, Fax (314) 991-4101
Web site: www.aoa.org

Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
1703 N Beauregard Street Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22311
Tel. (703) 671-4500 or (877) 492-2708,
Fax (703) 671-6391
Email: info@aerbvi.org
Web site: www.aerbvi.org
**CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS**

**Optelec**
3030 Enterprise Court Suite C
Vista, CA 92081
Tel. (800) 826-4200, Fax (800) 368-4111
Email: info@opeltec.com
Web site: www.opeltec.com

*Several camera-screen units including “20/20”; 3X to 60X, 14-inch screen; “20/20+”; 20-inch screen, choice of color, computer connection; “20/20 Spectrum”; 5X to 60X full color.*

**Telesensory, Inc.**
**InSiPhil (US) LLC**
4545 Stockdale Hwy, Suite F
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Tel. (800) 804-8004 or (661) 832-5223
Fax (661) 832-6557
Email: info@insiphil.com
Web site: www.telesensory.com

*“Vista” software to enlarge computer text and “ScreenPower” voice synthesizer program.*

**Freedom Scientific**
11800 31st Court North
St Petersburg, FL 33716
Tel. (727) 803-8000 or (877) 775-9474
Web site: www.freedomscientific.com

*Freedom Scientific products are manufactured in St. Pete, FL. We are the leader in products for the totally blind and people with low vision. Please call Tony at 1-800-444-4443 ext 3901 for a free in-home demonstration.*

**STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)**

**Division of Blind Services**
325 West Gaines St., Turlington Building, Suite 1114
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Tel. (850) 245-0300, Fax (850) 245-0363
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com

*Comprehensive services for the blind and visually impaired. Medical social services, talking book library, mobility and orientation training. Vocational rehabilitation training is also available.*

**Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center**
6925 - 112th Circle N, Suite 103
Large, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511
Web site: www.lighthouseofpinellas.org

*Independent living training for the blind and visually impaired. Clients may also participate in self-advocacy and support groups. Vocational rehab training program includes classes in basic keyboarding, computers with adaptive software, Braille, orientation and mobility. Low-vision screenings are available to assist clients in determining needs for adaptive aids.*

**POLK COUNTY**

**Division of Blind Services**
402 S. Kentucky Ave., Room 310
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 499-2385, Fax (863) 499-2698
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com

*Serves Citrus, Hardee, Polk, and Sumter Counties.*
STATE OF FLORIDA
ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Heartland Career Connection
5901 US 27 South
Sebring, FL 33870
Tel. (863) 385-3672, Fax (863) 382-4237

Polk One Stop Career Center
309 N. Ingraham Ave
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 683-5627, Fax (863) 603-7817
TDD (863) 683-5627
Career counseling, job information and placement,
labor market information, training, unemployment
insurance and vocational assessment.

Polk Works One Stop Center
500 E Lake Howard Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Tel. (863) 508-1100, Fax (863) 508-1110
Web site: www.polkworks.org

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
Winter Haven Division
206 Avenue D NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org
Offers industrial employment training, case
management, employment placement assistance,
low-vision eye clinic, visual rehabilitation, computer
training. Store with adaptive aids and magnifiers.

CCTV MANUFACTURERS
AND RETAILERS

Independent Living Aids, Inc.
PO Box 9022
Hicksville, NY 11802-9022
Tel. (800) 537-2118, Fax (516) 937-3906
Web site: www.independentliving.org
Offers aids for household, medical, communication and
recreational needs.

Innoventions, Inc.
9593 Corsair Drive
Conifer, CO 80433-9317
Tel. (303) 797-6554 or (800) 854-6554
Fax (303) 727-4940
email: magnicam@magnicam.com
Web site: www.magnicam.com
“Magni-Cam” hand-held camera plugs into your TV; 4X to
70X variable with screen size. Color model, head-mounted
unit and portable screen also available.

The Magnifying Center
2129 SW Hwy 484
Ocala, FL 34473
Tel. (800) 364-1610, Fax (352) 307-6614
Web site: www.magnifyingcenter.com
Systems offer variable magnification from 3X to 100X. Call
for free, no-obligation demonstration.
CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS

Able Zone
3456 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48083-6210
Tel. (248) 689-9884 or (866) 663-2253,
Fax (248) 689-9885
Email: info@ablezone.com
Web site: www.ablezone.com
Software to enlarge computer text, make Windows accessible; voice synthesizers for computers. Low tech devices including CCTV’s, MP3 players, large keyboards, talking watches, alarm clocks and magnifying lenses.

