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Disclaimer: Inclusion in this booklet does not necessarily constitute endorsement of services by the NC Low Vision Task Force.

Many service providers for people with vision impairment are included for ease in referral. Some do not offer low vision services or offer abbreviated services. Please read carefully and decide what service you need prior to referral. All people listed in this booklet have given their permission to be included.

Note 1: Although this booklet is hoped to be as complete as possible for low vision services, being the first, we are sure there will be individuals/services coming forward that we have inadvertently left out. Please send a letter with any additions/corrections to: Ricki Mancil, MA, COMS, CLVT; VAMC; Vision Rehab Research Lab (11F6); 1601 Brenner Avenue; Salisbury, NC 28144 or fill out the form in the back of the directory and label it "CORRECTION". You may also photocopy the form for those who are not included and wish to be.

Note 2: Although many doctors do not require purchase at their office, it is advisable to purchase through the office for complete care. If there is a problem, it may be unclear as to whether the device is not working properly, the device is the wrong power, the vision has changed since prescription, etc. Having received an exam and the device at the same place will make it easier to diagnose any potential problems.

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NORTH CAROLINA LOW VISION TASK FORCE DIRECTORY OF LOW VISION SERVICES

a directory of: 1) professionals who work cooperatively to provide low vision services

2) eye doctors who provide low vision services

3) general information regarding multiple providers of services for visually impaired individuals including references, contact people and independent providers

4) educational opportunities in low vision within the state

HOW: The NC Low Vision (LV) Task Force is a grass roots group of professionals whose mission is to develop comprehensive low vision services throughout the state. This directory is a product of that group's initial efforts. A survey was developed and distributed to eye doctors across NC through the NC Medical Society's Executive Director for Ophthalmologists and through the NC Board of Optometry. All who responded to the survey stating that they have experience and/or provide low vision services are included in the directory. This directory will be used by: 1) professionals who work with visually impaired individuals so that they can refer to eye care professionals who have a background in low vision; and 2) by eye doctors to refer to other professionals who work in the field with visually impaired individuals.

WHY: It is the hope of the NCLV Task Force that professionals who work with people having visual impairment will strive to work in an interdisciplinary service delivery model. As defined by the group, interdisciplinary low vision service includes professionals working together to provide extensive, specialized low vision examinations, therapy in the use of low vision devices in the settings the devices will be used, and finally prescriptions of the devices. To do this, education and rehabilitation professionals who work with people having visual impairment will be able to complete a goals assessment and preliminary visual evaluations in the habitual setting and provide that information to the eye doctor during the referral for the low vision clinical evaluations. The eye doctor can then evaluate the patient and recommend devices. These loaned devices can be dispensed (under the care of the professional) for training and trials in the habitual settings. Referral back to the eye doctors for final prescription can complete the model. Attached are a list of options for referral to vision rehabilitation/educational services as well as descriptive paragraphs and qualifications for each type of professional. Contact information for referral is also provided.

THANKS: The NC LV Task Force would like to thank those individuals who are interested in participating in a collaborative effort to develop **COMPREHENSIVE** low vision services by working together, referring to each other and communicating for the betterment of the individuals with low vision. Below is information about the **WHY** of interdisciplinary low vision services and definitions

of the variety of professions that work with people having visual impairment. Learn what service each discipline has to offer and refer appropriately so visually impaired individuals will have full services in all areas. Thanks also go to the Salisbury Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) for printing the first batch of directories as well as providing a computer for typing the document. A special thanks go to the VA's Vision Rehabilitation Research for coordinating, organizing and typing the first group of directories and both the NC Outreach Service and the VA for sharing in the first dissemination. Thanks also go to Optelec for contributing funds for mailing costs. Lastly, thanks go to our VAMC volunteers, Joan Horton and Laura Fiaschetti, for hours of typing and editing and to the following for reviewing and editing: Tammy Loukos, Rick Campbell, Roger Cummings, Gary Mancil, Julie Munday and the NCLV Task Force.
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WHAT can you do? 1) If you find something inaccurate or missing, send a note to Ricki Mancil; Vision Rehabilitation Research Lab (11F6); 1601 Brenner Avenue; Salisbury, NC 28144 who will keep it on file until the next generation is printed. 2) Volunteer to produce the next generation of this directory.

INTRODUCTION: THE INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE OF LOW VISION SERVICES

(from Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals' webpage www.acvrep.org)

Low vision services are an integral part of the education and rehabilitation of individuals who have partial sight. In order for these services to be effective and of high quality, it is important for the professional providing the services to be knowledgeable and skilled in low vision service provision, and to adhere to high standards. Professionals will serve as members of interdisciplinary low vision teams to assure that the services are as complete as possible.

Low vision service delivery systems should be broadly defined to include any service delivery mechanism in the education and rehabilitation of persons with low vision by instruction of visual skills and/or the use of low vision devices. Service settings include, but are not limited to school delivery systems, university/hospital/rehabilitation centers, nursing homes and day care centers. Low vision services should be interdisciplinary in nature; that is, services require that more than one professional manage individual cases by dialogue. The interdisciplinary team may include, but is not limited to, an eye care specialist, a low vision therapist, and a counselor. These professionals will work together in order to assure that a high standard of service is consistently maintained and, to the greatest degree possible, that the unique needs of the individual with low vision are met.

