

A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY- IMPAIRED



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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) 463-4786

Website: crmd.net

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Bruce W. Anderson, O.D.

Neeta Chhabra, O.D.

Richard Weisenberger, O.D.

719 W Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 961-2020, Fax (813) 961-4105

Website: andersoneyecarecenter.com

Bruce W. Anderson

USF Eye Institute

12901 Bruce B Downs Blvd.

MDC-21

Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 974-3820, Fax (813) 974-5621

Paul Scaglione, MS, OTR/L

Baycare Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

Baycare Homecare

8020 Woodland Center Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33614

Tel. 1-800-Baycare

Website: baycare.org

LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS *(by county)*

Edward Huggett, O.D.

1701 Rickenbacker Dr., Suite 102
Sun City Center, FL 33573
Tel. (727) 463-2579, Fax (727) 934-7339
Email: lowvisionsupport@gmail.com
Website: lowvisionsupport.org

Susan Payne, O.D.

James A. Haley Veterans Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33612
Tel. (888) 716-7787
Website: tampa.va.gov

PASCO COUNTY

Sherry Teddy, O.D.

2740 Seven Springs Boulevard
New Port Richey, FL 34655
Tel. (727) 372-2020, Fax (727) 372-9313
Website: theeyedocs.com

Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.

6719 Gall Blvd, Suite 206
Zephyrhills, FL 33540
Tel. (813) 788-8388, Fax (813) 783-1223
Website: crmd.net

LOW-VISION SPECIALISTS (*by county*)

PINELLAS COUNTY

Edward Huggett, O.D.

2323 Curlew Rd., Suite 7A

Dunedin, FL 34698

Tel. (727) 463-2579, Fax (727) 934-7229

Email: lowvisionsupport@gmail.com

Website: lowvisionsupport.org

G Timothy Petito, O.D.

Petito Eyecare

8695 4th Street N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Tel. (727) 578-9880, Fax (727) 578-1510

Email: info@petitoeyecare.com

Website: petitoeyecare.com

POLK COUNTY

Sonya M. Braudway, O.D.

Offices:

2815 Lakeland Hills Boulevard

Lakeland, FL 33805

Tel. (863) 683-6699, Fax (863) 688-3314

250 Avenue K, SW

Winter Haven, FL 33880

Tel. (863) 297-5400 or (800) 472-8867

Fax (863) 293-9780

Website: crmd.net

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

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Division of Blind Services

1313 N. Tampa Street

Suite 712

Tampa, FL 33602

Tel. (813) 871-7190, Fax (813) 871-7161

Website: 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.

Self Reliance, Inc.

Center for Independent Living

8901 N Armenia Avenue

Tampa, FL 33604

Tel. (813) 375-3965, Fax (813) 375-3970

TTY (813) 375-3972

Website: self-reliance.org

The mission of Self Reliance, Inc. is to promote independence by empowering people with disabilities and improving the communities in which we live.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

1106 W Platt Street

Tampa, FL 33606

Tel. (813) 251-2407, Fax (813) 254-4305

Email: tpalight@gate.net

Website: 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

YES! of America United, Inc.

9502 N Florida Ave

Tampa, FL 33612

Tel. (813) 935-5696

Email: becki@yesunited.org

Website: yesunited.org

Yes! Is here to enrich persons living with disabilities via our educating outreach and programs allowing them to live engaged lives as members of their community.

PASCO COUNTY

Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind

18610 Galen Wilson Boulevard

Port Richey, FL 34668

Tel. (727) 815-0303, Fax (727) 815-0203

Website: lvib.org

The mission of the Lighthouse is to provide people who are visually impaired and blind with the skills needed to achieve their maximum independence. Lighthouse works with people of all ages, from babies to seniors, who experience vision impairment, blindness and low vision, and live in Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties.

STATE OF FLORIDA ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

PINELLAS COUNTY

Abilities, Inc. of Florida

2735 Whitney Road
Clearwater, FL 33760
Tel. (727) 538-7370

Website: abilitiesfoundation.com

The Foundation's vision is to ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity to participate with dignity in everything that community life has to offer. Its mission is to support the needs of Floridians and military veterans with disabilities through gainful employment, affordable housing, independent living, recreational/cultural resources, advocacy, health and accessible marketplaces.

Preserve Vision Florida

9200 Seminole Blvd., Second Floor
Seminole, FL 33772
Tel. (813) 874-2020 x 4022, Fax (813) 226-3745
Email: pbradley@pvfla.org
Website: pvfla.org

Preserve Vision Florida is a non-profit organization offering 59 years of vision education and services to Florida's children and adults. Our focus is promoting a lifetime of healthy vision care through advocacy, education, screening and research.