Enhanced Vision Systems
5882 Machine Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Tel. (714) 374-1829, Fax (714) 374-1829
Email: evinfo@enhancedvision.com
Web site: www.enhancedvision.com
Electronic vision enhancement products.

Magnifying Solutions, Incorporated
6925 112th Circle N., Suite 103
Largo, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 343-3395, Fax (727) 381-2821
1-866-343-3395
Email: magnify@tampabay.rr.com
Web site: www.magnifyingsolutions.com
Providing solutions & independence to the visually impaired with high-powered video magnifiers.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Vocational Rehabilitation
200 N Kentucky Avenue Suite 310
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 680-5534, Fax (863) 499-2332
web site: www.rehabworks.org
Provides Braille instruction, publications and materials in Braille, case management, communication training, health education, health screening, peer counseling, psychological testing and vision screening.

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)
1232 E Magnolia Street
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 284-0828, Fax (863) 683-4732
add web site: www.viste.org
VISTE services include senior ride program, volunteer placement, evacuation assistance, hot meals and referrals. Need to be registered.

Winter Haven Hospital - Living with Diabetes
200 Avenue F NE
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Tel. (863) 293-1121, Fax (863) 292-4376
Classes in basic knowledge and management for those living with diabetes.
TALKING BOOKS
LIBRARIES

Hillsborough County Talking Book Library
Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library
3910 South Manhattan Avenue
Tampa, FL 33611-1214
Tel. (813) 272-6024, Fax (813) 272-6072
TDD (813) 272-6305
Email: talkingbooks@hillsboroughcounty.org
Web site: http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/liblocales/tbl/

Library of Congress Talking Book Program
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20540
Tel. (202) 707-5100 or (888) 657-7323
Web site: http://www.loc.gov/index.html
Vast selection of books on tape, free, as a national service. Register through your county library, which supplies tape player. Semi-monthly catalogs and easy, free mailing system. Requires physician statement.

Pinellas Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Tel. (727) 441-9958, Fax (727) 441-9068
TDD 727-441-3168
Web site: www.pplc.us/tbl/
Part of the free national library program administered by the National Library Service.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(by county)

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Intelitran Transportation Service
1103 US Hwy 27S
Sebring, FL 33870
Tel. (863) 382-6004 or Avon Park (863) 452-0139
Provides transportation to Medicaid eligible seniors or disabled persons. Contact office 24 hours in advance or before 1:30 pm. Fees are $1.00 each way in county and $3 each way out of county.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

HARTLine
4305 E 21st Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605-2300
Tel. (813) 254-4278
Administrative office: (813) 623-5835
Web site: www.gohart.org
Business hours: M-F, 8 am - 5 pm

HART Plus Paratransit Services
Transportation and Customer Service
Tel. (813) 254-4278 or TDD (813) 626-9158, Fax (813) 246-4493
Business hours: M-F, 6 am - 8 pm, Sat/Sun, 8 am - 5 pm. Wheelchair accessible buses and paratransit door-to-door van service for persons with disabilities and senior citizens physically unable to ride regular bus routes. Health professional verification. Must live within 3/4 mile of regular route. 1-day notice for pick-up and 1-hour notice for cancellation. Pay driver with exact change of $2.60 to $5.20 per trip.

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(by county)

Sunshine Line -
Hillsborough’s Ride on the Bright Side
4023 N Armenia Avenue, Suite 300
Tampa, FL 33607
Tel. (813) 272-7272, Fax (813) 801-6823
TDD (813) 801-6822
Web site: http://hillsboroughcounty.org/hss/
socialservices/sunshine/
A County-sponsored, cost-effective transportation for persons with disabilities. Medical certification required. Vans are wheelchair-equipped and transport patients door-to-door. Fees are charged for some trips.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Community Transportation Services
13825 Icot Blvd., Suite 613
Clearwater, FL 33760
Tel. (727) 545-2100, Fax (727) 544-0171
Web site: www.GPTMS.com
Provides transportation for medical appointments and physical therapy for Medicaid clients. Appointments must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. No Fee.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
3201 Scherer Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
Tel. (727) 540-1900,
web site: www.PSTA.net
Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the “tickets by mail” program.

AUDIOTAPES AND
LARGE-PRINT PUBLICATIONS

American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
1839 Frankfurt Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
Tel. (800) 223-1839, Fax (502) 899-2274
Email: info@aph.org
Web site: www.aph.org
Provides Newsweek and Reader’s Digest free on cassette tape. Ask about their large-print books, too. They have a very large collection.

