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Blind/Visual Impairment Resources



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AbleProject

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Website: <http://www.ableproject.org/>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

AbleProject.org is a non-profit organization focused on helping people with disabilities. Their mission is to provide a network where people with disabilities and their loved ones can effortlessly research, compare, locate and obtain mobility and assistive products, thereby helping them to lead more independent lives. AbleProject uses the Internet to: empower people with disabilities, help them learn about the available assistive equipment that include specialty designed computer keyboards, speech software, wheelchairs, scooters, commode chairs, bathing aids, modified vehicles; find the correct assistive equipment and services; obtain help in their own area or home; do comparison-shopping at the most affordable price and save money; and provide families and care providers with solutions.

Access Ingenuity

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

Access Ingenuity is a leader in the development of effective access solutions and provides services and products to help people with disabilities maintain their independence. Access Ingenuity is geared up to be your partner in meeting the needs of people with disabilities. They carry a wide variety of assistive technology devices, backed by a highly experienced staff with over 20 years experience in the assistive technology field. Their goal is to develop an on-going relationship with you to ensure that your efforts to provide access to people with disabilities are successful.

Adaptive Technology Services

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San Francisco, CA 94117

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E-mail: info@adaptivetec.com

Website: <http://www.adaptivetec.com/index.html>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Private Sector Companies

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Adaptive Technology Services is a provider of computer technology services for people who are blind or visually impaired. From evaluating the best individual adaptive technology solutions to customizing training to fit each client's needs and preferences, their mission is to deliver the best service to every

individual who depends upon the use of adaptive technology to achieve professional and personal goals. Their services include: computer evaluations, installation and setup, on-site training, on-site technical support, and scripting and custom configuration.

Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)

1304 Southpoint Blvd., Suite 240
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E-mail: ATAinfo@ATAccess.org

Website: <http://ataccess.org/>

Contact Name: Russ Holland

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, National Organizations and Associations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is a network of community-based resource centers, developers, vendors and associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies. The mission of the Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations. All Members of the ATA provide: Information & referral on technology resources, Outreach & public awareness, Presentations at conferences, Training for individuals with disabilities and professionals, and Networking opportunities.

A.T. KRATTER and Company: Technology and Service for People with Disabilities

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Website: <http://www.atkratter.com/>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Deaf / Blind, Learning Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind, ADHD/ADD, Apraxia of Speech, Dyslexia

A.T. KRATTER & Company, Inc. is dedicated to providing the best technology available for people with the full range of visual impairment, and for those with a variety of learning disabilities. They also provide their clients with all the necessary training and any continuing support they might need. A.T. KRATTER & Company serves the southern California region, and has done so for the last nine years. They believe in creating opportunities for people with disabilities. They use adaptive programs and devices every day to perform their own tasks, and this first hand experience of disability and solutions allows them to offer their clients exceptional insight into how they can best benefit from the products and training we offer.

AT Network

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Phone: (707) 778-3011 1-(800) 900-0706 (TTY) **Fax:** (707) 765-2080

E-mail: info@atnet.org

Website: <http://www.atnet.org/>

Contact Name: Steven LeVene, AT Information Coordinator

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

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

California's AT Network is dedicated to expanding the accessibility of tools, resources and technology that will help increase independence, improve personal productivity and enhance the quality of life for all Californians. The AT Network provides Advocacy, Resources, and Education. The resources include: AT Journal, AT Services Directory, AT Training Center, and other AT resource links.

Blind Children's Center

4120 Marathon St.

Los Angeles, CA 90029

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E-mail: nicole@blindchildrenscenter.org

Website: <http://www.blindchildrenscenter.org>

Contact Name: Nicole Spinogatti, Public Relations Coordinator

Organization Type: Schools and School Districts, State and Local Agencies

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind

The Blind Childrens Center is a family-centered agency which serves children with visual impairments from birth to school-age. The center-based and home-based programs and services help the children acquire skills and build their independence. The Center utilizes its expertise and experience to serve families and professionals worldwide through support services, education, and research. The Center offers an Infant Program, an Educational Preschool, a Parent Mentor Program, and a variety of publications, including books and videos.

