



If you know of any corrections or additions to this list, please let us know. A list of National Vision Resources is available at the National Eye Institute at www.nei.nih.gov/health/organizations.

Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology

PO Box 11455
Montgomery, AL 36111-0455
334/269-9900
www.aleyemd.com

Alabama Association For Parents of Visually Impaired

450 Riverchase Parkway East
Birmingham, AL 35244
Based in Birmingham, AAPVI is a support group for parents of children who are blind or otherwise visually impaired.

Alabama Child Caring Foundation

PO Box 830870
Birmingham, AL 35283-0870
800/726-2289 toll-free or 205/220-5929 phone
fax 205/220-5939

Based in Birmingham and affiliated with Blue Cross-Blue Shield, this foundation provides payment for professional eye exams, lenses and frames for Alabama children, 18 and under, who are uninsured.

Alabama Council of the Blind

1018 East St. S.
Talladega, AL 35160
256/362-5649

The Alabama Council of the Blind is an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, the nation's leading membership organization of blind and visually impaired people. The council strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving education and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.

Alabama Deaf-Blind Project

110C Worrell Building
924 South 18th Street
Birmingham, AL 35294
205/934-6723 phone
205/934-6722 fax

msanspree@icare.opt.uab.edu

ADBP is a federally-funded technical assistance program that supports a statewide registry of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. This program also provides training to service providers and parents. It is based in Birmingham.

Alabama Department of Public Health

201 Monroe Street
RSA Tower
Montgomery, AL 36104
334/206-5300
www.adph.org

Alabama Department Of Rehabilitation Services

2129 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36116-2455
334/281-8780 phone
800/441-7607
334/281-1973 fax

The Blind Services Division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services offers assistance for citizens who live with low vision or blindness through a variety of programs offered at regional offices throughout the state. Availability varies from region to region. ADRS collaborates with other institutions, such as the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the State Department of Education, and Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association. ADRS provides blind and low vision direct services (such as eye exams and referrals, transportation, equipment, training and rehabilitation services), and support services (such as financial assistance or referrals) through the following programs:

- Early Intervention Program: For families of children from birth to two years of age.
- Children's Rehabilitation Services: For individuals from ages three to 21.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services: For those from ages 16 to 65.
- Project Oasis (Older Alabamians System Of Information And Services): For individuals 55 and above.

Alabama Department of Senior Services

770 Washington Avenue
Suite 470
Montgomery, AL 36130-1851
334/242-5743
800/243-5463 toll free
www.adss.state.al.us

Alabama Eye Bank

500 Robert Jemison Road

Birmingham, AL 35209

205/942-2120

205/942-2129 fax

800/423-7811 donor referrals

aeb@mindspring.com

www.alabamaeyebank.org

The objective of the Alabama Eye Bank is to obtain donations of quality human eye tissue for distribution to qualified physicians and vision scientists for use in sight restoring corneal transplants, medical education, and research. The Eye Bank has headquarters in Birmingham and regional offices in Huntsville, Mobile and Montgomery.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

205 East South Street

Talladega, AL 35160

256/761-3200

256/761-3344 fax

www.aidb.org

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is a comprehensive education, rehabilitation and service program for children and adults who are deaf, blind and multi-disabled. AIDB services include early intervention, traditional and non-traditional education and vocational programs, rehabilitation and employment opportunities for clients of all ages ranging from infancy through senior citizens.

AIDB includes four residential schools and an industrial venture in Talladega and eight regional centers serving every county in the state. Following is a summary of its programs.

•Alabama School for the Blind

705 East South Street

Talladega, AL 35160

256/761-3362

This school provides a well rounded education program for blind and vision-impaired children ages 3 through 21 focusing on academic and vocational curriculums, championship athletics, music, independent living skills, assistive technology and mobility.

•Instructional Resource Center for the Blind

This center is a statewide provider of special media materials (in Braille, large print and tape) for blind and visually impaired students and clients at AIDB, local education agencies and rehabilitation programs. Located on the ASB campus, the center maintains an equipment inventory of educational aids such as cassette recorders, Braille writers and other specialized tools, and is a full production and duplication facility for Braille and large print and recorded textbooks. All materials are available on loan, free of charge to eligible students and clients.