A qualified eye care specialist, either an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, provides the clinical low vision examination. A clinical low vision examination is an important first step for two reasons: (1) to assure that all other avenues to improving vision (medical, refractive, etc.) have been taken, and (2) to assure that the low vision devices provide the optimum optical image. A clinical low vision examination includes:

- the identification and clarification of client goals
- a history
- an assessment of ocular health
- an assessment of visual activities
- an assessment of visual fields
- an assessment of contrast sensitivity
- an assessment of illumination and glare difficulties
- an assessment of binocularity
- an assessment of color vision
- refraction
- an assessment of low vision devices
- other assessments as deemed necessary such as electrodiagnostic testing.

The eye care specialist will enhance visual performance with spectacles, contact lenses, tinted lenses, or other optical means. Low vision devices are prescribed by the eye care specialist, and are specific to the tasks that the person with low vision desires to perform.

The interdisciplinary low vision team will develop a rehabilitation plan for the individual with low vision that states the goals of rehabilitation and describes how these goals will be met. Because low vision rehabilitation requires the input and motivation of the consumer to succeed, the individual with low vision or his/her representative will be included in the development and approval of the rehabilitation plan.

The interdisciplinary team provides follow-up care to assure that all goals of the rehabilitation plan and the concerns of the consumer have been met. If vision has changed or if new visual goals are identified, the team approach to rehabilitation continues to be implemented as described above.

SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR ALL AGES

(in alphabetical order)

CERTIFIED LOW VISION THERAPIST (CLVT)

(from Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals' webpage www.acvrep.org)

Defined: A CLVT develops and conducts a functional assessment of visual abilities for everyday tasks that are important to the individual with low vision. Everyday visual tasks might include reading, writing, moving through space, grooming, watching television, cooking, cleaning, household repair, finding lost objects, or other educational, vocational, or recreational pursuits. The nature and extent of services needed is guided by the results of functional assessment. The functional assessment includes:

- a review of the information from the clinical low vision examination
- an assessment of the individual's functional visual abilities for everyday tasks without and with the low vision devices prescribed by the eye care specialist
- an assessment of the environment in which vision will be used, including but not limiting to lighting, color and contrast, position in space, and time factors associated with the completion of tasks, and the size and distance of objects

The CLVT will implement aspects of the rehabilitation plan which include:

- instruction in the use of visual abilities for daily tasks
- instruction in the use of low vision devices prescribed by the eye care specialist
- instruction in the use of visual environmental cues
- modification of the visual environment to enhance the use of vision
- the use of appropriate psychosocial information to devise motivational strategies to assist consumers in performing desired tasks.

Qualifications: ACVREP offers a certification for low vision therapists. To be eligible for certification, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria.

- Possess at least a bachelor's degree in education, rehabilitation or health care.
- Sign a written statement agreeing to uphold a high ethical and professional standard (including working cooperatively with an eye doctor).
- Pass a written examination to demonstrate knowledge about low vision rehabilitation.

The CLVTs who may be available for consulting services and/or may provide information or referral in this state at the time of printing (September, 2001) include but may not be limited to the following:

Igor Barabash; COMS, CLVT; 2625 Van Dyke Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27607; phone 919-832-2413; pager 919-507-8511; barabash@pipeline.com

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Consultant: 630 Eastland Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146; phone: 704-279-9126; Cell Phone: 704-642-7027; rickimancil@earthlink.net

Billie Moten, BSN, RN; CLTV; NC Division of Services for the Blind; 500 West Trade Street, Suite 347; Charlotte, NC 28202; (704) 342-6185

Brad Walker; PhD; CLVT, COMS, TVI, CRT; North Carolina Central University Visual Impairment Training Program; 335 Ashe Ave.; Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: 919-715-6342; 919-560-5346

**If you know of an individual who provides services and want to know if this individual is certified, you can contact: Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals' webpage www.acvrep.org or call 520-887-6816.

CERTIFIED ORIENTATION & MOBILITY SPECIALIST (COMS)

(FROM ACADEMY FOR CERTIFICATION OF VISION REHABILITATION & EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS' WEBPAGE WWW.ACVREP.ORG)

Defined: Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Instruction is a sequential process in which visually impaired individuals are taught to utilize their remaining senses to determine their position within the environment and to negotiate safe movement from one place to another. The skills involved in this teaching include but are not limited to:

- Concept Development, which includes body image, spatial, temporal, positional, directional, and environmental concepts.
- Motor Development, including motor skills needed for balance, posture, and gait, as well as the use of adaptive devices and techniques to assist those with multiple disabilities.
- Sensory Development, which includes visual, auditory, vestibular, kinesthetic tactile, olfactory, and proprioceptive senses, and the interrelationships of these systems.
- Residual vision stimulation and training
- Human Guide Technique
- Upper and Lower Protective Techniques
- Locating Dropped Objects
- Trailing

Qualifications (Editor's Note): Orientation & Mobility Specialists can be university trained with a Bachelor's or Masters degree and can have ACVREP Certification. Professional Certification in Orientation and Mobility is offered by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP). The initial application process requires completion of course work from one of the AER approved university/college programs, including an internship, and a passing score on the orientation and mobility certification examination. O&M Specialists are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

Services are available through:

- Metrolina Association for the Blind; 704 Louise Avenue; Charlotte, NC 28204; (704) 372-3870; Contact Person: Ian Smith, O&M Specialist
- NC Dept. of Human Resources, Division of Services for the Blind; 309 Ashe Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 733-9822
- O&M Services, Inc; John Higgins, COMS; PO Box 16398; Chapel Hill, NC 27516; 919-643-7640; FAX 919-732-6624; oandmservices@mindspring.com