STATE OF FLORIDA

ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

Florida Lions Foundation For The Blind

8804 41st Street N

Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Tel. (727) 200-1411

Website: www.floridalionsfoundation.org

Division of Blind Services

325 West Gaines St., Turlington Building, Suite 1114

Tallahassee, FL 32399

Tel. (850) 245-0300, Fax (850) 245-0363

Website: 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

6925 112th Circle N, Suite 103

Largo, FL 33773

Tel. (727) 544-4433, Fax (727) 544-5511

Website: 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA

ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

POLK COUNTY

Division of Blind Services

402. S. Kentucky Ave., Suite 340

Lakeland, FL 33801

Tel. (863) 499-2385, Fax (863) 499-2698

Website: www.dbs.myflorida.com

Serves Citrus, Hardee, Polk, and Sumter Counties.

Polk One Stop Career Center

940 E. Parker Street

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.

Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind

Winter Haven Division

206 Avenue D NW

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Tel. (863) 299-3633, Fax (863) 299-3559

Website: 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA

ORGANIZATIONS *(by county)*

Florida Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation

200 N Kentucky Avenue Suite 310

Lakeland, FL 33801

Tel. (863) 680-5534, Fax (863) 499-2332

Website: 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

Website: www.viste.org

Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE) provide transportation to registered clients who are 70 or older and live in Bartow, Lakeland, Mulberry or Ft. Mead. You must be ambulatory. Used for rides to doctor appointments, medical appointments, errands and shopping. Handyman and light house-keeping services available.

Winter Haven Hospital – Living with Diabetes

200 Avenue F NE

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Tel. (863) 293-1121 ext. 3066

Website: baycare.org/whh

For more information or to register for an appointment or class, please call the Center for Diabetes Education at (863) 293-1121 ext. 3066.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(by county)

HARTLine

4305 E. 21st Avenue

Tampa, FL 33605-2300

Tel. (813) 254-4278

Administrative office: (813) 623-5835

Website: www.gohart.com

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.

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/social-services/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.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(by county)

Community Transportation Services

13825 Icot Blvd., Suite 613

Clearwater, FL 33760

Tel. (727) 545-2100, Fax (727) 544-0171

Website: 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 3716

Tel. (727) 540-1900,

Website: www.PSTA.net

Discounted public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. Call for convenient ticket sales outlets and the "tickets by mail" program.

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.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(by county)

Citrus Connection Handy Bus

1248 George Jenkins Bld.

Lakeland, FL 33815

Tel. (863) 688-5438, Fax (863) 683-4132

Email: info@ridecitrus.com

Website: 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

Website: 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.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Diabetes Association

2541 Crystal Dr., Suite 900
Arlington, VA 22202
Te. (800) 342-2383
Website: www.diabetes.org

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

1401 South Clark St., Suite 730
Arlington, VA 22202
(800) 232-5463
Website: www.afb.org

Foundation Fighting Blindness

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046
Tel. (800) 683-5555
TDD (800) 683-5551
Email: info@fightblindness.org
Website: www.blindness.org

Many local chapters with meetings and support groups offered. Wide range of information and reference on all types of retinal disorders.

Association of Blind Citizens – Assistive Technology

PO Box 246
Holbrook, MD 02343
Tel. (781) 961-1023, Fax (781) 961-0004
Email: president@blindcitizens.org
Website: blindcitizens.org

If the person qualifies, the ATF will provide funds to pay for 50% of the MSRP of the adaptive device. The applicant must be legally blind and a resident of the USA.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Lighthouse Guild

250 West 64th Street

New York, NY 10023

Tel. (800) 284-4422 / TTY 711

Fax. (212) 821-9707

Website: www.lighthouseguild.org

Provides information on visual rehabilitation services nationwide, catalogs for books, optical and non-optical devices.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

200 East Wells Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

Tel. (410) 659-9314, Fax (410) 685-5653

Website: www.nfb.org

Resources for Rehabilitation

22 Bonad Road

Winchester, MA 01890

Tel. (781) 368-9080, Fax (781) 368-9096

Email: rfr@rfr.org

Website: 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.”

National Eye Institute

31 Center Drive MSC 2510

Bethesda, MD 20892-2510

Tel. (301) 496-5248

Email: 2020@nei.nih.gov

Website: www.nei.nih.gov

Research and current studies.

MACULAR DEGENERATION ORGANIZATIONS

Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 531313

Henderson, NV 89053

Tel. (888) 633-3937, Fax 702-450-3396

Email: liz@eyesight.org

Website: www.eyesight.org

American Macular Degeneration Foundation

PO Box 515

Northhampton, MA 01061-0515

Tel. (413) 268-7660

Website: www.macular.org

Wide range of information, advice and resources specifically related to macular degeneration.

MACULAR DEGENERATION ORGANIZATIONS

Macular Degeneration Partnership

850 Health Sciences Rd

Irvine, CA 92697

Tel. (888) 430-9898

Email: contactus@amd.org

Website: www.amd.org

Wide range of information and resources related to Macular Degeneration.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Doubleday Large Print Home Library

1225 S Market Street

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Tel. (716) 250-5700

Email: customer.service@doubledaylargeprint.com

Website: www.doubledaylargeprint.com

Book club for large-print books.