•Helen Keller School of Alabama

Fort Lashley Avenue

Talladega, AL 35160

256/761-3377

Designed for children ages 3 through 21 who are deaf, blind, deaf-blind and multidisabled, this program focuses on the unique needs of each child with an educational plan strong in

independent living, motor and communication skills. The school's transition program helps families develop a plan for integrating graduates into their homes and communities.

•**E. H. Gentry Technical Facility**

Fort Lashley Avenue
Talladega,AL 35160
205/761-3450

This facility is a post-secondary education and rehabilitation program focused on evaluation, adjustment and vocational training for deaf and blind adults. Strong emphasis is placed on assistive technology and the Gentry program also features college, preparatory and career exploration services and GED preparation.

•**Alabama Industries for the Blind**

1209 Fort Lashley Avenue
Talladega,AL 35160
256/761-3376

A diverse manufacturing complex, AIB provides job and career opportunities for blind persons who prefer to be tax producers and not tax consumers. AIB employees produce more than 100 items including all the military neckties for the U.S. Armed Forces.

•**Office of Health, Evaluation and Outreach**

Dowling Building
South Street
Talladega,AL 35160
256/761-3274

This office coordinates health-related programs, evaluation, admission and outreach services for students and clients. Health care services include psychology, audiology, physical therapy, low vision, nursing, dental and orthopedic clinics.

•**Low Vision Clinic**

In cooperation with the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, AIDB's low vision department offers clinics, assessments and technical assistance for optimal diagnosis, treatment and understanding of eye and vision care. The on-campus clinic is furnished with up-to-date equipment and a digital video imaging system allows the transmission of eye images directly to the office of consulting physicians. A consulting ophthalmologist who is a glaucoma specialist also works with the program to follow students with glaucoma.

•**Elderaction**

Elderaction currently provides audiological and vision screenings for seniors in most areas of the state and offers a hearing aid repair service for residents of Northeast Alabama through a grant from the East Alabama Commission on Aging. Counseling and in-service training is available statewide for caregivers and those working with older people with sensory loss.

•**Marianna Greene Henry Special Equestrians**

Marianna Greene Henry Arena
29401 Alabama 21 South
Talladega, AL 35160
256/761-3365

This program combines horseback riding with physical therapy for a motivating and beneficial

exercise experience for blind children and adults. The MGH Arena is one of the largest in the Southeast and the hippotherapy program is nationally accredited.

•Regional Centers

Director 256/761-3370

The regional centers are designed to address the needs of blind and vision impaired children and adults in their home communities.

AIDB's outreach programs serve all 67 counties of the state through eight regional centers located in Auburn, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Talladega, Tuscaloosa and the Shoals.

AIDB's Parent Infant Preschool Program provides early intervention, in-home education and counseling for infants, toddlers and their families. Regional centers also offer Kinderprep classes for preschoolers.

Adult Services include counseling, mobility, assistive technology training, transportation, information and referral and other services as needed in individual communities.

Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, Inc.

700 South 18th Street, Suite 103

Birmingham, AL 35233

205/325-8519

205/325-8564 fax

A project of Alabama Lions, ALSCA provides eye services to medically indigent patients throughout the state, including eye exams, glasses, contact lenses, low vision aids, prescription medications, prosthetics and surgery/hospitalization. Traveling eye screening services also are delivered through the ALSCA Mobile Screening Unit. ALSCA headquarters are located in Birmingham. Alabama Lions Sight is a partner in the Alabama Rural Alabama Eye Health Care Program, a cooperative effort among several organizations designed to provide initial eye screenings among the citizens of Perry, Lowndes, Dallas and Montgomery counties.

Alabama Optometric Association

400 South Union Street, Suite 435

Montgomery, AL 36104

334/834-1057

www.eyesite-aloa.org

Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

6030 Monticello Drive

Montgomery, AL 36130-6000

334/213-3906

800/392-5671 toll free

334/213-3900 TDD/TTY

www.apls.state.al/webpages/services/services.html#bph

Based in Montgomery and accessible throughout the state library network, the regional library provides services for the blind and physically handicapped, including circulation of books, magazines and other reader advisor services.