Specialists who can provide consultative services or information about O&M in this state follow:

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NC NURSING EYE CARE CONSULTANTS (NECC) (through Division of Services for the Blind)

(PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED THROUGH COMBINED EFFORTS OF SALLY SYRIA, MSW, BILLIE MOTEN, RN, CLVT AND TAMMY LOUKOS, CLVT)

Defined: The NECCs oversee the Medical Eye Care Program, which provides payment for services of medical and eye care services to low income individuals to restore sight and prevent blindness. Services include eye examinations, treatment, corrective lenses, and eye surgery for low income NC residents. Eligibility is based on need for services, income and Medicaid status. Individuals eligible for Medicaid are generally not eligible for services through the Medical Eye Care Program. Other services provided by the NECCs include glaucoma screenings, low vision evaluations, education and referral.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications include graduation from a state accredited nursing school plus three years experience in public health, general physician or related work or combination of education and experience. Preferred knowledge of eye diseases, ophthalmic equipment and visual aids. NECCs are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

For Referrals: N.C. Division of Services for the Blind; 309 Ashe Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 733-9744.

NC SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE BLIND

(PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED BY TAMMY LOUKOS, CLTV)

Defined: Social Workers for the Blind provide Independent Living Services to blind and visually impaired individuals of all ages. Services are often provided in the individual's home setting. Services are available without regard to income with the exception of In-Home Aide Services and Medical Eye Care Services. The goal of the Independent Living Services program is to assist individuals in learning daily living skills and obtaining the assistance they need to become self-sufficient. The following is a list of services provided directly by the Social Worker for the Blind:

- assessment of the individual's independent living needs
- adjustment services – counseling, personal care skills and training in home management
- health support services – counseling on health, nutrition and diet
- family adjustment services – providing information and support to help family members adjust to the changes necessary to support the individual's independence
- children's services – working with children, parents, teachers and others to help the child develop independent living skills

Other services provided through the ILS program where the Social Worker for the Blind is the Case Manager include:

- in-home aide – Level 1 – Home Management: these services are based on legal blindness criteria and the client must meet income guidelines to qualify; services are aimed at preventing premature institutional care or preventing abuse, neglect, or exploitation by assisting individuals in maintaining themselves in their own homes for as long as possible; basic home management tasks include housekeeping, cooking, laundering, identifying medications, reading mail, etc.
- low vision evaluations – performed by a DSB Nursing Eye Care Consultant (see Nursing Eye Care Consultant section above)
- orientation & mobility services (see Orientation & Mobility section above)

Qualifications: Master's degree in social work preferred with one year experience in social work or counseling; OR bachelor's degree from a accredited school of social work and two years social work or counseling experience; OR a four year degree in a human services field or related curriculum with three years of social work or counseling experience; OR a four year degree and four years experience in rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, or a related human service field providing experience in the techniques of casework, group work, or community organization; or an equivalent combination of training

-- NOTE: Preference is given to applicants who possess knowledge in the field of blindness/visual impairment and knowledge of community resources that can assist blind and visually impaired consumers. Social workers are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

For Referrals: N.C. Division of Services for the Blind; 309 Ashe Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 733-9744.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST (OT)

(PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED BY ANNIE RIDDERING, OT, COMS, CLVT)

Defined: OT is the therapeutic use of activities of daily living to increase independent function, enhance development and prevent disability. Therapeutic techniques may include adaptation of a task or environment to achieve maximum independence or enhance quality of life.

Activities of daily living which may be addressed by an OT include, but are not limited to, self-care, meal preparation, financial management, functional communication, household management, functional and community mobility, work, socialization, play and leisure activities. They may address issues of low vision and blindness as it relates to an activity of daily living. OTs are trained to work with people of all ages, from birth to death, with all types of disabilities. The location in which an OT may practice varies.

Qualifications: A registered occupational therapist (OTR) has a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in OT, which includes the study of biological, and behavioral sciences, pathological conditions and specific OT techniques for patients throughout their lifespan (birth to death). A minimum of six months of full-time fieldwork is also required prior to receiving the degree, bachelor's or masters level. The OT is required to pass a comprehensive exam to become registered. Most states require OTRs to be licensed by the state.

Requirements to maintain this license vary from state to state, but most involve acquiring continuing education units (CEUs). There are several continuing education courses currently being offered to train OTs about vision rehabilitation. OT's are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

OTs are recognized as independent medical providers. They receive a prescription and orders from a physician. They are required to specifically document the treatment of a patient and are required to develop individualized treatment plans and goals based on the needs of each individual patient.

For more information about occupational therapists, please contact one of the following organizations:

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) at 1-800-SAY-AOTA or www.aota.org or the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association at 919-771-0115 or www.ncota.com.

OPHTHALMOLOGIST; LOW VISION SPECIALIST

(PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED BY LYLAS G. MOGK, MD)

Defined: Ophthalmologists who provide services for adults with visual impairments approach low vision as medical rehabilitation, which begins with optical and non-optical devices but includes comprehensive training in activities of daily living and introduction to resources. The ophthalmologist, as team leader, evaluates the patient, explains the disease and discusses the functional and psychological impact of vision loss with the patient and family, recommends appropriate optical devices, and sets forth a rehabilitation plan. The team carrying out the plan may include occupational therapists, rehab teachers, Orientation & Mobility Specialists (O&M), CLVTs, ophthalmic technicians, social workers and psychologists. Final recommendations for devices may be made at the completion of therapy.