New York Times Large Type Weekly

Tel. (800) 631-2580

Website: www.nytimes.com

Large-type publication.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Random House Large Type Division

400 Hahn Road

Westminster, MD 21157

Tel. (800) 733-3000

Website: 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 Moris, IL 61054-8442

Tel. (877) 732-4438

Website: www.rd.com

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) 899-2284

Email: info@aph.org

Website: www.aph.org

(APH) is the world's largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are visually impaired.

AUDIOTAPES AND LARGE PRINT BOOKS

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

Website: www.choicemagazinelisting.org

A talking magazine provided at no cost to visually impaired adults.

Books on Tape - A Division of Random House, Inc.

400 Hahn

Westminster, MD 21157

Tel. (800) 733-3000 Fax (800) 940-7046

Website: www.booksontape.com

Recorded books, mostly unabridged, for purchase on tape, CD or download.

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

Website: <http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/liblocales/tbl/>

TALKING BOOKS LIBRARIES

Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20540
Tel. (202) 707-5000 or (888) 657-7323
Website: www.loc.gov

Pinellas Talking Book Library

1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Tel. (727) 441-9958, Fax (727) 441-9068
TDD 727-441-3168
Email: talkingbooks@pplc.us
Website: 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
Website: www.ablezone.com
*Software to enlarge computer text, make Windows ac-
cessible; voice synthesizers for computers. Low tech
devices including CCTV's, MP3 players, large key-
boards, talking watches, alarm clocks and magnifying
lenses.*

CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS

Enhanced Vision Systems

5882 Machine Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Tel. (714) 374-1829 or (888) 811-3161
Fax (714) 465-3401
Email: evinfo@enhancedvision.com
Website: www.enhancedvision.com
Electronic vision enhancement products.

The Magnification Company. LLC

6707 1st Ave South Unit D
St. Petersburg, FL 33707
Tel. (727) 343-3395
1-866-343-3395
Email: info@TheMagnificationCompany.com
Website: www.themagnificationcompany.com
*Providing solutions & independence to the visually
impaired with high-powered video magnifiers.*

Independent Living Aids, LLC

137 Rano Road
Buffalo, NY 14207
Tel. (800) 537-2118 or (855) 937-3906
Website: www.independentliving.com
*Offers aids for household, medical,
communication and recreational needs.*

CCTV MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS

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

Website: 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 MagnifyingCenter

2129 SW Hwy 484

Ocala, FL 34473

Tel. (800) 364-1610, Fax (352) 307-6614

Website: www.magnifyingcenter.com

*Systems offer variable magnification from 3X to 100X.
Call for free, no-obligation demonstration.*

Freedom Scientific

11800 31st Court North

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Tel. (800) 444-4443

Email: info@optelec.com

Website: 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 demon-
stration.*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Ophthalmology

PO Box 7424

San Francisco, CA 94120-7424

Tel. (415) 561-8500, Fax (415) 561-8533

Website: www.aao.org

American Academy of Optometry

2909 Fairgreen Street

Orlando, FL 32803

Tel. (321) 319-4860 or (844) 323-3937

Email: aaoptom@aaoptom.org

Website: www.aaopt.org

American Optometric Association

243 N Lindbergh Boulevard 1st Floor

St. Louis, MO 63141

Tel. (800) 365-2219, Fax (314) 991-4101

Website: 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

Website: www.aerbvi.org

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

Website: 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

Website: www.guidedogs.org

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Low Vision Works

3938 S. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34231

Tel: (941) 366-0011 or (866) 590-0011

Fax (941) 957-0033

Email: info@lowvisionworks.com

Website: 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.

Medical Services of America, Inc.

Tel: (800) 845-5850

Website: msa-corp.com

Medical Services of America is a comprehensive home healthcare provider that offers home health-care, hospice care, home medical equipment and supplies, diabetic supplies, respiratory services, mail order supplies, home infusion therapy, enteral nutrition therapy, senior/assisted living, full service pharmacy, physician practice management, billing and printing services.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Comprehensive Home Care

Tel. 1-800-204-4440 for locations throughout Florida.

Website: 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

Website: www.amtrak.com

Offers special discount fares to physically and visually impaired persons.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Greyhound Bus

Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Information Line
Tel. (800) 752-4841
Spanish/Español (800) 531-5332
TTY/TDD (800) 345-3109
Website: www.greyhound.com

Handicap and Disabled Parking Permits

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Tel. (850) 617-2000

Website: 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 website. 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

Te. (800) 829-1040, Fax (813) 348-1831

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html>

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

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov/atlanta/southeast/fl/florida.html>

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

Verizon's Customer Care Center

PO Box 110 MC 5008

Tampa, FL 33601

Tel. (800) 483-7762, Fax (800) 955-1339

Website: 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.

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 ability 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 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.

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Dr. Suñer is a retina and macula specialist with more than 20 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.



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.



Dr. Rayess is a retina and macula specialist who completed his training in vitreoretinal surgery at Stanford University and is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.



RETINA ASSOCIATES OF FLORIDA

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