Choice Magazine Listening
85 Channel Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
Tel. (516) 883-8280 or (888) 724-6423
Fax (516) 944-6849
Email: choicemag@aol.com
Web site: www.choicemagazinelistening.org
Selected readings, free to those registered with the Library of Congress Talking Book Program. Same content as regular edition, with large (2M) print.

Books on Tape - A Division of Random House, Inc.
400 Hahn
Westminster, MD 21157
Web site: www.booksontape.com
Recorded books, mostly unabridged, for purchase on tape, CD or download.
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(by county)

Demand Response Transportation (DART)
16117 Hwy 19 N
Clearwater, FL 33764
Tel. (727) 724-0440, Fax (727) 539-8492
Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the “tickets by mail” program.

POLK COUNTY

Citrus Connection Handy Bus
1248 George Jenkins Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815
Tel. (863) 688-5438, Fax (863) 683-4132
e-mail: info@ridecitrus.com
Web site: www.ridecitrus.com
The Handy Bus is a transportation service available to those with physical, cognitive or visual disabilities and senior citizens who are physically unable to use regular public transportation services.

Polk County Transit Services (PCTS)
1290 Golfview Avenue, Bldg F
Bartow, FL 33830
Tel. (863) 534-5500
Haines City (863) 293-8065
Frostproof (863) 676-3869
TDD 863-534-0041
Web site: www.polk-county.net
PCTS is a door-to-door, advance reservation, shared ride transportation service that is provided to Polk County Medicaid eligible residents.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Doubleday Large Print Home Library
1225 S Market Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Tel. (800) 688-4442
Web site: www.doubledaylargeprint.com
Book club for large-print books.

New York Times Large Type Weekly
Tel. (800) 631-2580
Web site: www.nytimes.com
The New York Times Large Print Weekly offers a select package of the week’s news printed in 16 point type with 40 pages and is issued once weekly, $1.65 per issue

Random House Large Type Division
400 Hahn Road
Westminster, MD 21157
Tel. (800) 733-3000
Web site: http://www.randomhouse.com/largeprint/
Distributor of large-print books. Will send list of available titles upon request. May order through them, with shipping charge or through bookstore.

Reader’s Digest Large Edition
PO Box 751
Mount Morris, IL 61054-8442
Tel. (800) 807-2780
Web site: www.rd.com
MACULAR DEGENERATION ORGANIZATIONS

Eye on AMD
Tel. (877) 926-3463
Web Site: www.eyeonamd.com
Periodic mailings and e-mails about AMD and treatment options. Help with insurance approval and payment assistance. Tips and resources for living with low vision.

Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.
210 E 64th Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10065
Tel. (212) 605-3719, Fax (212) 605-3795
Email: association@retinal-research.org
Web site: http://www.macula.org/association/about.html
Large-print newsletter, information, resources.
Subscription by membership; non-profit

Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 531313
Henderson, NV 89053
Tel. (888) 633-3937, Fax702-450-3396
Email: liz@eyesight.org
Web site: www.eyesight.org
Develops and supports research on ARMD. Quarterly, free newsletter with research updates.

American Macular Degeneration Foundation
PO Box 515
Northampton, MA 01061-0515
Tel. (413) 268-7660
www.amdf.org
Wide range of information, advice and resources specifically relating to macular degeneration.

Macular Degeneration Partnership
6222 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 260
Los Angeles, CA 90048
Tel. (310) 623-4466, Fax (310) 623-1837
Email: contactus@amd.org
Web site: www.amd.org
Wide range of information and resources related to Macular Degeneration.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Diabetes Association
1701 N Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311-1733
Tel. (800) 342-2383
Email: askada@diabetes.org
Web site: www.diabetes.org

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)
(Developer of books on tape)
11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001
Tel. (212) 502-7600 or (800) 232-5463
Fax (212) 502-7777
Email: afbindfo@afb.net
Web site: www.afb.org
Provides Information on resources, including a newsletter. Developer of books on tape.

Foundation Fighting Blindness
7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046
Tel. (800) 683-5555
TDD (800) 683-5551
Email: info@fightblindness.org
Web site: www.fightblindness.org
Many local chapters, with meetings and support groups offered. Wide range of information and references on all types of retinal disorders.
Lighthouse International, Inc.
The Sol and Lillian Goldman Building
111 E 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202
Tel. (212) 821-9200 or (800) 829-0500
Fax. (212) 821-9707
TTY (212) 821-9713
Email: info@lighthouse.org
Web site: www.lighthouse.org
Provides information on visual rehabilitation services nationwide, catalogs for books, optical and non-optical devices.

