

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

**American Foundation for the Blind,
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www.afb.org**

- An orientation and mobility primer for families and young children (Dodson-Burk & Hill, 1989)
- Building blocks: Foundations for learning for young blind and visually impaired children (Dominguez & Dominguez, 1991)
- Children with visual impairments: A parent's guide (Holbrook, (Ed.) 1996) (published by Woodbine House and distributed by AFP Press)
- Early Focus: Working with visually impaired children and their families (Pogrud, Fazzi, & Lambert, 1991)
- Early Years: A Series (1996)
- Finding a new path: Guidance for parents of young children who are visually impaired or blind (Gold)
- Guide to toys for children who are blind or visually impaired (a joint initiative of Toy Manufacturers of American and the American Foundation for the Blind)
- Parenting Preschoolers: Suggestions for raising young blind and visually impaired children. (Ferrell)
- Preschool vision stimulation: It's more than a flashlight! (Harrell & Akeson, 1987)
- Reach out and teach. (Ferrell, 1985)
- Show me how: A manual for parents of preschool visually impaired and blind children. (Brennan, 1982)
- Touch the baby. (Harrel)

**American Printing House for the Blind
P.O. Box 6085, Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
<http://www.aph.org/products>
<http://www.aph.org/cvi/index.html>**

- Developmental guidelines for infants with visual impairment: A manual for early intervention (Cat # 8-50700-00)
- Learning Together (Cat.# 7-68660-00)
- On the way to literacy: Early experiences for visually impaired children (print handbook)
- Parents and Visually Impaired Infants (Cat.# 7-96150-00)
- Reach for the Stars, Planning for the future (Cat # 7-08410-00)

**Blind Babies Foundation
5016 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112
(415) 586-6140
www.blindbabies.org**

- Pediatric Visual Diagnosis Fact Sheets (can be downloaded)

Blind Childrens Center
4120 Marathon Street, P.O. Box 29159, Los Angeles, CA 90029
1-800-222-3566
FAX 213/665-3828
www.blindcntr.org/pubs.htm

- Dancing Cheek to Cheek: Beginning social, play and language interactions
- Fathers: A common ground
- First Steps: A handbook for teaching young children who are visually impaired
- Heart to heart: Parents of blind and partially sighted children talk about their feelings
- Learning to play
- Let's eat! Feeding a child with a visual impairment
- Move with me: A parent's guide to movement development for visually impaired babies
- Reaching, Crawling, Walking... Orientation & mobility for preschool children who are visually impaired
- Selecting a program: A guide for parents of infants and preschoolers with visual impairments
- Starting Points: Instructional practices for young children whose multiple disabilities include visual impairment
- Standing on my own two feet
- Talk to me: A language guide for parents of blind children
- Talk to me II: Common concerns

Blind Children's Fund
311 W. Broadway Suite 1, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
www.blindchildrensfund.org

This is an organization that was founded 30 years ago by Sherry Raynor, a parent of a child who was born blind. There are resources for parents available on-line that are updated periodically. Currently articles include,

- Guidelines to parents on introducing glasses to young children
- Braille—what is it?
- Parent suggestions for IEP meetings

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 - 2554
Toll Free: (800) 323 - 4238
http://www.hadley-school.org/Web_Site/Hadley-School.asp

Parents can enroll in courses at no cost that will help them in raising a young child who is visually impaired. Early childhood courses include "Reach out and teach", "Learning through play", "Child development: Early childhood" and "Early independence". This is also a good program for families to learn Braille.

National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired (NAPVI)
P.O. Box 317, Watertown, MA 02272
1-800-562-6265
Virginia Chapter – VAAPVI – Dawn Peiffer
<http://www.spedex.com/napvi/>
www.vaapvi.org

VAAPVI's Mission is to empower families, professionals and the community to meet the needs of children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with multiple disabilities

The purpose is to promote and provide information and education regarding raising and educating a child with vision loss, provide emotional support, increase public awareness and foster communication and coordination of services among state and local agencies and organizations involved with providing services to children with visual impairments. VAAPVI is a state affiliate of NAPVI, the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

Awareness Newsletter

In celebration of grandparenting

Legislative handbook for parents

Mainstreaming the visually impaired child

Equals in partnership: Basic rights for families of children with blindness or visual impairment

*NAPVI is a non-profit organization of, by, and for parents committed to providing support to the parents of children who have visual impairments. Publications prices are discounted for members.

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<http://publications.lighthouse.org/Publications/Catalog/Publications.cfm?Type=Category&ID=4>

- Getting in touch with play: Creating play environments for children with visual impairments (Blakely, Lang, & Hart, 1991)
- Pathways to Independence: Orientation and mobility skills for your infant and toddler (O'Mara & Stuart, 1989)
- EnVision Newsletter
- Technology for tots: Using computers with preschool children who have visual impairments (1992)

A Skills Inventory checklist for children with visual impairments, ages 0-6
www.therashare.net/files/oregon-checklist.pdf

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1100 W 45th Street, Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-8631
www.tsbvi.edu

This site provides many practical resources for families and professionals and it provides links to other sites related to visual impairments, including cortical visual impairment

SEE/HEAR Newsletter <http://www.tsbvi.edu/Outreach/seehear/index.htm>

Blogs, websites, support:

Family Connect from the American Foundation for the Blind

<http://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitehome.asp>

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (National Federation of the Blind)

<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Resources1.asp?SnID=2>

and here is a page that lists multiple listservs related to blindness

<http://www.deafblind.com/groups.html#Blind%20Listservs>

Here is another listserv with a larger interest group: BLINDFAM

BLINDFAM, the "blindness and family life discussion list", is a list dedicated to the discussion of the everyday life experiences of blind persons, their family members, and friends.

BLINDFAM is a forum for discussions of all aspects of family life as they are affected by the blindness of one or more family members, and welcomes discussion of any topic directly related to how blindness has, is, or will be affecting your family life. All family members are invited to join including spouses, parents, and children of a blind individual as well as any blind person.

To subscribe to the BLINDFAM mailing list, send an emessage to:

LISTSERV@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU

with the following text in the body of the message:

subscribe blindfam firstname lastname

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