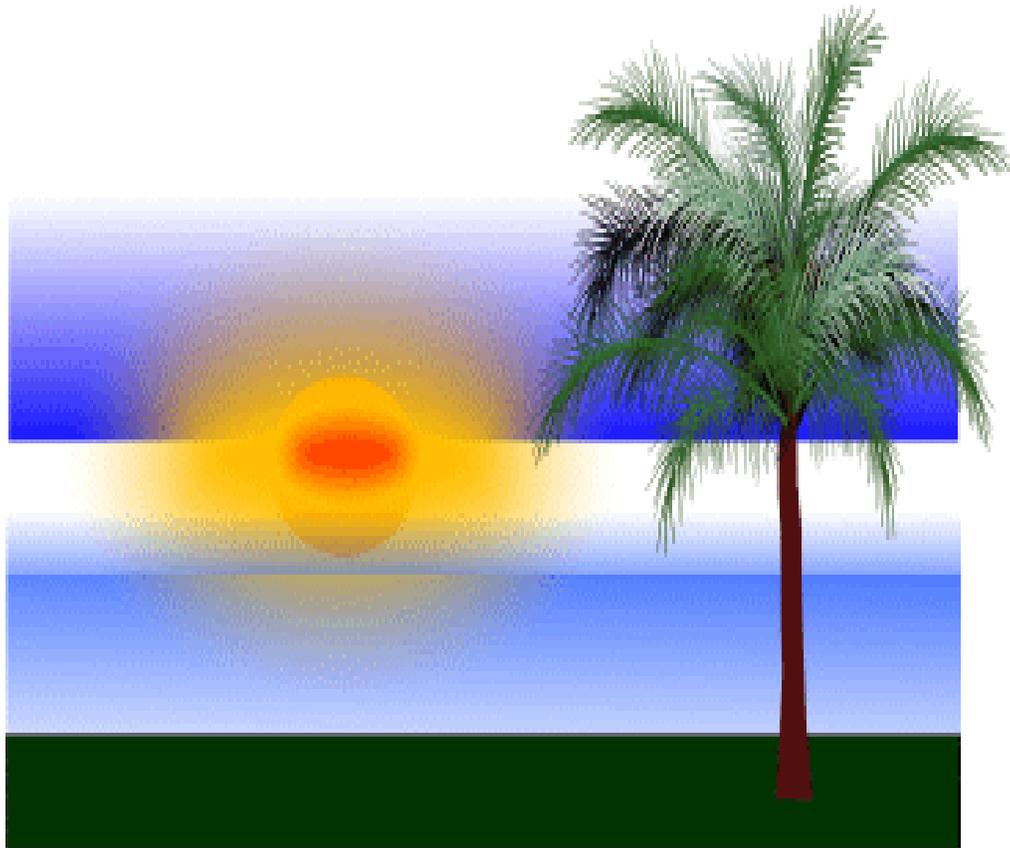


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Assistive Technology Resources



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Assistive Technology Educational Network of Florida

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, Parent/Family Support, Schools and School Districts

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Autism, Brain Injury and Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Developmental Disabilities, Health Impairments, Learning Disabilities, Mental Retardation, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Neurological Disorders, Orthopedically Impaired, Cystic Fibrosis

Assistive Technology Educational Network of Florida (ATEN) is a state-wide, grant funded project administered by Seminole County Public Schools, serving students ages 3-21. ATEN provides services to students, family members, teachers, and other professionals within the state of Florida. The mission of ATEN is to assist in the enhancement of student outcomes through provision of information, training, and technical support in the area of assistive technology. ATEN's professional staff includes educators, speech-language pathologists and occupational therapists.

Central Florida Deaf Services, Inc.

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Hearing Impairments / Deaf

Central Florida Deaf Services, Inc. is a non-profit organization. They work with people who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind of all ages in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties by providing services, programs, and advocacy to fulfill their needs. The organization is located in Lakeland, Florida. They provide many services, including client assistance and referral services, sign language interpreting services, a career discovery mentoring program, information and referral, advocacy, deaf awareness/culture training, and American Sign Language classes. CFDS also provides families with information and help in the areas of child development, education and school readiness for families who have deaf or hard of hearing children. The Center provides

a family sign language class, led by a qualified instructor, so that you and your family can learn sign language together.