National Association for the Visually Handicapped (NAVH)
22 W 21st Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10010
Tel. (212) 889-3141, Fax (212) 727-2931
Email: navh@navh.org
Web site: www.navh.org
Provides information on visual rehabilitation programs nationwide, publishes quarterly newsletters and educational materials in English, Spanish, Russian and Mandarin Chinese. Offers free nationwide, large-print loan library and visual aids catalog. Non-profit, charitable, membership organization.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
Tel. (410) 659-9314, Fax (410) 685-5653
Web site: www.nfb.org
Subscription to “Voice of the Diabetic” available here.

Resources for Rehabilitation
22 Bonad Road
Winchester, MA 01890
Tel. (781) 368-9094, Fax (781) 368-9096
Email: rfr@rfr.org
Web site: www.rfr.org
This organization publishes large-print directories such as “Living with Low Vision: A Resource Guide for People with Sight Loss” and “Resources for Elders with Disabilities.” Large-print resource lists are also available upon request free of charge.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Blind Rehab Services
810 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20420
Tel. (202) 273-8483
Web site: http://www.va.gov/blindrehab
Offers extensive visual rehabilitation for veterans at regional inpatient centers. Visual aids provided.

National Eye Institute
31 Center Drive, MSC 2510
Bethesda, MD 20892-2510
Tel. (301) 496-5248
Email: 2020@nei.nih.gov
Web site: www.nei.nih.gov
Research and current studies.

Veterans Administration
Medical Care Tel. (800) 827-1000
Health Care Benefits Tel. (877) 222-8387
Web site: www.va.gov
Contact web site for location of your nearest VA office and information on low vision services.
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Lighthouse International, Inc.
The Sol and Lillian Goldman Building
111 E 59th Street
New York, NY 10022-1202
Tel. (212) 821-9200 or (800) 829-0500
Fax. (212) 821-9707
TTY (212) 821-9713
Email: info@lighthouse.org
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Tel. (800) 683-5555
TDD (800) 683-5551
Email: info@fightblindness.org
Web site: www.fightblindness.org
Many local chapters, with meetings and support groups offered. Wide range of information and references on all types of retinal disorders.
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(by county)

Demand Response Transportation (DART)
16117 Hwy 19 N
Clearwater, FL 33764
Tel. (727) 724-0440, Fax (727) 539-8492
Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the “tickets by mail” program.

POLK COUNTY

Citrus Connection Handy Bus
1248 George Jenkins Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815
Tel. (863) 688-5438, Fax (863) 683-4132
email: info@ridecitrus.com
Web site: www.ridecitrus.com
The Handy Bus is a transportation service available to those with physical, cognitive or visual disabilities and senior citizens who are physically unable to use regular public transportation services.

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Web site: www.nytimes.com
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Random House Large Type Division
400 Hahn Road
Westminster, MD 21157
Tel. (800) 733-3000
Web site: http://www.randomhouse.com/largeprint/
Distributor of large-print books. Will send list of available titles upon request. May order through them, with shipping charge or through bookstore.

Reader’s Digest Large Edition
PO Box 751
Mount Morris, IL 61054-8442
Tel. (800) 807-2780
Web site: www.rd.com
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(by county)

Sunshine Line -
Hillsborough’s Ride on the Bright Side
4023 N Armenia Avenue, Suite 300
Tampa, FL 33607
Tel. (813) 272-7272, Fax (813) 801-6823
TDD (813) 801-6822
Web site: http://hillsboroughcounty.org/hss/socialservices/sunshine/
A County-sponsored, cost-effective transportation for persons with disabilities. Medical certification required. Vans are wheelchair-equipped and transport patients door-to-door. Fees are charged for some trips.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Community Transportation Services
13825 Icot Blvd., Suite 613
Clearwater, FL 33760
Tel. (727) 545-2100, Fax (727) 544-0171
Web site: www.GPTMS.com
Provides transportation for medical appointments and physical therapy for Medicaid clients. Appointments must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. No Fee.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
3201 Scherer Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716
Tel. (727) 540-1900,
web site: www.PSTA.net
Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the “tickets by mail” program.

AUDIOTAPES AND LARGE-PRINT PUBLICATIONS

American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
1839 Frankfurt Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
Tel. (800) 223-1839, Fax (502) 899-2274
Email: info@aph.org
Web site: www.aph.org
Provides Newsweek and Reader’s Digest free on cassette tape. Ask about their large-print books, too. They have a very large collection.

Choice Magazine Listening
85 Channel Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
Tel. (516) 883-8280 or (888) 724-6423
Fax (516) 944-6849
Email: choicemag@aol.com
Web site: www.choicemagazinelisting.org
Selected readings, free to those registered with the Library of Congress Talking Book Program. Same content as regular edition, with large (2M) print.

