Deaf-Blind Resources

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)
E-mail: AADB-Info@aadb.org
www.aadb.org
National consumer organization of, by, and for deaf-blind Americans and their supporters. Provide information, referral, advocacy, trainings, workshops, and technical assistance on topics related to deaf-blindness. Publish bi-yearly magazine and monthly e-newsletter.

Deaf Abused Women’s Network (DAWN)
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Washington, DC 20011
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E-mail: info@deafdawn.org
E-mail: hotline@deafdawn.org
(Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
www.deafdawn.org
DAWN provides educational outreach and other resources to help prevent abuse and promote healthy relationships in Washington, DC’s Deaf community. DAWN provides crisis intervention services for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind communities. Our survivor services include: resource referral (medical and legal); case management; peer advocacy; counseling; and support groups.

Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind
Youths and Adults
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www.hknc.org
East Central Regional Office
Cynthia Ingraham, Regional Representative
14440 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 214
Laurel, MD 20707
240-786-6534 (V)
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240-667-7295 (Videophone)
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Serving MD, DC, VA, DE, PA, WV.
The Center provides services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the Helen Keller Act. Support services for youth and adults who are deaf-blind, their families and the professionals who serve them across the country are provided through our system of field services. Staff provides information, training and support through core services including assistive technology training, communication training, independent living training, orientation and mobility training, and vocational training.
Regional Representatives - Provide information, support and advocacy nationwide to individuals with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who support them
Senior Adult Services - Senior Adult Specialist provides information, support, advocacy and training to seniors, age 55 and better, with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who serve them. Through the Confident Living Program, offered at HKNC headquarters, and the Confident Living Program On the Road, seniors learn about: self advocacy; creative solutions to performing daily tasks; low and high tech devices; local resources and more.
Community Services Program - A team of rehabilitation professionals provide home- and work-based services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind living in the 5 boroughs of New York City, Westchester and Long Island.
Residential Program – Located in Sands Point, NY. Develop invaluable skills and strategies to help you in every area of your daily life – from managing your home and communicating with loved ones to traveling safely and succeeding on the job.
Youth Programs – Summer programs for deaf-blind young adults ages 16 to 23. Work one-on-one with experts in assistive technology, vocational training, mobility and more. Share experiences with other deaf-blind students in small peer-group sessions.

HumanWare Communicator
1-800-722-3393 (Toll Free)
E-mail: info@humanware.com
www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/deafblind_communication_solutions
HumanWare Communicator is a face-to-face conversation app for deaf-blind people. This app helps deaf-blind individuals communicate on an everyday basis by connecting a HumanWare Braille device (BrailleNote Apex or Brailleant) with an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. Portable Brailleant Braille display combined with Apple’s popular iOS tools (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad), allow a deaf-blind user to utilize all the communication options that an iOS device has to offer. Type text messages with the Brailleant’s Braille input keys, read emails in Braille and quickly respond, and engage in a face to face conversation with a sighted individual.
iCanConnect
TCS Associates
7361 Calhoun Place, Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20850
240-428-1820 (V)
240-221-1227 (VP)
E-mail: info@tcsassociates.com
www.iCanConnect.org
Provides free access to distance communication technologies, including smartphones, computers, software and Braille readers, as well as training and support, to people with significant combined hearing and vision loss who meet federal income guidelines. TCS Associates is the official distributor for the National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program in the state of Maryland.

Maryland School for the Blind
3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236
410-444-5000 (V)
E-mail: info@mdschblind.org
www.mdschblind.org
Provide a traditional classroom education in addition to a wide range of services, including Braille and low vision instruction, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, therapeutic recreation, residential services, career education, health services, psychology, social work, speech, physical and occupational therapy, outreach and transition, and infant/toddler services. Serve students who are deafblind.

Maryland School for the Deaf
Frederick Campus
101 Clarke Place
P.O. Box 250
Frederick, MD 21705-0250
301-360-0250 (V)
301-360-2001 (TTY)
240-221-1227 (VP)
E-mail: frederick@msd.edu
Columbia Campus
P.O. Box 894
8169 Old Montgomery Road
Columbia, MD 21045
E-mail: columbia@msd.edu
410-696-3027 (V)
410-480-4501 (TTY)
410-696-7449 (Videophone)
www.msd.edu
Provide free public education for children from birth through age 21 who are deaf and hard of hearing, reside in Maryland, and meet the admissions criteria. Serve children across a broad spectrum of intellectual and physical abilities, including those with mild to severe additional disabilities. Utilize a general education curriculum as well as the voluntary state curriculum. Students are immersed in educational, developmental, and extra-curricular activities.

Metro Washington Association of the DeafBlind
E-mail: board@mwadb.org
www.mwadb.org
Social organization where individuals who are Deaf-Blind and their friends meet on a regular basis to share stories and enjoy activities. The Deaf-Blind members are people who have both some hearing and visual loss. A Deaf-Blind Event is held monthly except for June and July. Events consist of socializing, guest lecturers and games. Membership is open to all deaf, hard of hearing deaf-blind and hearing persons 18 years old or older. Membership is free.

National Center on Deaf-Blindness
503-838-8754 (V)
E-mail: info@nationaldb.org
www.nationaldb.org
Work to improve the quality of life for children who are deaf-blind and their families by: Creating visibility and direction for identified priorities through a range of practices, activities, supports and partnerships; Identifying and encouraging new innovations in local, state, and national practice and policy; Promoting opportunity for reflection, debate, and constructive dialogue around ideas and developing practice; Maintaining a rich repository of content, history, and knowledge, easily available and shared by all who are part of the community of deaf-blindness.

National Federation of the Blind of Maryland
Sharon Maneki, President
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Columbia, MD 21045
410-715-9596 (V)
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Sligo Creek Chapter
Debbie Brown, President
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Monthly meetings second Saturday primarily in Silver Spring, MD. Draws members from Montgomery County and surrounding areas.

White Cane ‘& More’ and Beyond Specs Store
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Silver Spring, MD 20910-3658
301-589-0866 (V)
www.whitecaneandmore.com/index.html
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