Blind Children's Learning Center

18542-B Vanderlip Avenue

Santa Ana, CA 92705

Phone: (714) 573-8888 **Fax:** (714) 573-4944

E-mail: brian.thorne@bclc.org

Website: <http://www.blindkids.org/>

Contact Name: Brian Thorne, President

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Blind Children's Learning Center works to help parents find the information they are looking for. They provide support and encouragement in order to help the parents as they seek out information to help their child. For over 40 years, the Center has been providing direct services to children who are blind and visually impaired, birth through the 12th grade. Each year over 300 children benefit from the programs offered. Blind Children's Learning Center provides a full-range of programs and services to assist children who are visually impaired, birth through 21 and their families. The core programs are Infant Family Focus, Early Childhood Center, Youth Outreach and Counseling. Comprehensive services, starting as early as possible and continuing through high school, include: speech and language, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility, Braille instruction, specialized vision services, social opportunities and adaptive technology.

Blindness Support Services

3696 Beatty Drive Suite A
Riverside, CA 92506

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Website: <http://www.blindnesssupport.com>

Organization Type: Disability/Disorder Specific, Independent and Community Living, Parent/Family Support, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind

Blindness Support Services was incorporated in May 1992, to provide innovative approaches to achieving independence and self-reliance for blind and visually impaired residents of Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Diego and Los Angeles Counties in Southern California. They offer the following services: Information and Referral, Braille Transcription, Independent Living Skills training, Orientation and Mobility training, Rehabilitation technology/ Computer training, Employment preparation, Job Development, Travel training, Peer support/ Adjustment Counseling, Affordable housing, Health and Wellness, and Community education/Presentations.

Braille Institute

Los Angeles Sight Center; 741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Phone: (323) 663-1111

E-mail: la@brailleinstitute.org

Website: <http://www.brailleinstitute.org/>

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Braille Institute provides an environment of hope and encouragement for people who are blind and visually impaired through integrated educational, social and recreational programs and services. Their services include: Child Development, Youth and Career Services, Counseling and Support Services, Classes, Options for Low Vision, Community Outreach, Mobile Solutions, and Vistas

Their Child Development Program is where they offer in-home programs for parents of blind infants and toddlers to help mainstream blind children (up to age 5) in community preschools. Youth and Career Services help foster self-confidence and independence in children and young adults, ages 6-30. This includes job counseling and referrals. Their Counseling and Support Services help advise and assist adults with the adjustment to vision loss. The Braille Institute offers more than 200 classes in adaptation to sight loss and attaining independence, as well as many recreational subjects. Their Options for Low Vision Program is free Low Vision Rehabilitation consultations that provide tools for making the most of remaining vision. Their Mobile Solutions vehicles travel throughout Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to bring their services to you. Finally, Vistas is their retail store that has many practical, adaptive items for sale.

California School for the Blind

500 Walnut Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536

Phone: (510) 794-3800 **Fax:** (510) 794-3813

E-mail: askcsb@csb-cde.ca.gov

Website: <http://www.csb-cde.ca.gov/>

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind

The California School for the Blind works to provide intensive, disability specific educational services for their students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, or visually impaired with multiple disabilities. They partner with students, families, other consumers, local educational agencies, professional and community resources in order to prepare students to participate at their highest level of independence in their schools, workplaces, and communities. The School is a statewide resource that offers expertise in the low prevalence disabilities of visual impairment and deaf blindness through model programs, assessment, consultation and technical assistance, professional development, research and publications, advocacy, and outreach.

Canine Companions for Independence-National Headquarters

P.O. Box 446

Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Phone: 1- (800) 572-2275 1-(866) 224-3647 **Fax:** (513) 821-2442

E-mail: info@caninecompanions.org

Website: <http://www.caninecompanions.org>

Organization Type: Independent and Community Living, National Organizations and Associations

Disabilities Served: Developmental Disabilities, Hearing Impairments / Deaf, Mental Health

Impairments, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Visual Impairment / Blind, Orthopedically Impaired

Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Canine Companions for Independence is funded through donations, and is totally independent from the government.