Books on Tape - A Division of Random House, Inc.
400 Hahn
Westminster, MD 21157
Web site: www.booksontape.com
Recorded books, mostly unabridged, for purchase on tape, CD or download.

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(by county)

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Intelitran Transportation Service
1103 US Hwy 27S
Sebring, FL 33870
Tel. (863) 382-6004 or Avon Park (863) 452-0139
Provides transportation to Medicaid eligible seniors or disabled persons. Contact office 24 hours in advance or before 1:30 pm. Fees are $1.00 each way in county and $3 each way out of county.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

HARTLine
4305 E 21st Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605-2300
Tel. (813) 254-4278
Administrative office: (813) 623-5835
Web site: www.gohart.org
Business hours: M-F, 8 am - 5 pm

HART Plus Paratransit Services
Transportation and Customer Service
Tel. (813) 254-4278 or TDD (813) 626-9158, Fax (813) 246-4493
Business hours: M-F, 6 am - 8 pm, Sat/Sun, 8 am - 5 pm. Wheelchair accessible buses and paratransit door-to-door van service for persons with disabilities and senior citizens physically unable to ride regular bus routes. Health professional verification. Must live within 3/4 mile of regular route. 1-day notice for pick-up and 1-hour notice for cancellation. Pay driver with exact change of $2.60 to $5.20 per trip.

TALKING BOOKS LIBRARIES

Hillsborough County Talking Book Library
Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library
3910 South Manhattan Avenue
Tampa, FL 33611-1214
Tel. (813) 272-6024, Fax (813) 272-6072
TDD (813) 272-6305
Email: talkingbooks@hillsboroughcounty.org
Web site: http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/liblocales/tbl/

Library of Congress Talking Book Program
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20540
Tel. (202) 707-5100 or (888) 657-7323
Web site: http://www.loc.gov/index.html
Vast selection of books on tape, free, as a national service. Register through your county library, which supplies tape player. Semi-monthly catalogs and easy, free mailing system. Requires physician statement.

Pinellas Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Tel. (727) 441-9958, Fax (727) 441-9068
TDD 727-441-3168
Web site: www.pplc.us.tbl/
Part of the free national library program administered by the National Library Service.
CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS

Able Zone
3456 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48083-6210
Tel. (248) 689-9884 or (866) 663-2253,
Fax (248) 689-9885
Email: info@ablezone.com
Web site: www.ablezone.com
Software to enlarge computer text, make Windows accessible; voice synthesizers for computers. Low tech devices including CCTV’s, MP3 players, large keyboards, talking watches, alarm clocks and magnifying lenses.

Enhanced Vision Systems
5882 Machine Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Tel. (714) 374-1829, Fax (714) 374-1829
Email: evinfo@enhancedvision.com
Web site: www.enhancedvision.com
Electronic vision enhancement products.

Magnifying Solutions, Incorporated
6925 112th Circle N., Suite 103
Largo, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 343-3395, Fax (727) 381-2821
1-866-343-3395
Email: magnify@tampabay.rr.com
Web site: www.magnifyingsolutions.com
Providing solutions & independence to the visually impaired with high-powered video magnifiers.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Vocational Rehabilitation
200 N Kentucky Avenue Suite 310
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 680-5534, Fax (863) 499-2332
web site: www.rehabworks.org
Provides Braille instruction, publications and materials in Braille, case management, communication training, health education, health screening, peer counseling, psychological testing and vision screening.

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)
1232 E Magnolia Street
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 284-0828, Fax (863) 683-4732
add web site: www.viste.org
VISTE services include senior ride program, volunteer placement, evacuation assistance, hot meals and referrals. Need to be registered.

Winter Haven Hospital - Living with Diabetes
200 Avenue F NE
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Tel. (863) 293-1121, Fax (863) 292-4376
Classes in basic knowledge and management for those living with diabetes.
Heartland Career Connection  
5901 US 27 South  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Tel. (863) 385-3672, Fax (863) 382-4237

Polk One Stop Career Center  
309 N. Ingraham Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
Tel. (863) 683-5627, Fax (863) 603-7817  
TDD (863) 683-5627  
Career counseling, job information and placement, labor market information, training, unemployment insurance and vocational assessment.

Polk Works One Stop Center  
500 E Lake Howard Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
Tel. (863) 508-1100, Fax (863) 508-1110  
Web site: www.polkworks.org

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind  
Winter Haven Division  
206 Avenue D NW  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559  
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org  
Offers industrial employment training, case management, employment placement assistance, low-vision eye clinic, visual rehabilitation, computer training. Store with adaptive aids and magnifiers.

