

# KANSAS

## Blind/Visual Impairment Resources



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### **Assistive Technology for Kansans Project**

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Parsons, KS 67357

**Phone:** (620) 421-8367 (800) 526-3648 Kansas Only

**Fax:** (620) 421-0954

**E-mail:** [ssack@ukans.edu](mailto:ssack@ukans.edu)

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**Contact Name:** Project Director: Sara Sack

**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations, University-Affiliated Programs

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

The Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK) Project helps persons with disabilities find ways to live and work as independently as possible through the use of assistive devices and services. The primary mission of the project is to engage in activities that are designed to result in laws, regulations, policies, practices, or organizational structures that promote consumer-responsive programs that increase access to assistive technology devices and services.

### **Families Together, Inc**

3340 W. Douglas, Suite 102

Wichita, KS 67203

**Phone:** (316) 945-7747 (888) 815-6364 (KS parents)

**Fax:** (316) 945-7795

**E-mail:** [connie@famielstogetherinc.org](mailto:connie@famielstogetherinc.org)

**Website:** <http://www.famielstogetherinc.org/>

**Contact Name:** Connie Zienkewicz, Executive Director

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

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

Families Together is the Parent Training and Information center serving Kansas families who include a son/daughter with disabilities. Parent Centers are funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. Parent centers and Parent Training and Information centers (PTIs) serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities: physical, mental, learning, emotional, and attention deficit disorders. They train and inform parents and professionals, help families obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities, work to improve education results for all children, resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies, and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs.

## **Kansas State School for the Blind**

1100 State Avenue

Kansas City, KS 66102

**Phone:** (913) 281-3308

**Fax:** (913) 281-3104

**E-mail:** [ITStaff@kssb.net](mailto:ITStaff@kssb.net)

**Website:** <http://www.kssb.net/>

**Contact Name:** Madeleine Burkindine, Principal

**Organization Type:** Schools and School Districts

**Disabilities Served:** Visual Impairment / Blind

The mission of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) is to empower students with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to assume responsible roles in society and to lead fulfilling lives. KSSB works to establish partnerships with parents, school districts, and community resources to promote access to a high quality education for all Kansas students with visual impairments, regardless of where they attend school. The School believes that their citizens who are blind or visually impaired are valuable members of society who contribute greatly to communities when they are afforded equal access to a quality education and to opportunities for empowerment. Every employee and volunteer in their agency is a team member dedicated to ensuring the children and youth served by KSSB achieve their goals. They believe in continuous empowerment through the Quality Performance Accreditation and Kansas Quality Management processes, and they are committed to seeing that every child, parent, and school district who needs their services received the best assistance possible.

## **The National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind (NTAC)**

4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 108

Shawnee Mission, KS 66205

**Phone:** 800-438-9376

**Fax:** 503-838-8150

**E-mail:** [info@nationaldb.org](mailto:info@nationaldb.org)

**Website:** <http://www.tr.wou.edu/ntac/>

**Contact Name:** Jon Harding

**Organization Type:** Disability/Disorder Specific

**Disabilities Served:** Deaf / Blind

The National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind (NTAC) assists families, service providers and State Deaf-Blind projects, as well as other local and state agencies, in their efforts to improve the quality of early intervention, education and transition services to children and young adults who are deaf-blind. This is accomplished by providing technical assistance on effective practice and promoting collaborative partnerships for meeting the unique and diverse needs of children and young adults who are deaf-blind and their families.