Center for Accessible Technology

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Berkeley, CA 94710-2572

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Website: <http://www.cforat.org>

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers, National Organizations and Associations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) began life in 1983 when a group of parents of children with disabilities came together to develop strategies for including their children into mainstream elementary school settings. With an initial focus on computer technology, these parents developed models whereby kids with disabilities could be fully included in the school curriculum. The Center has kept its inclusion focus, and over time has broadened its goals to include participation in higher education, employment and community. They recognize that participation requires access to the tools of expression, and Center programs are founded on the belief that individuals must make their own decisions about which tools work for them, and that hands-on experience is essential to making an informed decision. They provide access to assistive technology that gives people with disabilities access to computers;

provide art programs to provide access to artistic expression; and offer ongoing consultation and support to assist people with disabilities in maintaining and enhancing access.

Central Coast Assistive Technology Center

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

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Website: <http://www.ccatc.org/>

Contact Name: Paul J. Mortola, Program Director

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Information Centers

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Central Coast Assistive Technology Center (CCATC) is located in San Luis Obispo, California. The CCATC is a technology center that provides evaluations, training and education while using AT to increase independence and function. The CCATC specializes in general AT services, vision and hearing technologies and ergonomics. The mission of the Center is to solve challenges in employment, lifelong learning, productivity and independent living through the provision of assistive technology services and ergonomic training. Their AT services include: one-on-one technology evaluation and training, community outreach, computer access, augmentative communication, and home/school/worksites access.

Clarity

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925-449-2605 (Fax)

www.clarityusa.com

Clarity offers a wide range of video magnifiers and other solutions to help people with low vision retain their independence. All products feature Clarity's Auto-focus design. Clarity's products are distributed through a network of independent representatives located throughout the world who provide personalized customer service and support.

Earle Baum Center of the Blind (EBC)

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Phone: (707) 523-3222 **Fax:** (707) 636-2768

E-mail: ebc@earlebaum.org

Website: <http://www.earlebaum.org/home.html>

Contact Name: Allan Brenner, Executive Director

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Disability/Disorder Specific, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The Earle Baum Center of the Blind (EBC) is a non-profit regional community center, serving individuals who are blind or have visual impairments from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border. The Center provides instruction in daily living skills, orientation and mobility, and adaptive technology. In addition, the Center offers sports, recreation and social opportunities. The mission of EBC

is to provide opportunities for people who are blind or who have visual impairments to improve and enrich their personal, social and economic lives.

Enhanced Vision

Enhanced Vision Headquarters
5882 Machine Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
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Dedicated to helping individuals maintain their independence, Enhanced Vision has developed assistive technology to create a full line of easy-to-use low vision tools at affordable prices. The web site offers an online product selector to help you choose the most appropriate assistive device for your needs.

Equal Access to Software and Information (EASI)

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, Schools and School Districts, University-Affiliated Programs
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific
EASI's mission is to serve as a resource by providing information and guidance in the area of access-to-information technologies by individuals with disabilities. They stay informed about developments and advancements within the adaptive computer technology field and spread that information to colleges, universities, K-12 schools, libraries and into the workplace.

Foundation for the Junior Blind of America

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Los Angeles, CA 90043
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E-mail: info@juniorblind.org
Website: <http://www.fjb.org>
Organization Type: Disability/Disorder Specific, National Organizations and Associations
Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind
The Foundation for the Junior Blind provides programs and services for children, adults, and their families. Their programs are designed to enable infants, children, young people, and adults who are blind or visually impaired to achieve independence and self-esteem. These programs include: Camp Bloomfield, Visions: Adventures in Learning, Infant-Family Program, Special

Education School, Children's Residential Program, Davidson Program for Independence, and Student Transition and Enrichment Program.