Independent Living Aids, Inc.  
PO Box 9022  
Hicksville, NY 11802-9022  
Tel. (800) 537-2118, Fax (516) 937-3906  
Web site: www.independentliving.org  
Offers aids for household, medical, communication and recreational needs.

Innoventions, Inc.  
9593 Corsair Drive  
Conifer, CO 80433-9317  
Tel. (303) 797-6554 or (800) 854-6554  
Fax (303) 727-4940  
email: magnicam@magnicam.com  
Web site: www.magnicam.com  
“Magni-Cam” hand-held camera plugs into your TV; 4X to 70X variable with screen size. Color model, head-mounted unit and portable screen also available.

The Magnifying Center  
2129 SW Hwy 484  
Ocala, FL 34473  
Tel. (800) 364-1610, Fax (352) 307-6614  
Web site: www.magnifyingcenter.com  
Systems offer variable magnification from 3X to 100X. Call for free, no-obligation demonstration.
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Web site: www.optelec.com
Several camera-screen units including “20/20”; 3X to 60X, 14-inch screen; “20/20+”; 20-inch screen, choice of color, computer connection; “20/20 Spectrum”; 5X to 60X full color.

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4545 Stockdale Hwy, Suite F
Bakersfield, CA 93309
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Fax (661) 832-6557
Email: info@insiphil.com
web site: www.telesensory.com
“Vista” software to enlarge computer text and “ScreenPower” voice synthesizer program.

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11800 31st Court North
St Petersburg, FL 33716
Tel. (727) 803-8000 or (877) 775-9474
Web site: www.freedomscientific.com
Freedom Scientific products are manufactured in St. Pete, FL. We are the leader in products for the totally blind and people with low vision. Please call Tony at 1-800-444-4443 ext 3901 for a free in-home demonstration.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Division of Blind Services
325 West Gaines St., Turlington Building, Suite 1114
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Tel. (850) 245-0300, Fax (850) 245-0363
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com
Comprehensive services for the blind and visually impaired. Medical social services, talking book library, mobility and orientation training. Vocational rehabilitation training is also available.

Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center
6925 - 112th Circle N, Suite 103
Large, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511
Web site: www.lighthouseofpinellas.org
Independent living training for the blind and visually impaired. Clients may also participate in self-advocacy and support groups. Vocational rehab training program includes classes in basic keyboarding, computers with adaptive software, Braille, orientation and mobility. Low-vision screenings are available to assist clients in determining needs for adaptive aids.

POLK COUNTY

Division of Blind Services
402 S. Kentucky Ave., Room 310
Lakeland, FL 33801
Tel. (863) 499-2385, Fax (863) 499-2698
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com
Serves Citrus, Hardee, Polk, and Sumter Counties.
STATE OF FLORIDA
ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

PASCO COUNTY

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind
8610 Galen Wilson Boulevard
Port Richey, FL 34668
Tel. (727) 815-0303, Fax (727) 815-0203
Web site: www.lighthouse-pasco.org
Offers classes in typing, Braille, voice-synthesized computers, microwave cooking, personal safety and independence management, communications training, adaptation techniques in using the other senses, coping with visual loss, family support groups and socialization, job placement assistance and job training. Magnifiers, special lighting, large-print and CCTVs are also available.

PINELLS COUNTY

Abilities, Inc. of Florida
2735 Whitney Road
Clearwater, FL 33760
Tel. (727) 538-7370

PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Ophthalmology
PO Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
Tel. (415) 561-8500, Fax (415) 561-8533
Web site: www.aao.org

American Academy of Optometry
6110 Executive Boulevard Suite 506
Rockville, MD 20852
Tel. (301) 984-1441, Fax (301) 984-4737
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Web site: www.aaopt.org

American Optometric Association
243 N Lindbergh Boulevard 1st Floor
St. Louis, MO 63141
Tel. (800) 365-2219, Fax (314) 991-4101
Web site: www.aoa.org

Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
1703 N Beauregard Street Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22311
Tel. (703) 671-4500 or (877) 492-2708,
Fax (703) 671-6391
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SEEING EYE DOGS

These dogs can help visually impaired and blind persons continue to be active and independent. They offer the additional benefits of warmth, companionship and affection. There are a few requirements which must be met to qualify for this program.