Qualifications: Ophthalmologists are medical doctors (M.D.) who complete four years of undergraduate pre-medical studies, four years of medical school, one year of hospital-based internship, and at least three years of ophthalmology residency training. Medical school and internship focus on all aspects of human physical and mental health - its preservation and the pathology, diagnosis, prevention, and medical and surgical treatment of the entire spectrum of disease, as well as the rehabilitation of those with functional deficits. Ophthalmology residency focuses on the eye and the visual system: the maximization of vision, the prevention and diagnosis of diseases of the eye and of systemic diseases which affect the eye, and the spectrum of medical and surgical treatments, as well as the management of patients with low vision. The American Academy of Ophthalmology has a low vision interest group at www.aao.org.

For referrals to ophthalmologists who provide low vision care in NC, see the list of providers at the end of this directory.

OPTOMETRIST; LOW VISION SPECIALIST

(PARAGRAPHS TAKEN FROM AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION WEBSITE
WWW.AOANET.ORG)

Defined: Doctors of Optometry who specialize in low vision care are skilled in the examination, treatment and management of patients with visual impairments not fully treatable by medical, surgical or conventional eyewear or contact lenses. Each type of low vision problem requires a different therapeutic approach. A thorough examination by an optometrist, which will also include tests to determine the patient's current vision status, may also include a vision rehabilitation program to enhance remaining vision skills. The low vision specialist will ask for a complete personal and family general health and eye health history. In addition, the optometrist will discuss the functional problems with the patient, including such things as reading, functioning in the kitchen, glare problems, travel vision, the workplace, television viewing, school requirements, and hobbies and interest.

Preliminary tests may include assessment of ocular functions such as depth perception, color vision, contrast sensitivity, and curvature of the front of the eye. Measurements will be taken of the person's visual acuity using special low vision test charts, which include a larger range of letters to more accurately determine a starting point for gauging low vision. Visual fields are usually evaluated, and each eye will be examined.

The optometrist may prescribe various treatment options, including low vision devices, as well as assist the person with identifying other resources for vision and lifestyle rehabilitation.

Qualifications (Editor's Note): Virtually all optometrists (OD's) complete coursework and/or hands-on clinical training in low vision as part of their four year OD curriculum. They frequently have also completed additional training such as special rotations in clinics or agencies which serve blind and low vision patients (i.e., called externships) during their fourth year of training. Others have completed postgraduate residency training whereby they completed an additional 12 months of training and are residency certified in low vision. Still others have completed a different type of residency program (e.g. primary care) which - though not the main emphasis - included specific hands-on training in low vision. Attaining the status of Diplomate in Low Vision through the American Academy of Optometry is generally considered evidence of the highest level of credentials an optometrist may achieve in low vision.

Appropriate clinical experience is also evidence of an optometrist's experience and commitment to providing low vision care. Many OD's who have worked in low vision/blindness programs (i.e., VA Blind Rehab Centers, private or state agencies serving the blind or visually impaired, etc.) or who emphasize low vision care in their practice (i.e. maintain suitable stock of low vision fitting materials,

devote significant portions of time to low vision, etc) would also be expected to have a high level of expertise in this field.

For referrals to optometrists who provide low vision care in NC, see the list of providers at the end of this directory.

SERVICE PROVIDERS SPECIFICALLY FOR CHILDREN GOVERNOR MOREHEAD COMMUNITY BASED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

(contributed by Kelly Davis)

Defined: This program provides community-based early intervention and preschool services to children ages birth to five years with visual impairments. Many of these children have a variety of needs in addition to their vision, and services are provided in collaboration with other interventions to ensure that a child's unique and individual needs across all areas and domains are being addressed. The frequency and intensity of intervention depend upon the child's need and the level of involvement of other service providers. Intervention is provided primarily on an itinerant basis; teachers and support staff travel to locations where children spend the majority of their time and/or are already receiving services.

Services Available: The Governor Morehead Preschool staff offers an array of services to children and families. Focusing on environment and educational adaptations, visual efficiency assessment and training, compensatory skill development, pre-Braille instruction, and pre-Orientation and Mobility training, teachers address each child's unique needs specific to his or her visual impairment. Intervention occurs through a variety of instructional strategies in naturally-occurring environments. All staff are trained in the field of visual impairment and all services occur in settings that are as inclusive and unrestrictive as possible. It is the preschool's goal for children to have successful kindergarten placements upon turning five. The services that are offered include: functional vision assessments; visual efficiency and low vision training; Orientation and Mobility; pre-Braille and Braille instruction; family support services and activities; developmental assessments; IFSP and/or IEP development; child service coordination; and staff development opportunities.

Qualifications: Specialized therapies, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and psychological services, are available on a limited basis; satellite programs are encouraged to collaborate with other local agencies in securing related and support services. Educational assessments designed specifically for children with visual impairments are available at all sites and can be offered independently of or in collaboration with evaluations completed by other agencies.

Contact Kelly Davis for more information or to refer a student at (919) 733-0533.

THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

(PARAGRAPHS CONTRIBUTED BY DONNA APPLE)

Defined: This program was begun as a collaborative effort between Governor Morehead School and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The mission of the Outreach Program is to assist local educational agencies in serving students who are visually impaired. The Outreach Program provides the following services:

- Functional Vision Assessment – evaluation of student’s use of vision in specific settings
- Environmental Assessment – evaluation of possible environmental accommodations
- Media Assessment – determination of primary reading medium
- Multidisciplinary Assessment including participation at Individual Education Plan meetings, assistance in arranging Clinical Low Vision Evaluations, completion of comprehensive evaluations as requested by the local school system, technology assessments and orientation & mobility assessments.
- In Service Staff Training
- Parent Training
- Short-Term Program Sessions - 2-week sessions providing students with opportunities for intensive instruction in vision specific skills
- Annual Outreach Conference for Teachers of the Visually Impaired
- Loaning of teaching materials (if available) to local school systems for education of visually impaired students

The Outreach office must receive an invitation from the Exceptional Children Program Administrator or a school principal. Information such as the most current eye report and IEP will be requested.

Contact the Outreach Office to request services: 1-800-532-3937.

TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

(FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S *STUDENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS: A HANDBOOK*)

Defined: Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) provide direct and consultative services to and for children with visual impairments in order to assure maximum growth in all developmental areas. Services may include a) evaluation and assessment, b) direct instruction, c) counseling, and d) liaison with parents and regular classroom teachers.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a program in visual impairments; state certification and/or AER/ACVREP certification in visual impairment; teaching certificate at the elementary and/or secondary level depending upon job responsibilities and state regulations are minimum requirements. TVIs are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

Contact Tom Winton, Department of Public Instruction Consultant to locate a Teacher of the Visually Impaired or for additional information; 919-807-3988; fax 919-807-3243; twinton@dpi.state.nc.us.

Other individuals who consult on a part-time basis include:

Karen Walker; 9191 Hunters Chase Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116; 888-781-0425; alliedva@aol.com.

SERVICE PROVIDERS SPECIFICALLY FOR ADULTS REHABILITATION TEACHER

(FROM ACADEMY FOR CERTIFICATION OF VISION REHABILITATION & EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS' WEBPAGE WWW.ACVREP.ORG)

Defined: Rehabilitation teachers instruct persons with vision impairment in the use of compensatory skills and assistive technology that will enable them to live safe, productive and interdependent lives. Rehabilitation teachers work in areas that enhance vocational opportunities, independent living and educational development of persons with vision loss, and may include working in center based or itinerant settings.

Specific rehabilitation teacher responsibilities include assessment and evaluation of learners' needs in home, work and community environments, development of instrumentation instructional programs, case management and record keeping, identification and utilization of local and national resources, and facilitation to psychosocial adjustment to blindness and vision loss.

Rehabilitation teachers provide individualized programs of instruction that accommodate the unique needs of specialized groups including persons who are aging, deaf-blind or disabled.

Services are available through:

- Metrolina Association for the Blind; 704 Louise Avenue; Charlotte, NC 28204; (704) 372-3870
- NC Division of Services for the Blind; (919) 733-9822

Qualifications: (Editor's Note) Rehabilitation Teachers can be university trained with a Bachelor's or Masters degree. To be certified, graduates must be from an AER approved university Rehabilitation Teaching Program or from university programs in related fields (ie rehabilitation, social work, psychology, education, counseling, etc) with a minimum of one year training and/or employment as a Rehab Teacher.

For information about rehabilitation teachers, contact:

Brad Walker; PhD; CLVT, COMS, TVI, CRT; North Carolina Central University Visual Impairment Training Program; 335 Ashe Ave.; Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: 919-715-6342; 919-560-5346

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VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

(from DVA North Carolina VIST brochure)

Description of Services: The Veterans Health Administration (DVA) has developed several programs for veterans with visual impairments. One of these, the Visual Impairment Service Team (VIST), has been established to at each DVA facility to offer a variety of services including Ophthalmology, Optometry, Low Vision Clinical Evaluations, Medical Administration, General Medicine, Pharmacy, Prosthetics, Veterans Benefits, etc. Eligibility for VIST is dependent on visual criteria (legal blindness), military discharge (honorable or general), and DVA entitlement regulations.

VIST Objectives:

- To inform veterans and their families about services and benefits available through the DVA and other resources.
- To ensure the provision of health care, rehabilitation training, and other services to visually impaired veterans.
- To assist the individual in adjustment and management of sight loss in daily life.

The VIST Program services include:

- Complete Eye Examination
- Physical Examination with evaluation and treatment by specialist as necessary
- Hearing Tests
- Review of Veterans Benefits
- Review Need for Adaptive Aids
- Support and Adjustment Counseling for veteran and family
- Assessment of Rehabilitation and Training Needs
- Resource and Referrals-Vocational rehabilitation, Low vision services, State and private agencies, Dog-guide schools, Recreational programs, Support groups

Anyone can refer a person to VIST simply by asking if the person who is having vision problems is a veteran and if so, giving that person the number of the VIST Coordinator included below. If eligible, the veteran will be evaluated to receive VIST services in which he/she is eligible.

Editor's Note: A VIST referral will triage an individual to other services including low vision care available at the Salisbury VAMC and the Winston-Salem Outpatient Clinic (see list of providers at end of booklet).

VIST Coordinators are eligible to sit for the low vision therapist certification exam.

Laurell A. Tetrault, VIST Coordinator (122Q); Dept. Veterans Affairs, Outpatient Clinic; 190 Kimel Park Dr.; Winston-Salem, NC 27103; (336)768-3296 ext. 1438.