Gemstone Educational Management LLC

575 San Pablo Avenue, Suite D
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Website: <http://www.gemstonevision.org/about.htm>

Contact Name: Phillip Riles, Director

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Gemstone identifies vision problems common to poor readers and provides doctor-monitored, Internet-based vision training to help correct them. Typically, vision training is available through local doctors' offices and vision centers, where, due to lack of insurance coverage, services can be expensive. The company's Dynamic Vision Training program seeks to provide vision training for all students who require it, in their schools and at a low cost to the school district.

The program includes a series of screening tests to identify students with vision conditions. The assessment measures tracking ability, accuracy of focus, the ability of the eyes to work together, and measurements not included in standard vision screening tests. For students who demonstrate problems, the program provides Internet-based vision therapy, including practice skills and exercises that train the eyes to become more efficient and thus make reading easier.

Institute for Families

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Los Angeles, CA 90027

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E-mail: info@instituteforfamilies.org

Website: <http://www.instituteforfamilies.org>

Organization Type: Disability/Disorder Specific, Information Centers, National Organizations and Associations, Parent/Family Support

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind

Institute for Families of Blind Children has offered counseling and support to families facing the devastating diagnosis of visual impairment in their child. The Institute for Families is there for every member of the family during the many difficult days, weeks, and months of treatment. Their services include: Family Support, Information, and Education for Medical Professionals.

National Federation for the Blind (NFB) of California

5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 313
Tarzana, CA 91356

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E-mail: nfbcal@sbcglobal.net

Website: <http://www.nfbcal.org/>

Contact Name: Robert Stigile, President
Organization Type: General
Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The National Federation for the Blind (NFB) of California is part of the largest organization of blind people in the nation. They have affiliates in every state plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico with their national headquarters located in Baltimore, MD. Their goals are numerous and relate specifically to the concerns of individuals who are blind and/or visually impaired. The NFB of California has local chapters throughout the state. The Federation offers scholarship programs both on the national as well as the state level. Thousands of dollars are awarded each year to qualified students with visual impairments.

Optelec

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Based in Barendrecht, the Netherlands, Optelec is a leading designer and manufacturer of assistive technologies for people who are visually impaired and dyslexic.

Products include portable electronic video magnifiers, electronic video magnifiers (CCTVs), and low vision devices, including magnifiers, telescopes, and magnifying reading glasses.

Opus Technologies

13333 Thunderhead Street
San Diego, CA 92129-2329
866-OPUSTEC or 866-678-7832 (Toll free)
858-538-9401
858-538-9401 (Fax)
www.opustec.com
E-mail: opus@opustec.com

Opus Technologies develops and sells software, print, and Braille materials for learning and using Braille, including Braille music, for blind musicians and students, Braille transcribers, parents, teachers and educators, and schools and libraries.

Prevent Blindness Northern California (PBNC)

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San Francisco, CA 94109
Phone: (415) 567-7500 (800) 338-3041 **Fax:** (415) 567-7600

E-mail: q@eyeinfo.org

Website: <http://www.eyeinfo.org/index.html>

Contact Name: Debora Babe, RN, Program Director

Organization Type: Information Centers, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Prevent Blindness Northern California (PBNC) is an organization that provides services to prevent vision impairment to two vulnerable parts of the population, young children and underserved adults. The mission of this organization is to prevent blindness and preserve sight for all people of Northern California.

San Diego Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired

5922 El Cajon Boulevard

San Diego, CA 92115

Phone: (619) 583-1542 **Fax:** (619) 583-2335

E-mail: information@sdcdb.org

Website: <http://www.sdcdb.org/>

Organization Type: State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The San Diego Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired works to help rehabilitate adults who are blind or have vision impairments so they can reach their highest level of independence and self-reliance. They do this through a variety of programs including the following: orientation and mobility; individual, group and family counseling; activities of daily living; kitchen skills; typing; Braille; resource information for the blind; money, machines and manpower; outreach; sensory awareness; low vision; English as a second language; transition; head inquiry; diabetic education; information and referral; public information and education; speakers bureau; and transportation.