Seeing Eye, Inc.
PO Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07963-0375
Tel. (973) 539-4425, Fax (973) 539-0922
Email: info@seeingeye.org
Web site: www.seeingeye.org

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.
4210 77th Street E
Palmetto, FL 34221
Tel. (941) 729-5665 or (800) 944-dogs (3647)
Fax (941) 729-6646
Email: info@guidedogs.org
Web site: www.guidedogs.org

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

Self Reliance, Inc.
Center for Independent Living
8901 N Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33604
Tel. (813) 375-3965, Fax (813) 375-3970
TDD (813) 375-3972
A resource and referral source for persons with any disability free of charge.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
1106 W Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305
Email: tpalight@gate.net
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org
Services for totally blind, legally blind and visually impaired including case management, employment counseling and placement, low-vision eye clinic and rehabilitation. On-site store sells adaptive aids and magnifiers. Medicare is accepted. Low-vision exam fees and prices of low-vision devices vary.

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9502 N. Florida Ave
Tampa, FL 33612
Tel. (813) 935-5696
Email: becki@yesunited.org
A community supported Abilities Bank to complement existing programs and services. This support group offers peer counseling, social activities, referral and research, education and volunteerism for and by individuals with disabilities.
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1112 E. Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33602
Tel. (800) 817-3595 ext 112, Fax (813) 226-3745
Email: jtobin@preventblindnessfl.org
Web site: www.preventblindnessflorida.org
Provides information and educational materials on eye health and safety. Glaucoma and visual acuity screenings available. Publications and speakers available on topics such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Nominal fee for vision screening, referral and follow-up.

Radio Reading Service for the Blind and Print-Handicapped
WUSF Radio Reading Service
University of South Florida WRB 219
4202 E Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33620-6860
Tel. (813) 974-4193 or (800) 444-4193
Web site: www.WUSF.org
24-hour reading service including newspapers, magazines, books, grocery and department store ads.

Low Vision Works
Hillsborough County Tel. (813) 413-8371, Fax (813) 413-8375
Polk County Tel. (863) 401-3550, Fax (863) 401-8199
Pasco, Polk, and Manatee Counties
Tel. (866) 757-9995, Fax (888) 445-3937
Web site: lowvisionworks.com
Low Vision Works provides their clients with the highest quality low vision rehabilitation services, to help them improve their ability to use their remaining vision effectively and function more safely and independently. The low vision rehabilitation therapy is provided by licensed, professional occupational therapists in the home and is covered through Medicare.

Medi Home Health Agency
Hillsborough
1911 US Hwy 301 North Suite 470, Tampa, FL 33619
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax 813-623-2058
Pinellas
1250 Belcher Rd. South, Suite 140, Largo, FL 33771
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 539-6351
Pasco
5626 Gulf Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (727) 847-9935
Polk
1129 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland 33805-4655
Tel. (727) 457-5088, Fax (863) 688-2199
Web site: www.msa-corp.com
Provides services in home and promotes self-management and education through a collaborative effort by the patient, family and multidisciplinary health care team of RN’s, O.T.’s, P.T.’s and S.W.’s. Medi provides home safety evaluations and fall prevention. Services covered by Medicare.
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Comprehensive Home Care of Hillsborough
3102 W. Waters Ave., Suite 202A
Tampa, FL 33614
Tel. (813) 514-5520, Fax (813) 514-1904

Comprehensive Home Care of Pinellas/Pasco
33920 US Highway 19 North, Suite 341
Palm Harbor, FL 34684
Tel. (727) 786-5520, Fax (727) 786-7088
1-800-204-4440 for other locations throughout Florida.
Web site: www.comprehensivehomehealth.com

Comprehensive Home Care offers a Low Vision Program for Medicare recipients. The program's objective is to keep the visually impaired person as safe and as independent as possible in their home environment. The program is covered 100% by Medicare for persons that meet the program criteria.

AMTRAK
Tel. (800) 872-7245
TDD/TTY (800) 523-6590
Web site: www.amtrak.com

Offers special discount fares to physically and visually impaired persons. Call ahead of time to indicate the need for special assistance.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS (by county)

HARDEE COUNTY

Florida Lions Foundation For the Blind
12455 SE 92nd TER
Summerfield, FL 34491
Tel. (352) 452-0806
Web site: www.floridalionsfoundation.org

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Handicapped Americans Love of Life (HALLO)
112 Medical Center Avenue
Sebring, FL 33872
Tel/Fax (863) 385-1196
Web site: www.halloinc.org

HALLO provides several support group opportunities for persons with physical and visual impairments.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Division of Blind Services
415 S. Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33609
Tel. (813) 871-7190, Fax (813) 871-7161
Web site: www.dbs.myflorida.com

Eye medical services for the indigent, rehabilitation, social services and training support for adjustment to blindness, job placement. Financial eligibility must be met for medical care and purchase of equipment.
LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS
(by county)