Alabama Radio Reading Service Network

650 11th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35294-4530
205/934-2606
205/934-5075 fax

A broadcast service of WBHM-FM. Designed for the blind and physically handicapped, this network provides access to in-depth coverage of local and national news, consumer information, books, magazines and entertaining features through programs broadcast seven days a week.

Alabama State Department of Education

50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, AL 36130
334/242-8114
800/392-8020 toll free
334/242-8406 TDD/TTY
www.alsde.edu

American Diabetes Association

Suite 3031
200 Office Park Drive
Birmingham, AL 35223
205/870-5172
205/879-2903 fax

With headquarters in Birmingham, the Alabama division of the American Diabetes Association sponsors education, research and service programs regarding the prevention and treatment of diabetes, including potential complications leading to vision loss or blindness. Screenings for diabetic retinopathy are conducted in some areas at various times during the year.

Birmingham Health Care

1600 20th Street South
P.O. Box 11523
Birmingham AL 35202-1523
205/212-5600
205/212-5660 fax

Birmingham Health Care's mission for the underserved in the Birmingham Metropolitan area, including the homeless, is to provide direct medical and health services; facilitate access to public benefits and available community-based resources; and through coordinated, community-wide effort, advocate and promote solutions to the problems facing this population. BHC has a program that provides eyeglasses to the homeless and indigent diabetic and non-diabetic population of the Birmingham metro area.

Birmingham Independent Living Center

206 13th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35233-1317
205/251-2223 Voice-TTY
205/251-0605 fax
bhamilc@ix.netcom.com

Birmingham Museum of Art — Hands Across Art

2000 8th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203-2278
205/254-2571
205/254-2714 fax
www.artsbma.org

A national leader in museum tours created specifically for sight-impaired visitors, the museum features a program called Hands Across Art which provides tours led by specially trained docents and sight guides and includes three-dimensional tactile reproductions of European and American paintings and art.

Cahaba Valley Health Care, Inc.

5099 Caldwell Mill Road
Birmingham, AL 35242
205/991-8771
205/991-7762 fax
comfortnrs@aol.com
www.miclinica.org

Cahaba Valley Health Care was started in 2000 to address the growing need for access to health care for the underserved, primarily Spanish-speaking families in Jefferson and Shelby Counties. The focus of this interfaith organization is to establish a health care delivery system that offers needed services to a population limited by trust, cultural, and access barriers. Their primary service currently is a vision screening and referral program.

Camp Seale Harris

PO Box 1179
Killen, AL 35645
256/765-2431
256/765-2432
campsealeharris@aol.com

Camp Seale Harris is an educational camping program committed to teaching children how to live with diabetes. The camp's goal is to help children learn to practice intensive diabetes management in order to live healthy, happy and productive lives. Children and families attend structured education sessions and the children learn to live with daily challenges of diabetes while participating in activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, games and fishing.

Easter Seals Central Alabama

2125 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36116-2454
334/288-0240
<http://carc2125.homestead.com/>

Eye Injury Registry of Alabama

Suite 300
1201 11th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205
205/558-2557
205/558-2553 fax

This registry, based in Birmingham, tracks eye injuries and outcomes, providing a database for physicians on ways to minimize damage and, when possible, partially restore vision in the event of eye injury.

EyeSight Foundation of Alabama

700 South 18th Street, Suite 123

Birmingham, AL 35233

205/325-8508

205/325-8335 fax

www.eyesightfoundation.org

To promote the health of the human eye through education, research and patient care, including indigent care.

FocusFirst — An Impact Alabama Student Vision Initiative

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1530 3rd Avenue South

Birmingham AL 35294-2060

205/934-0664

www.impactalabama.org

The Impact organization collaborates with select universities and colleges throughout the state to develop and implement service-learning projects for students. FocusFirst provides a cost-effective direct response to the vision problems of underprivileged children who live in urban and rural poverty within targeted communities in Alabama, conducting vision screenings and assisting in obtaining the appropriate treatment and follow-up.

Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education

Laura Beckwith

1201 11th Avenue South, Suite 300

PO Box 55687

Birmingham, AL 35255-5687

860/306-2496

860/521-6101 fax

Laura@helenkellerfoundation.org

For research information contact:

Ferenc Kuhn, MD

1201 11th Avenue South, Suite 300

Birmingham, AL 35205

205/933-9389

205/933-1341 fax

fhuhn@mindspring.com

www.helenkellerfoundation.org

For education information contact:

Keller Johnson

Vice President of Education

600 East 5th Street

Tuscumbia, AL 35674

256/389-9308

kellerj@helenkellerfoundation.org

Based in Birmingham, this foundation's mission is to end blindness through medical research, rehabilitation and public education. Among the programs it supports is the Alabama Eye Injury

Registry, a database for physicians which provides ways to minimize damage and, when possible, partially restore vision in the event of eye injury.

Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama

Worrell Building
924 South 18th Street
Birmingham, AL 35294-4390
1-866/975-0624
HKARTALA@viafamily.com

The Helen Keller Art Show is a cooperative project between agencies serving the visually impaired. The artwork is unique with emphasis on creativity, color and tactile media. The Helen Keller Art Show solicits art from all ages of visually impaired students in the Alabama public and residential schools. Each year the winning entries of various media of art by the visually impaired, blind and deafblind children of Alabama, are shown throughout many agencies and museums. Support is provided through the UAB Vision Science Research Center—Outreach Education Module, UAB School of Optometry, UAB School of Education, and the Alabama Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children Helen Keller Chapter of the Division on Visual Impairments.

International Retinal Research Foundation

1720 University Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35233-1816
205/325-8103
205/325-8394 fax

Based in Birmingham, the mission of the IRRF is to support research on eye diseases, especially diabetic retinopathy and age-related degeneration of the retina, including the macula.

Kid One Transport

PO Box 360943
Birmingham, AL 35236-0943
205/250-1499
205/250-1498 fax
www.kidone.org

This statewide transport system provides free rides to children who are suffering from a medical, mental or physical illness, including eye conditions, and whose families have no transportation of their own.

Lakeshore Foundation

4000 Ridgeway Drive
Birmingham AL 35209
205/313-7474
205/313-7475 fax
205/313-7400 Program Information Line
www.lakeshore.org

Founded in Homewood in 1994, this organization was established to improve the lives of children and adults who have physical disabilities or chronic health conditions, including blindness or vision impairments, through post-rehabilitation fitness, sports and recreation programs and activities.

Liz Moore Low Vision Center

50 Medical Park East Drive

Birmingham, AL 35235

205/838-3162

205/838-3525 fax

www.easternhealthsystem.com

Located in Birmingham at Medical Center East, the goal of this center is to assist people throughout Alabama with low vision to use their functional vision to the utmost capacity. This is accomplished through evaluation, training, counseling and education, referral to other agencies, support groups and other activities.

McWane Center

200 Nineteenth St. North

Birmingham AL 35203

205/714-8301

205/714-8400 fax

www.mcwane.org

Located in Birmingham, the McWane Center has over 43,600 sq. ft. of permanent exhibits, a large traveling exhibit area which hosts three nationally-touring exhibits annually, and the John W. Woods IMAX® Dome Theatre, where visually-impaired guests are offered MoPix® descriptive narration of film content and captions directly, without disturbing other guests.

Mobile Association For The Blind

2240 Gordon Smith Drive

Mobile, AL 36617

1-877/292-5463

Located in Mobile, this program provides mobility training, rehabilitation, work adjustment training, employment preparation service and job placement for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Rural Alabama Eye Health Care Program

924 18th Street South

Worrell Building #110C

Birmingham, AL 35294-4390

205/934-6723

A cooperative effort among several organizations, this initiative is designed to provide initial eye screenings among the citizens of Perry, Lowndes, Dallas and Montgomery counties. Collaborators include Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, Inc., UAB School of Optometry, UAB School of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, Alabama Department of Public Health, the Community Foundation of Central Alabama, and the EyeSight Foundation of Alabama.

Sight Savers Of Alabama—The Children's Eye Care Network

500 Robert Jemison Road

Birmingham, AL 35209

205/942-2627

205/942-5201 fax

www.sightsaversofalabama.org

jhaddox@sightsaversofalabama.org

Based in Birmingham, this program provides eye services to low-income patients, including the medically indigent, throughout the state. These services include eye exams, glasses, contact lenses,

vision screening, low vision aids, prescription medications, and surgery. This outreach program emphasizes identifying needy children whose visual impairments have been overlooked or neglected and then obtaining the appropriate treatment and follow-up in a timely manner. Sight Savers has patients throughout Alabama, but its efforts currently are concentrated in Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, Bibb, Walker, Montgomery and Madison counties.

Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and Blind

3980 Burma Road
Mobile, AL 36693-4522
251/633-0241

Special Equestrians

900 Woodward Drive
Indian Springs, AL 35124
205/987-9462

This program, based in Indian Springs near Birmingham, provides therapeutic/recreational horseback riding for Alabamians with disabilities, including blindness and low vision.

UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital, 24-Hour Eye Emergency Room,

1720 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
205/325-8254

The only round-the-clock eye emergency room in Alabama, this program provides emergency eye care, including diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment.

UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital, Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation

1720 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
205/488-0738
205/488-0746

This unique multidisciplinary rehabilitation and research center provides quality patient care, teaching and research to advance knowledge in the area of vision rehabilitation. The center was created through a joint effort between the UAB School of Optometry and the UAB School of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, as well as the UAB School of Health Related Profession's Department of Occupational Therapy and UAB's Rehabilitation Psychology Program.

UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital, Lions Eye Clinic

1720 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
205/325-8819

The Lion's Eye Clinic provides eye exams, patient and family training, and referrals for low vision assistance, transportation and other services. It is located at the Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital and serves Alabamians who are indigent.

UAB School of Education, Visually Impaired Program

901 13th Street South

Suite 232-I

Birmingham, AL 35294-1250

205/934-6723

205/934-6722 fax

msanspree@icare.opt.uab.edu

This program provides graduate teacher training in blindness/deaf-blindness. It is the only such program in Alabama.

UAB School of Health Related Professions, Department of Occupational Therapy, Web Based Occupational Therapy Curriculum in Low Vision Rehabilitation

RMSB 353

Birmingham, AL 35294-1212

205/934-3568

205/975-7787

To address the increasing demand for low vision rehabilitation services throughout Alabama, this project involves development, implementation and evaluation of an online curriculum in low vision rehabilitation to prepare more occupational therapists to work effectively with persons with visual impairments and blindness. OTs who successfully completed the 17 credit curriculum receive a Graduate Certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation from UAB.

UAB School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology

700 18th Street South

Suite 601

Birmingham, AL 35294

205/325-8507

205/325-8654 fax

www.uab.edu/eyedoc

The mission of the department is the prevention and treatment of eye disease and vision impairment through medical education, patient care, research and public service. Among its education services is the only ophthalmology residency program in Alabama. Research conducted in the department includes investigation into basic mechanisms of the eye and eye diseases and applying laboratory findings to developing and evaluating new treatments.

UAB School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, Age-Related Macular Degeneration Project

700 S. 18th Street, Suite 609

Birmingham AL 35294-0009

(205) 325-8521

Or toll-free (866) UAB-EYES, (866) 822-3937

(205) 325-8692 fax

ARMDinfo@uab.edu

www.eyes.uab.edu/ARMDinfo/

Despite the fact that 13 million Americans over age 40 have ARMD, the public is largely unaware of ARMD's existence and its devastating impact on vision and the threat it poses to the enjoyment of everyday life. Unfortunately, this lack of public awareness about ARMD may be serving as a barrier to progress in developing treatments for the disease. Here at The Age-Related Macular Degeneration Project we believe that an informed public is a major motivator for identifying the resources to find a

cure. One way we are promoting public education about ARMD is through a web site. The purpose of this web site is to provide information to the public about ARMD. Professionals such as ophthalmologists, other types of physicians, optometrists, researchers, rehabilitation specialists, and health educators may also find the site useful, especially for their patients. In this web site, you'll find a wide variety of information about ARMD. Topics covered include What is ARMD, What Causes ARMD, Visual Problems in ARMD, Treatments, as well as a Message Board where you can chat with other readers about ARMD topics.

UAB School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, Clinical Research Unit

700 18th Street South, Suite 609

Birmingham, AL 35294-0009

205/325-8635

205/325-8692 fax

clinicalresearchunit@eyes.uab.edu

The CRU is the home of research activities of several faculty members whose activities are devoted to patient-oriented research on eye diseases and conditions. The CRU also provides research resources to UAB faculty who are developing patient-oriented research projects on eye disease and vision impairment.