**KANSAS REHABILITATION CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
IMPAIRED**

**2601 SW East Circle Drive North**

**Topeka, KS 66606**

**Telephone: (785) 296-3311**

**Fax: (785) 291-3138**

**(Serving Kansans aged 14+ who are blind or have visual impairments.)**

**Sources of Custom-Produced Books**

Emporia

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*Kansas State Library Talking Book Service ESU Memorial Union*

*Box 4055*

*1200 Commercial*

*Emporia, KS 66801*

*316-343-7124*

*Pattilang@ink.org*

*Librarian:*

*Patti Lang*

*Braille:* literary, short items, tests; computer-produced; software (Duxbury); embosser (VersaPoint)

*Other Information:* accepts no requests or assignments outside state

Kansas City

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*Delores R. Benjamin Braille Transcribers*

*Sponsor: Kansas Instructional Resource Center*

*Kansas State School for the Blind*

*1100 State Avenue*

*Kansas City, KS 66102*

*Group coordinator:*

*Ed Handly*

*(913) 339-6958*

*Braille:* literary, general, textbooks, music; computer-produced; software (Microbraille II, Braille Proof II)

*Other Information:* accepts students; priority given to needs of sponsor and local community

Wichita

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*American Red Cross Braille Service*

*Midway-Kansas Chapter*

*707 North Main*

*Wichita, KS 67203-3669*

*(316) 265-6601 voice/fax*

*Chairperson:*

*Von E. Eulert*

*6323 Eilerts*

*Wichita, KS 67218-2811*

*(316) 683-6706*

*eulert@crossnet.org*

*Cochairperson:*

*Reeva Anderson*

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

*Other Information:* gives priority to local assignments, sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection

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*Braille Association of Kansas, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 17032*