George Farmer, VIST Coordinator (122); Dept. of Veterans Affairs; 2300 Ramsey Street; Fayetteville, NC 28301; (910) 822-7995.

Phillip Pugh, VIST Coordinator (11V); Dept. of Veterans Affairs; 508 Fulton Street; Durham, NC 27705; (919) 286-0411; ext. 5293.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY – VISUAL IMPAIRMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (VITP)

(paragraph contributed by Brad Walker)

Housed in the South Building of the Governor Morehead School campus, the program sequence is designed to meet national accreditation standards for Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) and Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Specialists. An on-site Vision Services Clinic is available to provide students with both clinical and functional application of low vision theory and practice. Teachers, parents, and professionals may take courses leading to the Master's Degree, Licensure in Visual Impairment Teaching, or Certification in Orientation & Mobility. Individuals may also enroll for courses for general professional and personal development. Features of the VITP include: Master of Arts in Teaching; Master of Education (Advanced); and TVI Licensure.

Contact Brad Walker; PhD; CLVT, COMS, TVI, CRT; North Carolina Central University Visual Impairment Training Program; 335 Ashe Ave.; Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: 919-715-6342; 919-530-7291 for more information on specific teacher training programs. Look into www.spedex.com or www.nccu-vitp.net websites for more information.

NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

(paragraph contributed by Tom Winton)

The Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) offers periodic training on low vision and other topics pertinent to students with visual impairments and their teachers. Institutes are held each summer in various locations throughout the state. Educational sessions on visual impairment topics are also conducted each year at DPI's Conference on Exceptional Children. Direct consultation is offered by DPI's Consultant for Visually Impaired to local education agencies, including functional vision observations, assistance with technology decision-making, training of teachers, and recommendations for educational programming. Finally DPI supports other educational training events (e.g. Governor Morehead Outreach Conference, NC Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired Professional Annual Conference, etc.) through financial sponsorship and awarding of recertification credits.

Contact Tom Winton, Department of Public Instruction Consultant for additional information; 919-807-3988; fax 919-807-3243; twinton@dpi.state.nc.us. Look into the www.ncpublicschools.org website for more information.

EYE DOCTORS WHO PROVIDE LOW VISION SERVICES

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ACCORDING TO LOCATION)

ASHEVILLE AREA

Mike Sowa, OD

Carolina Optometric of Arden, PA

2144 Hendersoville Road, Unit B

Arden, NC 28704

Phone: 828-681-8000

FAX: 828-681-0990

E-mail: tjsowa@aol.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, bar and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, sunglasses (UV Shields), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, office prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: Yes

Kim Walters, OD and Susan B. Wise, OD

Low Vision Center of Mission St. Joseph's Health Care System

50 Doctors Dr., suite 403

Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-213-4370

FAX: 828-213-4376

E-mail: crscsp@msj.org

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, field enhancement reverse telescopes (Ocutech), sunglasses (NoIR, Corning), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

CHAPEL HILL

David L. Kroninger, OD
Academy Eye Associates
910 Airport Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Phone: 919-941-8531
FAX: 919-942-1735
E-mail: dkroninger@mindspring.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, office refers CCTV needs to vendors

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: Yes

CHARLOTTE AREA

Max Greenman, MD
Mecklenburg Eye Associates
2015 Randolph Road, Suite 108
Charlotte, NC 28207
Phone: 704-334-2020
FAX: 704-334-6175

Low Vision Exams Completed By: Doctor & COT Tech
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, bar magnifiers
Loaner Program: No
Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

L. Shepard Hamrick, Jr., OD
Cleveland Eyecare
422 West Warren St.
Shelby, NC 28150
Phone: 704-482-1234
FAX: 704-482-3777

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor
Low Vision Devices Available: hand and stand magnifiers, prism compensated reading glasses, bar magnifiers, office prescribes CCTV's in-house
Loaner Program: Limited loaner program available
Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Paul E. Marvin, OD
Horizon Eyecare
7903 Providence Road, Suite 150
Charlotte, NC 28277
Phone: 704-341-3220
FAX: 704-341-3690

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, office offers CCTV options either through in-house prescription or CCTV vendor referral
Loaner Program: No
Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Metrolina Services for the Blind Low Vision Clinic
704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
ATTN: Christine Snellman; MA, COMS, CLVT, TVI, RTC and Johannah
Roberson, MA; COMS
Phone: 704-372-3870
FAX: 704-372-3872
Website: www.MAB-JLBM.COM

Low Vision Exam Completed By: low vision therapist
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, pocket, bar magnifiers,
aspheric microscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle
mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, telemicroscopes, field
enhancement devices, sunglasses, office offers CCTV training with vendor
referral for purchase, Zoom Text or other computer enlargement device
training.

