



Resource Directory for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Virginia Eye Institute

400 Westhampton Station
Richmond, Virginia 23226
804-282-3931, 800-348-2393 - VA Toll Free

www.vaeye.com

Complete, specialized, convenient eye care is what you will find at Virginia Eye Institute (VEI) - central Virginia's leading eye care practice. The board-certified and fellowship trained ophthalmologists (MD), optometrists (OD), and highly trained staff are among the nation's best, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of eye disorders.

When surgical care is required, patients receive the latest technology and personal care. In fact, 99% of our patients recommend VEI to their family and friends. VEI's surgical center meets the stringent requirements of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. and is licensed by the state.

Access to specialized care is also convenient. VEI offers 11 offices and 7 optical stores in Richmond and surrounding areas.

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

397 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23227
804-371-3140 - Voice/TTY, 800-622-2155 - Voice/TTY

www.vdbvi.org

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is committed to providing quality services to assist Virginia's citizens who are blind, deafblind or vision impaired in achieving their maximum level of employment, education, and personal independence. The department's services complement and support Governor Warner's Action Plan for Virginia to promote independent living in the community for Virginians with disabilities.

Virginia Library and Resource Center, LRC

395 Azalea Ave

Richmond, Virginia 23227

804-371-3661-Voice/TTY, 800-552-7015 - Voice/TTY

www.vdbvi.org/library_resourcecenter.htm

The Library and Resource Center is a component of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) from which two fundamental programs are administered. Library services are offered to persons who are physically disabled, visually disabled, hearing impaired or reading disabled. Resource Center services are provided to local school divisions to support education of visually impaired and blind children.

Virginia Voice for the Print Handicapped

395 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227

804-266-2477

www.virginiavoice.org

Virginia Voice for the Print Handicapped is a non-profit radio reading service for those who are unable to read for themselves because of visual impairment or other disability. Virginia Voice broadcasts daily an organized program of reading of printed material, including newspapers, magazines, books, and publications of various organizations. The readings are broadcast by way of closed circuit, utilizing the subcarriers of public radio stations, WCVB-FM in Richmond, and WHRO-FM in Norfolk. For reception of this service, Virginia Voice provides specially manufactured radios, on a loan basis, to print handicapped people within the broadcast areas.

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired

401 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, Virginia 23227

804-371-3151 - Voice/TTY

www.vrcbvi.org

The Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VRCBVI), operated by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI), was established in 1970 to provide comprehensive adjustment services to severely visually impaired Virginians. For a blind person, using senses other than sight to "see" may be difficult at first, but with the proper training, it can be much easier. That is our goal at The Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired. The center teaches blind persons strategies and skills to adapt to living without sight, and we teach people with partial vision ways to use their remaining sight more effectively.

Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA)

11618 Busy Street
Richmond, VA 23236
804-423-2020, 888-790-2020

www.TheEyeSite.org

PBMA is the local affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, dedicated to the prevention and early detection of vision problems. Focused on consumer advocacy and promoting vision as an important part of the continuum of health care, PBMA provides comprehensive programs that incorporate vision screenings and eye health and safety education. In addition to making sure that children are equipped to make the most of their education by identifying students who need glasses or other treatment, and providing financial assistance for those who qualify, PBMA is committed to raising awareness of the importance of protecting healthy vision for all ages through regular eye exams and eye safety measures like safety eyewear and UV protection.

Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind Volunteer Council (VRCB)

401 Azalea Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23227
804-371-3151

www.site4sight.org

The Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind Volunteer Council, incorporated in 1989 as a nonprofit organization, was established to provide support for the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired and its customers. The Council consists of representatives from business, civic and community organizations, church groups, sororities and fraternities, staff, volunteers and former customers of the Center and other interested individuals.

Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy

1910 Byrd Avenue, Suite 5
Richmond, Virginia 23230
804-225-2042, 800-552-3962 (Voice and TTY)
FAX: 804-662-7057

E-mail: general.vopa@vopa.virginia.gov

www.disabilitylawva.org

The Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) helps with disability-related problems like abuse, neglect, and discrimination. We also help people with disabilities obtain services and treatment. All callers receive help with these problems. Individuals with problems, targeted in our program priorities, may also receive advocacy services and/or legal representation.

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100

Columbia, MD 21046

410- 423-0600, 800-683-5555, TTD Toll Free 800-683-5551

www.blindness.org

The urgent mission of The Foundation Fighting Blindness is to find the causes, treatments, preventions, and cures for retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

Lions of Virginia

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www.lionsofvirginia.org

As Lions, we volunteer our time and efforts to humanitarian causes throughout our district and the State of Virginia. By conducting service projects and raising funds, we strive to help those in need - wherever the need exists: locally or throughout the world community. The Lions' motto is "We Serve."

CARE Transportation – GRTC

Specialized Transportation

301 East Belt Blvd.

Richmond, VA 23224

804-782-2273 (CARE)

www.ridegrtc.com/RideGRTC.aspx?pg=Care

CARE is the greater Richmond transit center (grtc) paratransit service available for seniors and the disabled in the greater Richmond region. This program provides advance reservation, curb-to-curb paratransit service for qualified persons in the City of Richmond and Henrico County.