See It Bigger

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Sendero Group LLC

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www.senderogroup.com

Contact information: www.senderogroup.com/contact.htm

Sendero Group is the pioneer manufacturer of accessible GPS technologies and also provides additional leading-edge technologies for people who are blind or have low vision.

Sensory Access Foundation

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Contact Name: Jo Bailard, Developmental Director

Organization Type: Advocacy and Law, Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Visual Impairment / Blind

The mission of the Sensory Access Foundation is to assist people who are blind or visually impaired to obtain or retain competitive employment by providing the highest quality access technology assessment, computer training, job placement and accommodation services with a goal of achieving 100% job retention. One of their biggest projects is called Project Open-Doors, which looks at job placement from the front before a client is even identified. They work with "the job" itself, breaking down every aspect of the job determining accessibility from the technology involved, to ergonomics, to lighting, etc.

ShopLowVision.com

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For Consumers: ShopLowVision.com offers a wide range of adaptive daily living products for home and leisure; kitchen and dining; health and wellness; office and technology; electronic low vision; travel and mobility; glare control; and Braille.

For Professionals: ShopLowVision.com offers a wide range of optical magnification products including charts, spectacles, magnifiers, loupes, telescopes, absorptive lenses, and lamps/lighting.

The Center for the Partially Sighted

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Los Angeles, CA 90025

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Website: <http://www.low-vision.org/>

Contact Name: Dr. Trang Nguyen, F.A.A.O., Coordinator of Adaptive Technologies

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The mission of the Center for the Partially Sighted is to promote independent living for people of all ages with visual impairments. This Center offers the following services: optometric, computer and technology demonstrations, counseling, rehabilitation services, referrals, a low vision store, and transportation. The Center is located in Los Angeles, California. The Center charges service fees on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. They are a participating provider of Medicare, Medi-Cal, and the California Department of Rehabilitation. These programs may cover a portion of the services provided by the Center. There is no charge for many of their rehabilitation services.

The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute

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Website: <http://www.ski.org/index.html>

Contact Name: Henry S. Metz, Executive Director

Organization Type: Disability/Disorder Specific, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The mission of Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute is to create a unique environment for research on human vision - basic scientific research to increase the understanding of normal vision and of eye disorders, clinical research to develop new diagnostic procedures and treatments for visual and other sensory disorders, and engineering research to produce better techniques for aid and rehabilitation of the blind and partially sighted.

Sources of Custom-Produced Books

Antioch

Contra Costa Braille Transcribers
1409 St. Francis Drive
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 754-0135
Chairperson: Carole Davis

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation, French, Spanish; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille); embosser (Bookmaker, Juliet)

Other information: sponsors transcribing classes

Capitola

Santa Cruz County Transcribers Guild
809 Bay Avenue, Suite H
Capitola, CA 95010
(831) 479-5350 or
(831) 479-5306
Chairperson: Connie Unsicker

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, Spanish; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (Ed-It); embosser (VersaPoint)

Other information: accepts no assignments outside state, offers transcribing classes

Carmichael

Braille Transcribers, Sacramento North Area
c/o Ralph Richardson Center
Braille Center
4848 Cottage Way
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 971-7912
Chairperson: Ms. Cathy Rothhaupt
Braille Center

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, French, German, Spanish; spiral binding; computer-produced

Other information: gives precedence to textbooks, sponsors transcribing classes

Covina

San Gabriel Valley Braille Guild
P.O. Box 255
Covina, CA 91723
Chairperson: Susannah C. Mathews
3225 Charlinda
West Covina, CA 91791
(818) 331-2071

Braille: literary, textbooks; spiral binding; computer-produced software (Ed-It)

El Cerrito

American Red Cross
Oakland Service Center
10771 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
(510) 526-7206
Chairperson: Mrs. Nikki Cimino
7352 Stockton Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
(510) 527-4355

Braille: literary, textbooks, French, German, Latin, Spanish; thermoforming; 19-ring binders; computer-produced; software (Duxbury, MicroBraille); embosser (Epson FX, VersaPoint)

