

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

**American Foundation for the Blind,  
15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011  
(201) 862-8838**

[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

An orientation and mobility primer for families and young children

Building blocks: Foundations for learning for young blind and visually impaired children

Children with visual impairments: A parent's guide (Holbrook, (Ed.) 1996)

Early Focus: Working with visually impaired children and their families 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Pogrud, Fazzi, & Lambert, 2002)

Early years: A series

Essential element in early intervention: Visual impairment and multiple disabilities (Chen (Ed.), 1999)

Finding a new path: Guidance for parents of young children who are visually impaired or blind

Let's Play! A guide to toys for children with special needs. (available on the afb website)

Parenting preschoolers: Suggestions for raising young blind and visually impaired children

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

**American Printing House for the Blind  
P.O. Box 6085, Louisville, KY 40206-0085  
(502) 895-2405**

[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

Developmental guidelines for infants with visual impairment: A manual for early intervention

Learning Together

On the way to literacy: Early experiences for visually impaired children (print handbook)

Parents and Visually Impaired Infants

Reach for the Stars, Planning for the future (

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

[www.blindbabies.org](http://www.blindbabies.org)

Pediatric Visual Diagnosis Fact Sheets (can be downloaded)

**Blind Children's 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](http://www.blindcntr.org/pubs.htm)

(Many of the publications are available in Spanish)

A unique way of learning: Teaching young children with optic nerve hypoplasia

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](http://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. Their website contains a publication list and a sample of the quarterly newsletter, VIP. The website also has articles for parents that are updated periodically. Current articles include:

Braille—what is it?

Parent suggestions for IEP meetings

A unique developmental pattern: The young child with blindness/visual impairment

### **Hadley School for the Blind**

**700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 - 2554**

**Toll Free: (800) 323 - 4238**

<http://www.hadley-school.org/WebSite/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**

<http://www.spedex.com/napvi/>

Awareness Newsletter

In celebration of grandparenting (available in Spanish)

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.

**The Virginia Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired**  
**P.O. Box 605**  
**Chesterfield, VA 23832**  
**(804) 938-1624**

[www.childshopeforsight.com](http://www.childshopeforsight.com)

This is a new Virginia chapter of NAPVI.

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

[www.tsbvi.edu](http://www.tsbvi.edu)

This site provides many practical resources for families and professions and it provides links to other sites related to visual impairment. The SEE/HEAR Newsletter is available on this website.

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