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

N. Elaine Osborne, OD
University Eye Assoc., PA
8316 E. Medical Plaza Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28626
Phone: 704-547-1551
FAX: 704-548-8017

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand and stand magnifiers, aspheric
microscopes,
telemicroscopes, spectacle mounted reading glasses, office prescribes
CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: Yes

C.H. Smith, Jr., OD
First In Sight Optometric Clinic, P.A.
96 Church St., NE
Concord, NC 28025
Phone: 704-786-3116
FAX: 704695-6819
E-mail: 1stnsight@iocnet.net

Low Vision Exam Completed by: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers,
telemicroscopes, spectacle mounted telescopes, bar magnifiers, office
prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Michael J. Spicola, OD
Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates
16455 Statesville Road; Suite 280
Huntersville, NC 28078
Phone: (704) 945-4275
FAX: (704) 892-3181

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: Loaner Program: hand, stand, pocket and bar magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, field enhancement devices such as the Amorphic Lenses, sunglasses such as UV Shields, NoIRs and Cornings, computer enlargement devices, CCTV's

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

DURHAM

Henry A. Greene, OD
Academy Eye Associates
3115 Academy Road
Durham, NC 27707
Phone: 919-493-7456
FAX: 919-493-1718
E-mail: hgeyes@mindspring.com

Low vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscope, telemicroscopes, field enhancement, sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office both prescribes CCTV's in-house and refers CCTV needs to vendors

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Duke University Medical Center
Box 3802
Durham, NC 27710

ATTN: Deborah LaPolice, Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist
Phone: 919-684-6749

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, field enhancement, sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office offers CCTV options either through in-house prescription or CCTV vendor referral

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

David L. Sappenfield, MD
NC Eye & Ear Clinics
1110 W. Main St.
Durham, NC 27701
Phone: 919-682-9341
FAX: 919-956-9342

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor & RN

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office refers CCTV needs to vendors

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Dale E. Stewart, OD
Academy Eye Associates
2200 W. Main St. #A160
Durham, NC 27705
Phone: 919-286-2912
FAX: 919-286-1125
E-mail: stewartd@interex.net

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand and stand magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, sunwear (NoIR, Corning Photo), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

EDENTON

William Blakemore, MD
Paul T. Rock, OD
Edenton Eye Care
101 Mark Drive
Edenton, NC 27932
Phone: 252-482-7471

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, field enhancement (Xerox handheld), sunglasses (all colors), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: Yes

GREENVILLE AREA

Dennis A. O'Neal, OD
Washington Eye Clinic
211 N. Market St.
Washington, NC 27889
Phone: 252-946-2171
E-mail: docOhNO@aol.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, sunglasses (NoIR, Corning), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

GREENSBORO

John E. Crews, OD
Greensboro Eye Center
721 Green Valley Rd., Suite 200
Greensboro, NC 27408
Phone: 336-272-5050 or 336-230-1010
FAX: 336-230-1019

(Services are offered at this office the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month.)

OR:

125 Watson St.
Danville, VA 24541
Phone: 804-799-3232
FAX: 804-792-5125

E-mail: dominioneyecenter@earthlink.org

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, field enhancement, sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Edward M. Hollander, MD PA
522 N. Elam Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
Phone: 336-854-0393
FAX: 336-854-4332

E-mail: eyeguy2@aol.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand and stand magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, bar magnifiers

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Easton Kelsey, OD
5505 Adams Farm Lane, Suite E
Greensboro, NC 27407
Phone: 336-856-8711
FAX: 336-856-0498
E-mail: ekelsey@eyeamerica.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, pocket and bar magnifiers,
prism
compensated reading glasses, aspheric glasses, telemicroscopes,
handheld and
spectacle mounted telescopes, NoIR sunglasses, UV Shields sunglasses
and

Corning CPF sunglasses, spectacle mounted loupes, computer
enlargement
software and CCTV's.

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

HICKORY

Floy Kampe, OD
Graystone Ophthalmology Associates
Mailing Address: PO Box 2588
Office Address: 3521 Greystone Place
Hickory, NC 28603
Phone: 828-322-2050
FAX: 828-324-4271

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, pocket and bar magnifiers,
prism compensated reading glasses, aspheric microscopes,
telemicroscopes, handheld telescopes, NoIR sunglasses, refer for CCTV's

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

LUMBERTON

Mary Ann Masters, OD
Lumberton Eye Associates
750 Oakridge Blvd.
Lumberton, NC 28358
Phone: 910-739-5645
FAX: 910-737-6232
E-mail: lumbertoneye@bellsouth.net

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers,
sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, bar magnifiers, office
refers CCTV to vendors

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

MOUNT AIRY

Dexter W. Street, OD
Doctors Vision Center
913 Worth Street
Mount Airy, NC 27030
Phone: 336-786-8828
FAX: 336-786-5977

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand magnifiers, spectacle mounted
telescopes

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

RALEIGH AREA

Governor Morehead School for the Blind Low Vision Clinic

Curran Building

303 Ashe Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27699

Phone: 919-733-7769

Contact: Edith Nightingale, Director of Health Center

Low Vision exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, field enhancement (Fresnels), sunglasses (NoIR, UV Shields), prism compensated reading glasses, handheld telescopes

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Elana M. Scheiner, O.D.