El Segundo

RFB&D Recording Studio
South Bay Studio
300 North Sepulveda Boulevard
Suite 2035
El Segundo, CA 90245
(310) 414-6506
(310) 414-6508 fax
Studio director: Dan Holt

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication *Other information:* see NJ-6 for national headquarters and more details

Encino

San Fernando Valley Braille Transcribers Guild
4784 Park Encino Lane, #303

*Encino, CA 91436
(818) 784-1580
Chairperson: Evelyn Silverman
4121 Ventura Canyon Avenue
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423*

*Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation,
Spanish; tactile drawings and maps; computer-produced;
software (MicroBraille)*

Other Information: accepts no assignments outside state

Eureka

*Braille Transcribers of Humboldt
P.O. Box 6363
Seventh and A Streets
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 442-4048
Chairperson: Patricia Ann Welsh
(707) 839-0643*

Braille: literary, textbooks; thermoforming; spiral binding

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes

Folsom

*Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired
P.O. Box 6422
Folsom, CA 95763-6422
(916) 351-3032
Coordinator: Bob Schmitz*

*Braille : literary, textbooks, Tagalog, Spanish; computer-produced (PCs); software (Edit-PC)
Recording: general, textbooks, manuals, Spanish; cassette-masters; 2-track and 4-track
duplication*

Large print: general; by computer; photo enlarged

*Other Information: Braille services available only to California Department of Education;
maintains book-master collection; provides title list*

Huntington Beach

Beach Cities Braille Guild, Inc.
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Braille: literary, Jumbo Braille, math, music, textbooks, Calo (Spanish gypsy language), French, Japanese, German, Hebrew, Spanish; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille, Ed-It, Pokadot)

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lmcgbrl@earthlink.net

Large print: general, textbooks; by computer

Large-print chairperson: Tak Inaba
6273 Bluff View Road
Copperopolis, CA 95228
(209) 785-4948

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection, offers mentoring by correspondence for braillists wishing to learn music Braille

Laguna Hills

Laguna Hills Transcribers, Inc.
924-D Avenida Majorca
Laguna Hills, CA 92653-4444
(714) 830-2125
Chairperson: Isabel J. Ast
54-A Calle Aragon
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
(714) 586-8516
Cochairperson: Marjorie Bregar

Braille: literary, textbooks, French, Latin, Spanish; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille, Ed-It)

Other Information: small assignments accepted

Los Altos

Braille Transcription Project of Santa Clara County, North Branch

P.O. Box 326

Los Altos, CA 94022

(650) 948-0139

Chairperson: Margot McCann

11570 Buena Vista

Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

(650) 948-7824

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation, French, German, Greek, Spanish; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille); embosser (VersaPoint)

Other Information: maintains book-master collection

Los Angeles

Braille Institute

741 North Vermont Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90029

(323) 663-1111

(323) 633-0867 fax

Chairperson: Carol Morrison

(323) 663-1111, ext. 229

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, Spanish; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille, Duxbury); embosser (Braillo 2000, Thiel, PED)

Braille chairperson: Carol Jimenez

(323) 663-1111, ext. 231

Recording: general, textbooks, Spanish; open-reel masters; 4-track cassette duplication

Recording chairperson: Julie Bohanan

(323) 663-1111, ext. 265

Other Information: maintains book-master collection

Dot's Right!
1864 North Avenue, #51
Los Angeles, CA 90042
(323) 254-9213
lconejo@concentric.net
Chairperson: Liz Conejo

Braille: literary, menus, personal documents, textbooks; spiral binding; embosser; computer-produced

Other Information: commercial, fee for service, print-to-braille transcribing service

Library Reproduction Service
14214 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061-1034
(800) 255-5002
(310) 354-2601 fax
LRSPRINT@aol.com
www.lrs-largeprint.com
President: Joan Hudson-Miller

Large print: textbooks (supplemental/reference), literature; customized made-to-order large-print reproductions of any reading material, and published line of large-print classics and juvenile literature

Other Information: commercial, fee for service; list/catalog available in regular print