POLK COUNTY

Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.
Offices:
   2815 Lakeland Hills Boulevard
   Lakeland, FL 33805
   Tel. (863) 683-6699
   250 Avenue K, SW
   Winter Haven, FL 33880
   Tel. (863) 297-5400 or (800) 472-8867
   Fax (863) 293-9780

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.
Winter Haven Rehabilitation
206 Avenue D, NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559

The above names represent only a partial listing of qualified low-vision practitioners in the Tampa Bay area.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
AND RESOURCES

Greyhound Bus
Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Information Line
Tel. (800) 752-4841
TTY/TDD (800) 345-3109
This service enables a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) to ride at 50% reduced rate to assist a physically or visually impaired person who needs help in boarding, exiting and traveling on a bus. 48-hour advance notice should be given about the passenger’s handicap to allow time for proper seating arrangements and baggage handling.

Handicap and Disabled Parking Permits
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Tel. (850) 617-2000
Web site: www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html
Handicapped and disabled parking permits can be applied for through the Tax Collector’s office in each county. Tax Collector office locations and application forms are available on the web site. You may apply for your parking permit through the mail or in person. The permit is valid statewide.

IRS Federal Tax Information
3848 W Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33607
Tel. (800) 829-1040 or (813) 348-1831
The IRS allows an extra exemption for blind persons on the 1040 income tax form.
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
AND RESOURCES

Social Security Administration
4010 Gunn Hwy Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33618
Tel. (813) 269-0223 or (800) 772-1213
TTY (800) 325-0778
Web site: http://www.ssa.gov/atlanta/southeast/fl/florida.htm
Various programs are available that are designed to assist the disabled and handicapped person.

Verizon’s Customer Contact Center
PO Box 110 MC 5008
Tampa, FL 33601
Tel. (800) 483-7762, Fax (800) 955-1339
Web site: www.verizon.com
The telephone company will waive directory assistance fees and assist the visually impaired person to make phone calls in certain cases. “Big Dial” telephones are available featuring a re-dial and ten number memory as well as a three number “emergency number” capacity.

LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS
(by county)

PASCO COUNTY

Sherry Teddy, O.D.
2740 Seven Springs Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34655
Tel. (727) 372-0414, Fax (727) 372-9313

PINELLAS COUNTY

Edward J Huggett, Jr. O.D.
Huggett Vision Institute
2323 Curlew Rd., Suite 7A
Dunedin, FL 34698
Tel. (727) 789-0199
Web site: lowvisionsupport.org

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.
Offices:
Petito Eyecare
8695 4th Street N
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Tel. (727) 578-9880, Fax (727) 578-1510
Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center
6925 112th Circle N, Suite 103
Largo, FL 33773
Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511
Web site: www.lighthouseofpinellas.org
LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS
(by county)

G. Timothy Petito, O.D.
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind
1106 W Platt Street
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305
Web site: www.tampalighthouse.org

Rodger Stephan
RWS Low Vision Systems
546 W Davis Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33606
Tel. (813) 254-9784, Fax (813) 254-8963
Email: sstepha1@tampabay.rr.com

Paul Scaglione, MS, OTR/L
Baycare Low Vision Rehabilitation Program
Baycare Homecare
8020 Woodland Center Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33614
Tel. (813) 806-0700, Fax (813) 243-9204

While reading through the information contained in this booklet, please keep in mind that **MOST AGENCIES for the visually impaired require their clients to fulfill one or more of the following criteria:**

- **Have LOW VISION/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT:** The inability to read standard printed material without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.

- **Be LEGALLY BLIND:** A visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye after correction, or the widest diameter of the visual field in the better eye of 20 degrees or less.

- **Have a READING DISABILITY:** An organic dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner.

- **Have a DETERIORATING EYE CONDITION:** A disease that may lead to blindness.

- **Have an APPLICATION FORM** completed and returned to the appropriate agency.

- **Have a LETTER FROM THE DOCTOR** or health care provider stating the disability and its extent.

- **Be within certain INCOME LEVELS:** There are circumstances in which this can be waived.

- **Pay a NOMINAL FEE** for certain programs: There are circumstances in which this can be waived.
Dr. Mark E. Hammer
Dr. Hammer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 25 years experience in the evaluation and treatment of serious eye disease. Since 1986, Dr. Hammer has been in private practice at Retina Associates of Florida.

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Dr. Marc C. Peden
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Retina Associates of Florida is Tampa Bay’s leading medical group in treatment of retinal disease and has offices located throughout the Tampa Bay area. For more information on Retina Associates of Florida, visit TampaRetina.com or call 1-800-282-9141.

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