Resources

The following resources may be useful for individuals, families, employers and employees. They are grouped in categories, for easier reference.

Advocacy and Research Organizations

The American Council of the Blind (ACB)

The American Council of the Blind is a membership advocacy organization that offers many programs and services related to assistive technology and accessibility, including an advocacy podcast, a technology show (Main Menu) and more.

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

The American Foundation for the Blind's Website offers numerous Assistive and mainstream technology resources for individuals, employers, family members and professionals. AFB publishes a magazine dedicated to technology called AccessWorld which features in-depth reviews of assistive and mainstream technology products.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

The National Federation of the Blind is another great resource for those wishing to learn more about blindness, vision loss or assistive technology. NFB offers the International Technology and Braille Center, a comprehensive technology evaluation, demonstration, and training facility located at NFB’s national headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

Accommodating Workers who are Blind or Experiencing Vision Loss

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

This documentation from the EEOC discusses accommodating workers who are blind or have low vision and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies

Each state in the United States, and US territories, has at least one vocational rehabilitation agency that assists individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain, maintain, or regain employment. Some states have separate agencies that specifically serve the needs of blind or low vision individuals. The Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN), provides contact information for vocational rehabilitation agencies.

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

JAN offers many webinars and information on its website AskJAN.org.

Web Accessibility In Mind (WebAIM)

The WebAIM website offers checklists, resources, email discussion lists and more to help content creators and web developers ensure documents and websites are accessible for all users.

Microsoft

Microsoft’s Office Accessibility Center support page provides useful tips to make Office documents accessible for all. The page also includes links to Windows accessibility resources and Microsoft’s disability answer desks.