Deaf Service Center of Southwest Florida

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Organization Type: Advocacy and Law, Information Centers, Parent/Family Support, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Hearing Impairments / Deaf

The Deaf Service Center of Southwest Florida provides a variety of programs and services in Southwest Florida, throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties. The Center's mission is to empower Southwest Florida's deaf and hard of hearing citizens and their families through education, advocacy, and community involvement. Their programs and services include: community education & outreach, interpreting services, sign language classes, information and referral services, job assistance, advocacy services, equipment sales, telephone equipment loan program, support for families with deaf children, Shared Reading Project, and Camp for Kids.

Enabling Technologies

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Enabling Technologies designs, manufactures, and supports the most popular Braille embossers in the World from their plant and headquarters in Jensen Beach, Florida. This company began in the late sixties when three recent college grads decided to build a crude embosser to help out a blind classmate. Since then, they have grown to produce a wide array of products that assist people with visual impairments. Their products include: Single Sided Braille Embossers, Double Sided Braille Embossers, Production Braille Embossers, Braille & Print Together, Sign Makers & Braille Labelers, Braille Translation Software, Braille & Tactile Graphics, Reading Machines, various Accessories, and more. They are continually adding new, more current products.

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) envisions a seamless supportive partnership between Florida business and government to provide assistive technology products and services which will enable persons with disabilities to participate in independent living, education, work and recreation from birth to death. FAAST works with consumers, family members, caregivers, providers and agencies to ensure that individuals continue to benefit from assistive technology as they move between home, school, work and community.

Florida Blind Services

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The mission of the Florida Blind Services is to ensure blind and visually impaired Floridians have the tools, support, and opportunity to achieve success. The Division of Blind Services is Florida's state agency responsible for ensuring that people of all ages in the state who have visual impairments can live independently and achieve their goals. Also, its Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library administers a free library program of Braille and recorded materials for eligible readers. Their services are provided through 12 district offices, or through a local Center for Independent Living. Florida Blind Services provides the following: a Blind Babies Program, a Children's Program, a School-to-Work or Transition Program, independent living services, vocational rehabilitation services, employer services, business enterprise services, and Braille and talking book library services,

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS): Technology Coordinating Unit

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Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

FDLRS provides assistance and support in the appropriate use of a variety of technologies for students, teachers, professional staff, and parents. Services include: promoting local awareness, identification, acquisition, and effective integration of assistive and adaptive technologies; facilitating the identification and use of augmentative communication systems; promoting integration of instructional technology with effective teaching, leading to improved learner outcomes; providing support to districts/schools in the identification of accessible instructional and assessment media; supporting the use of technology to help students manage their behavior to be successful in the classroom and community; providing opportunities to explore equipment, components, and program solutions that may expand learning options for students through the use of new and emerging technologies; and facilitating the identification and use of technologies that present information and training through distance education options such as interactive video, on-line courses, and other interactive multimedia methods

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Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

FIMC-VI is part of the Fl. Dept. of Education. The main purpose of the Center is to acquire, produce, and disseminate braille, large print, and audio books for the V.I. and blind students in Florida.

Freedom Scientific

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Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Learning Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind

Freedom Scientific offers a variety of products and services. Their products range from hardware to software to various accessories. The hardware includes personal note taking, Braille embossing, computer Braille displays and scanning & reading printed media. Software includes

screen reading, screen magnification, web access, scanning & reading and WYNN literacy software. In addition to the hardware and software, they offer services. These services include tutorials and trainings. The trainings are for assistive technology professionals, trainers, corporate IT personnel and these trainings are offered on-site and off-site training seminars. The tutorials are offered off of their website and range in training for various software applications. Finally, you can access all of their products via their online store.

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Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Multiple Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind

CITE promotes the independence of adults and children with blindness, low vision and other disabilities through technology, education, support and advocacy. Their vision is to create a community in which persons with blindness and low vision have the resources and tools they need to reach their full potential. Their purpose is to serve the needs of the blind and visually impaired people in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter counties.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living, Information Centers, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc evolved from Heiken, which was a countywide charitable organization dedicated to providing free comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses to all children grades K-12 who lacked the financial means. Currently they provide services in five main areas. Their adult services include programs at the Miami Lighthouse Blind and Visually Impaired that enable individuals who are blind or visually impaired to regain independent living skills. Youth Programs help teens transition into adulthood whether they want to pursue a career, higher education or acquire the skills necessary to live more independently. Their Solutions Store is a one-stop shop dedicated to the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. They have products and technology available here to help individuals maintain an active and independent lifestyle, including talking watches,

magnifiers, mobility canes, task lighting, diabetes supplies, games and more. The Miami Lighthouse Low Vision Specialists provide a full range of products from magnifiers, lamps, daily living aids to video magnifiers and screen magnification for those who are computer savvy. Finally, this organization provides life enrichment classes which are designed to improve and expand the lives of students.