RFB&D Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
5022 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027
(323) 664-5520
(323) 664-1881 fax
Chairperson: Sheila Styra
(310) 476-4432
Executive director: Carol Smith

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: see [NJ-6](#) for national headquarters and more details

North Hollywood

Sisterhood Temple Beth Hillel

12326 Riverside Drive

North Hollywood, CA 91607

(818) 763-9148

(213) 877-3431

Cochairpersons: Julie Breitstein (Mrs. Louis)

4791 Brewster Drive

Tarzana, CA 91356

(818) 708-1117

Dorothy Manolson

14620 Dickens Street, #5

Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

(818) 501-8533

Recording: general, textbooks, foreign languages; cassette masters; 2-track and 4-track cassette duplication

Recording chairperson:

Julie Breitstein

Northridge

Quik-Scrybe

17734-6 Devonshire Street

Northridge, CA 91325

(818) 832-6358

(888) 820-7845

quikscrybe@earthlink.net

www.quikscrybe.com

Contact: Sue Staley

Braille: literary, computer-related (no math or music); can receive documents via hard copy, diskette, e-mail, or web site; computer-produced; spiral binding

Large print: literary; computer-produced

Other Information: commercial, fee for service

Pacific Grove

Monterey County Braille Transcribers, Inc.

P.O. Box DF

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Chairperson: Dorothy Victorino

1207 Echo Avenue

Seaside, CA 93955

(831) 899-0835

Cochairperson: Jean Broomhead

651 Sinex Avenue L110

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

(831) 649-0234

Braille: literary, textbooks, Italian, Spanish; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille); embosser (Romeo)

Braillechairperson: Margaret Parenti

1114 Sawmill Gulch

Pebble Beach, CA 93953

(831) 372-1967

Palo Alto

RFB&D Recording Studio

Northern California Unit

488 West Charleston Road

Palo Alto, CA 94306

(650) 493-3717

(650) 493-5513

Chairperson: Joann Bitting

(650) 598-9725 (w)

Executive director: Howell Lovell

Studio director: Andrea Kuduk

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: see [NJ-6](#) for national headquarters and more details

Pomona

Pomona Valley Transcribers Guild

Ontario Public Library

900 East Harrison Avenue

*Pomona, CA 91767
(909) 624-5061, ext. 213
Chairperson: Evelyn Nichols
6355 Vineyard Avenue
Alta Loma, CA 91701
(909) 987-3392*

Braille: literary, math, textbooks; tactile drawings; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille, Ed-It); embosser (MBOSS-1)

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes

Sacramento

*Compu Braille, Inc.
2791 24th Street, Room 8
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 452-6189
(916) 452-9140 fax
President: Jean Brown*

Braille: textbooks, supplemental, tactile graphics; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (Ed-It, MicroBraille)

Other Information: nonprofit, charge fee for material

*Sacramento Braille Transcribers, Inc.
2791 24th Street, Room 7
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 455-9121
Textbook chairperson: Dorothy Johnson
9739 Mira Del Rio Drive
Sacramento, CA 95827
(916) 362-8914
Math and computer notation chairperson:
Marilyn Dickey
1119 Rockingham Drive
Roseville, CA 95661
(916) 786-0995
Children's library chairperson: Joyce Stroh
320 Claydon Way
Sacramento, CA 95864
(916) 481-3068*

Braille: math, textbooks, computer notation, foreign languages; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille and Ed-It); embosser (Thiel, Romeo, and Braillo)

Other Information: maintains book-master collection

San Francisco

Golden Gate Braille Transcribers, Inc.

1466 44th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94122

(415) 566-1641

Chairperson: Mrs. Evelyn Daiss

Braille: literary, textbooks; thermoforming; spiral binding

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes

San Jose

Braille Transcription Project of Santa Clara County, Inc.

