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Blind/Visual Impairment Resources
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Blind Center of Nevada

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Organization Type: State and Local Organizations
Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

The Blind Center of Nevada is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting individuals who are blind or visually impaired of all ages in reaching their highest physical, social, intellectual, and economic potential. The Center offers personal development, social interaction, and meaningful employment. Personal development includes assisted living, computer training, medical care, physical fitness and emotional support. The Center’s social interactions include arts and crafts, recreational outings, transportation assistance, lunches, and entertainment. Finally, their meaningful employment aspect of the community includes job training, career development, vocational rehabilitation and placement.

Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center

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Organization Type: General, Assistive Technology, Disability/Disorder Specific, Independent and Community Living, Information Centers, Parent/Family Support, University-Affiliated Programs
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific, Autism, Brain Injury and Stroke, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Deaf / Blind, Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Mental Retardation, Mobility Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Neurological Disorders, Orthopedically Impaired, Apraxia of Speech, Dyslexia

Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center (NATRC) The NATRC is funded by a grant from the Nevada Office of Disability Services to increase knowledge and use of Assistive Technology throughout the state of Nevada. NATRC offers workshops, trainings, informational brochures, technical assistance, and direct services to better inform the community of what AT is and how it can benefit persons with disabilities, throughout the lifespan, in our state.

Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project

Department of Educational Specialties/MS 299
The purpose of the Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project is to enhance the educational services provided to children and youth, birth through 21 years, with vision and hearing impairments. The project provides statewide technical assistance to support parents, services providers, and other service agencies in meeting the educational needs of children who have dual sensory impairments.

Nevada Special Education Technology Assistance Project

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Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations
Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The Nevada Special Education Technology Assistance Project (NSETAP) was established by the Special Education Branch of the Nevada Department of Education. The Project’s purpose is to provide resources to school districts for making informed decisions regarding assistive technology devices and/or services which meet state and federal mandates. The Project provides a range of services to education agencies and the professionals that serve students with disabilities.

Nevada Talking Book Services

Nevada State Library and Archives; 100 N. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4285
Phone: (775)684-3354 (800)922-9334 (775)687-8338(TDD)
Fax: (775) 684-3355
E-mail: keputnam@clan.lib.nv.us
Website: http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=568&Itemid=110
Contact Name: Keri E. Putnam, Regional Librarian
Organization Type: General
Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind, Learning Disabilities, Mobility Impaired

The Nevada Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped are part of the Library of Congress’ National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) network of libraries providing services to blind, visually or physically handicapped individuals. Books and magazines are available on cassette, disc or in Braille. Recorded books and magazines and special playback equipment are loaned to
eligible readers free of charge. All reading materials are sent to and returned by readers through postage-free mail. The Regional Library in Carson city also provides reference and information services about sources of spoken-word recordings, special format materials, Braille instruction and other resources available to individuals unable to use regular print materials.

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Sources of Custom-Produced Books

Carson City

Consolidated Braille Transcribers
Northern Nevada Correctional Center
P.O. Box 7000
Carson City, NV 89701
(702) 882-9203, ext. 220
Group sponsor:
Jessie Walsh, warden

Las Vegas

Spring Mountain Braillers
Visually Impaired Department
Building No. 61
601 North 9th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Chairperson: Jane Hollowood

Braille: literary, math, textbooks, computer notation, Spanish; tactile drawings and maps; thermoforming; spiral binding; computer-produced; software (BEX); embosser (Romeo)

Other Information: sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection, provides title list.

Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation

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Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) provides a variety of services to eligible individuals, whose vision is not correctable by general eye care. The Bureau helps individuals with vision disabilities make decisions about their future employment through evaluation and testing tailored to the participant’s needs. The program also offers counseling and training to help individuals learn to maneuver safely with confidence.

Other services may include:
assistance with job seeking
assistive technology tools
assistance with job site modification
transition services for high school students
independent living program for persons over 55

For those unable to work, the Bureau helps them with home management and daily living skills, mobility training, communications skills, low vision exams and aids and other services. The Bureau also offers a program for individuals interested in owning their own business, called the Business Enterprises of Nevada (BEN) program.

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