*Wichita, KS 67217*

*(316) 838-4060*

*Chairperson:*

*Don Oltean*

*P.O. Box 17032*

*Wichita, KS 67217*

*Braille:* literary, textbooks; tactile drawings and maps

*Braille chairperson:*

*Jennie E. Byerley*

*7373 East 29th North, #E330*

*Wichita, KS 67226*

| Organization              | Kansas Braille Transcription Institute                             | Envision/ Print Division                                                             | Independence, Inc.                                                   | Kansas Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (KSBVI)                                      | Prairie Independent Living Resource Center           | Topeka Independent Living Resource Center                                                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contact person            | Randy or Ronda                                                     | Regina Henderson                                                                     | Jim Spitzer or Mark Creamer                                          | Media of Choice (MOC) Team or Matt Coward                                                        | Chris Owens                                          | Angie Harter or Jolene Benham                                                                                        |
| Phone number              | (316) 265-9692                                                     | (316) 425-7143                                                                       | (785) 841-0333                                                       | (785) 296-8374                                                                                   | (620) 663-3989                                       | (785) 233-4572                                                                                                       |
| email address             | <a href="mailto:info@kbtbi.org">info@kbtbi.org</a>                 | <a href="mailto:regina.henderson@envisionus.com">regina.henderson@envisionus.com</a> | <a href="mailto:jims@independencinc.org">jims@independencinc.org</a> | <a href="mailto:rs-media@srskansas.org">rs-media@srskansas.org</a>                               | <a href="mailto:cowens@pilr.org">cowens@pilr.org</a> | <a href="mailto:aharter@tilrc.org">aharter@tilrc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:ibenham@tilrc.org">ibenham@tilrc.org</a> |
| Other address             | 1200 E. Waterman                                                   | 2301 South Water                                                                     | 2001 Haskell                                                         | 2601 SW E. Circle Drive, North                                                                   | 17 S. Main                                           | 501 SW Jackson, Suite 100                                                                                            |
|                           | Wichita, KS 67211                                                  | Wichita, KS 67213                                                                    | Lawrence, KS 66046                                                   | Topeka, Kansas 66606                                                                             | Hutchinson, KS 67501                                 | Topeka, Kansas 66603                                                                                                 |
| Web site                  | <a href="http://www.ktbi.org/services">www.ktbi.org (services)</a> | <a href="http://www.envisionus.com">www.envisionus.com</a>                           | <a href="http://www.independenceinc.org">www.independenceinc.org</a> | <a href="http://www.srskansas.org/rehab/text/SBVI.htm">www.srskansas.org/rehab/text/SBVI.htm</a> | n/a                                                  | <a href="http://www.tilrc.org">www.tilrc.org</a>                                                                     |
| Cost per page/side        | \$1.00 per 2-sided page (varies)                                   | \$0.75 for 2-sided page                                                              | \$0.25 per 1-sided page; \$0.50 per 2-sided page                     | \$0.80 per 2-sided page                                                                          | \$2.00 per 2-sided pg.                               | \$1.00 per page if in text format;                                                                                   |
| 2 sided pages?            | Yes                                                                | Yes                                                                                  | Yes                                                                  | Yes                                                                                              | Yes                                                  | No                                                                                                                   |
| Formatting?               | Yes                                                                | Yes, if not Word, may be some additional cost.                                       | \$15 set up fee which includes formatting, minor changes             | Yes, so it's easier to read, and tabs.                                                           | Yes                                                  | Yes, then cost is \$1.50 per page                                                                                    |
| Proofread material?       | Yes                                                                | Yes                                                                                  | No, but will run spell check.                                        | Yes, but don't change content.                                                                   | Yes                                                  | No                                                                                                                   |
| Average turn around time? | Small – one day; Large week or more.                               | Small - 48 hours; Large 7-10 business days                                           | Small - 1-2 days; large - up to a week                               | Two weeks                                                                                        | Approx. one week                                     | Depends on size of document.                                                                                         |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Binding                         | Binding is \$2.60 per document | Do comb binding or spiral binding. \$1.50 per document    | Spiral binding is \$1.50 per document | Bind anything over 4 pages                                                                                                                                                                 | Bind 3+ pages                      | Comb or staple; included in price.                      |
| Large Print (typically 18 font) | Yes                            | Yes, \$0.20 per 2-sided pg.                               | Yes, \$0.25 per page                  | \$0.30 per page                                                                                                                                                                            | No                                 | \$1.50 per page to format & print.                      |
| Cassette Tape                   | No                             | \$3.50 per tape.                                          | No                                    | \$4 per 15 min. for reading plus \$1 per tape                                                                                                                                              | No, use State Talking Book Library | \$1.00 per page to read; \$1.50 per tape                |
| Computer disk or CD             | No                             | Yes, \$5 for initial file plus \$3.50 per diskette or CD. | No                                    | \$0.30 per printed pg plus \$1 per diskette or CD                                                                                                                                          | No, use State Talking Book Library | \$1.00 per page to read; \$2.50 per CD; \$1.50 per disk |
| Handling (if shipped)           | No                             | No.                                                       | No                                    | \$1.50                                                                                                                                                                                     | No                                 | No, unless large order                                  |
| Shipping cost                   | Cost of mailing.               | Cost of mailing plus envelope.                            | Cost of mailing                       | Cost of mailing                                                                                                                                                                            | Cost of mailing.                   | No, unless large order                                  |
|                                 |                                | Also do business cards and labels in Braille              |                                       | <b>Priorities of handling requests:</b><br><br>KSVBI clients - no charge.<br>Rehab services staff - no charge.<br><br>SRS - cost listed above.<br>Other organizations - cost listed above. |                                    |                                                         |

## **Kansas Instructional Resource Center**

1100 State Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66102-4411  
Phone: 913-281-3308  
Fax: 913-281-3104

The **Kansas Instructional Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired** will provide, or assist, in the procurement of, Braille, large print, or recorded textbooks and other educational materials for Kansas students who are blind/visually impaired so they can remain and succeed in the most appropriate educational setting, whether public, private, or parochial.

**KIRC** assists local education agencies by providing support for teachers of students with visual impairments.

We provide:

- Professional development
- Current professional information
- Specialized materials searches
- Professional library
- Resource library on Deaf-Blindness

**KIRC** assists the citizens of Kansas by providing information about vision, blindness, and resources.

We provide:

- General Information
- Referral network
- Information and referral service

**Our funding** sources include:

- State General Funds
- Title VI-B Grant
- Federal Quota Account at the American Printing House for the Blind
- Volunteers