101 North Bascom Avenue

San Jose, CA 95128

(408) 298-4468

Chairperson: Mrs. Peggy Dodge

2204 Cherrystone Drive

San Jose, CA 95128

(408) 296-1188

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation, French, Spanish; tactile drawings; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (MicroBraille)

Recording: general; cassette masters

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection

San Rafael

Transcribing Mariners

P.O. Box 4232

San Rafael, CA 94913

(415) 883-3083

Chairperson: Robert P. Scheibach

65 Ridge Avenue

*Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 388-6349*

Braille: literary, math, textbooks; tactile drawings and maps; spiral binding; computer-produced software (MicroBraille, Pokadot)

Braille chairperson: Peggy Schuetz
200 Pacheco Avenue
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 892-2607

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes
Contact: Betty Langdon
99 Corte Fedora
Greenbrae, CA 94904
(415) 461-3955

Santa Ana

Easy to Read Documents
220 Capri Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92703-4110
(714) 836-4993
mjwaters@surfree.com
www.easytoreaddocuments.com
Contact: Melita Waters

Braille: can receive documents via hard copy, computer diskette (WordPerfect and ASCII); spiral binding; computer-produced

Other Information: fee for service, per hour charge

Recording Studio
Orange County Studio RFB&D
2021 East 4th Street, Suite 114
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 547-4171
(714) 547-4241 fax
Studio director: Maureen Ahrens

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: see NJ-6 for national headquarters and more details

Transcribers of Orange County
10982 Paddock Lane
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 731-5899
Chairperson: Gertrude M. McDonald
Assignment chairperson: Alice Schultz

Braille: literary; thermoforming; spiral binding

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes

[Santa Barbara](#)

RFB&D Recording Studio
3970 La Colina Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-6393
Chairperson: Fred Klein
(805) 962- 9500 (h)
Studio director: Jana Christ

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: see NJ-6 for national headquarters and more details

[Santa Rosa](#)

Sonoma County Braille Transcribers Guild
P.O. Box 502
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(707) 579-2544
Chairperson: Betty Scherfee
Braille: literary, math; spiral binding

Other Information: *accepts no assignments outside state, sponsors transcribing classes*

MSMT Braille Center
A Division of Goodwill Industries

Redwood Empire
651 Yolanda Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
(707) 579-1115
(707) 579-1246 fax
msmt@gire.org
Director: Carolyn Colclough

Braille: braille transcription service including maps/graphics, computer-related material (no math or music); spiral binding; computer-produced; can receive documents via hard copy, modem, diskette

Other Information: commercial, fee for service, can accept rush assignments

Soledad

Volunteers of Soledad
Project for the Visually and Physically Handicapped
P.O. Box 686
Soledad, CA 93960-0686
(408) 675-2411, ext. 2186
Community resources manager: Jerry Smith
Sponsors: Mr. S.D. Jones
Mr. David Rodriguez

Recording: general, math, textbooks, computer science; cassette masters; 2-track and 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: customer must send enough blank tapes to cover reading material requested; maintains book-master collection

Upland

RFB&D Recording Studio
1844-C West 11th Street
Upland, CA 91786
(909) 949-4316
Chairperson: Dennis Bolt

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication

Other Information: see NJ-6 for national headquarters and more details

Vacaville

Volunteers of Vacaville
(Blind Project)
P.O. Box 670
1600 California Drive
Vacaville, CA 95696
(707) 448-6841, ext. 2044
Staff Supervisor:
Dave Boulton

Recording: general, children's books, math, textbooks, computer science; open-reel masters; 4-track cassette and open-reel duplication

Other Information: maintains book-master collection, repair/service of Perkins Braillewriters

Visalia

The Sequoia Braille Transcribers
P.O. Box 3435
Visalia, CA 93278
(559) 732-1912
Chairperson:
Edith Pannell
2730 Seeger
Visalia, CA 93277

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation, French, Spanish; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (Ed-It)

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection

West Hills

RFB&D Recording Studio
San Fernando Valley Studio
6700 Fall Brook Avenue, Suite 126
West Hills, CA 91307-3530
(818) 226-6055
(818) 887-6330 fax
Studio director: Karen Palmer

Recording: educational texts for students in kindergarten through postgraduate studies; 4-track cassette duplication