Family Eye Care of Apex

113 Salem Towne Court

Apex, NC 27502

Phone: 919-367-8411

FAX: 919-367-8431

Low Vision exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, field enhancement (Fresnels), sunglasses (NoIR, UV Shields), prism compensated reading glasses, handheld telescope, spectacle mounted telescopes

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

SALISBURY

C. Mark Brittain, OD PA
644 Statesville Blvd., Ste 3
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-633-8975
FAX: 704-633-9160

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, sunglasses (NoIR's), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, office prescribes CCTV's in-house
Loaner Program: Yes
Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

Roger W. Cummings, OD
Hefner VA Medical Center
1601 Brenner Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-638-3825
FAX: 704-638-3397

E-mail: roger.cummings@med.va.gov
Low Vision Exam Completed by: Doctor
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, bar magnifiers,
Loaner Program: No
Requirement to Purchase at Office: Devices dispensed at no charge to vets

Gary L. Mancil, OD
Hefner VA Medical Center
1601 Brenner Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144
Phone: 704-638-3825
FAX: 704-638-3868

E-mail: Gary.mancil@Med.VA.gov
Low Vision Exam Completed by: Doctor
Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, field enhancement, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, bar magnifiers, office prescribes CCTV's in-house
Loaner Program: No
Requirement to Purchase at Office: Devices dispensed at no charge to vets

SHELBY

L. Shepard Hamrick, Jr., OD
Cleveland Eyecare
422 West Warren St.
Shelby, NC 28150
Phone: 704-482-1234
FAX: 704-482-3777

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand and stand magnifiers, prism compensated reading glasses, bar magnifiers, office prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: Limited loaner program available

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

SOUTHERN PINES

Eric Fogleman, OD
Carolina Eye Associates
2170 Midland Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387
Phone: 910-295-2100
FAX: 910-295-5339

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, field enhancement devices, sunglasses, office prescribes CCTV's in-house

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

STATESVILLE

Stephen K. Johnson, OD
646 Hartness Road
Statesville, NC 28677
Phone: 704-872-4108
FAX: 704-873-6517
E-mail: iec@iredelleye.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, sunglasses (Corning CPF; UV shields), prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, office both prescribes CCTVs in-house and refers CCTV needs to vendors

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

TAYLORSVILLE

Jody Papazekos, OD
Family Vision Center
3331 3rd St. S.W.
Taylorsville, NC 28681
Phone: 828-632-4566

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand and pocket magnifiers, field enhancement, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, hand held telescopes, office refers CCTV needs to vendors

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to purchase in Office: Yes

WILMINGTON

Nelson C. Klaus, Jr. O.D.
Atlantic Vision Center
3910 Shipyard Blvd.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Phone: 910-799-0220
FAX: 910-799-0478
E-mail: ncklas2@wilmington.net

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand, and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscope, telemicroscope, field enhancement, sunglasses, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted reading glasses, loupes, handheld telescopes, bar magnifiers, Zoomtext or other computer enlargement devices, office offers CCTV options either through in-house prescription or CCTV vendor referral

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

WINSTON SALEM

Roger W. Cummings, OD
Winston-Salem VA OPC
190 Kimmel Park Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Phone: 336-768-3296
E-mail: roger.cummings@med.va.gov

Low Vision Exam Completed by: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand, stand and pocket magnifiers, aspheric microscopes, telemicroscopes, prism compensated reading glasses, spectacle mounted telescopes, loupes, bar magnifiers,

Loaner Program: No

Requirement to Purchase at Office: Devices Dispensed at No Charge to Vets

W. Jeffrey Miller, OD
2910 Reynolda Road
Winston Salem, NC 27106-3016
Phone: 336-724-5000
E-mail: drwjmill@aol.com

Low Vision Exam Completed By: Doctor

Low Vision Devices Available: hand magnifiers, spectacle mounted
telescopes

Loaner Program: Yes

Requirement to Purchase at Office: No

**SURVEY FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT ISSUE OF
NC LOW VISION TASK FORCE DIRECTORY**

(NO DATE CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR UPDATE—WILL KEEP ON FILE)

New Information Updated Information

Circle one above

1. Do you currently provide low vision (LV) services in your office?

_____ Yes _____ No a. If yes, go to #3. B. If no, go to #2

2. Do you have an interest in providing these services?

_____ Yes _____ No a. If yes, go on to #3. B. If no, go on to #11

3. Describe your background and formal education in low vision.

If you have none, would you be interested in acquiring formal training?

_____ Yes _____ No If you do not provide services currently, go on to #11.

4. How much of your time is devoted to LV services?

5. Do you have support staff working with you in LV? _____ Yes _____ No

a. if yes, describe their backgrounds:

b. if no, would you be interested in selecting staff to attend training? _____ Yes

_____ No

6. Check the following low vision devices that you have available in your office:

Hand magnifiers prism compensated reading glasses

Stand magnifiers spectacle mounted telescopes

Aspheric microscopes pocket magnifiers handheld telescopes

Telemicroscopes loupes bar magnifiers

Field enhancement devices; List:

Sunglasses: List:

Zoom Text or other computer enlargement devices

CCTV's; do you prescribe these in your office or refer to vendors?

7. Do you have a loaner program for trial of LV devices? _____ Yes _____ No

8. When you prescribe LV devices, are patients required to purchase from your office? _____ Yes _____ No

9. In your LV evaluation, which of the following components are routinely included:

Distance acuity with LV charts (ie Feinbloom, logMAR, etc)

Near acuity with LV charts (ie Sloan, MN Read, etc)

Trial frame refraction (who does this refraction?)

Goal-oriented functional history

Some means of calculating near add

Goal-oriented, performance based eval with different categories of LV devices

10. Would you like to be included in future mailings? _____ Yes _____ No

11. Please Include:

Name:

e-mail:

Address:

Phone:

FAX:

12. Use back for any additional comments.

Return to: Ricki Mancil, MA; VAMC; Research Health Scientist; Vision Rehab Research Lab (11F6); 1601 Brenner Avenue; Salisbury, NC 28144 or FAX to 704-638-3463.