UAB School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, Driving Assessment Clinic

700 18th Street South, Suite 609

Birmingham, AL 35294-0009

205/325-8646

Located at the Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital, this program provides driving assessment, including risk assessment and on-road evaluation, for patients with visual and/or cognitive impairment.

UAB School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, Rich Lecture Series

700 18th Street South, Suite 601

Birmingham, AL 35294

205/325-8640

Research in the UAB Department of Ophthalmology is enhanced by an endowed Lecture Series in Visual Science made possible by a grant from the late Loris and David Rich. Since 1933 the Rich Lecture Series has brought distinguished eye researchers from across the US to UAB for a lecture and a day of interaction.

UAB School of Optometry

1716 University Boulevard

Birmingham, AL 35294

205/325-975-9935

205/975-7052 fax

Widely considered the best optometry school in the nation, the UABSO includes programs in educational training for optometrists, vision science research, and service and outreach initiatives in Alabama and beyond.

UAB School of Optometry, Community Vision Services

1716 University Boulevard

Birmingham, AL 35294

205/934-3088

This mobile unit conducts vision screenings for children (ages three and up) and adults; eye health

exams, including dilation, for adults; triage to specialty groups; and in-service training for various groups, primarily within the Birmingham metropolitan area.

UAB School of Optometry, Eyecare for the Homeless

1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294
205/934-3036
205/934-6758 fax

Serving the Birmingham metropolitan area, this program provides eye exams and glasses for homeless men and women. Eligibility is based on admittance to local homeless shelters.

UAB School of Optometry, Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic

1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294
205/934-2625

<http://ntopt.opt.uab.edu/lowvision.default.htm>

UAB School of Optometry, Vision Science Research Program

WORB 626
Birmingham, AL 35294-4390
205/975-7225
205/934-5725 fax

The mission of this center is to promote vision science research, facilitate collaborative research, and add to the scientific knowledge of the eye and central visual pathways leading to improved diagnosis, treatment and prevention of blindness and visual impairment.

UAB School of Optometry, Preschool Peepers Program

1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294
205/934-5702
205/975-2623 fax

The goal of Preschool Peepers is to reduce the prevalence of untreated eye and vision problems in preschool children in the Birmingham metro area. It includes vision screening services, data management systems, and training and technical assistance to surrounding lay and professional caretakers.

UAB School of Optometry, CLEERE Project

1716 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35294
205/934-6757
205/934-6758 fax

CLEERE, the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error Project, is a major multicenter, multi-ethnic study of myopia and other refractive errors funded by the National Eye Institute (NEI). The children in the CLEERE study will be followed for several years to provide longitudinal information regarding refractive errors, such as myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism that will be useful to optometrists in private practice. The study has successfully enrolled and tested African-American, Asian-American, Caucasian and Hispanic children in first through eighth grades in West Alabama.

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham

120 Oslo Circle
Birmingham AL 35211
205/944-3900
205/944-3933 fax
www.ucpbham.com

Located in Birmingham, this organization provides services to children and adults with cerebral palsy and severe developmental disabilities. Through its Comprehensive Health and Wellness Center, UCP provides expanded medical, dental, rehabilitation and optometry services to adults with severe disabilities served in the day program.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs: Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center

VA Medical Center
Room 124
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233
205/558-4706 ext 6995

Located in Birmingham, this program provides comprehensive services for low vision and blindness to veterans in Alabama and throughout the Southeast.

VSA Arts Alabama

701 37th Street South, Suite 10
Birmingham, AL 35222
205/322-4086
205/322-4087

This statewide organization, based in Birmingham, provides opportunities for people with visual and other impairments in the arts, both visual and performing arts.

V.I.P. Organization, Inc. — Visually Impaired People who are Very Important People

PO Box 1473
Selma, AL 36702
334/875-1244

Based in Selma, V.I.P. provides recreation and socialization activities for the visually impaired in Dallas County.

Workshops, Inc.

4244 3rd Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35222
205/592-9683
205/592-9687 fax

Located in Birmingham, Workshops, Inc. provides on-the-job vocational training, counseling and related employment services to people with disabilities, including blindness and low-vision.