

Visual Impairment

Brief Description:

Visual impairment is a term experts use to describe any kind of vision loss, whether it's someone who cannot see at all or someone who has partial vision loss. Many people have some type of visual problem at some point in their lives. But when one or more parts of the eye or brain that are needed to process images become diseased or damaged, severe or total loss of vision can occur. In these cases, vision can't be fully restored with medical treatment, surgery, or corrective lenses like glasses or contacts.

How It Feels:

What's It Like to Be Blind

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvO7eVcMzss>

Helpful Links:

- **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI):** The Children's Center for the Visually Impaired provides services for children (ages birth-kdg) with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.

<https://ccvi.org/>

- **Kansas Talking Book Service:** Provides books and magazines in braille and recorded format and playback equipment to any Kansas resident unable to use standard print because of a visual or physical impairment.

<https://kslib.info/talking>

- **Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN):** TASN provides technical assistance to support school districts' systematic implementation of evidence-based practices.

<https://ksdetasn.org/>

- **American Foundation for the Blind (AFB):** AFB's programs and services help improve the lives of people affected by vision loss.

<https://www.afb.org/>

- **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:** National Library Service (NLS) is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page.

<https://www.loc.gov/nls/>

Available in Our Center:

Braille Labeler

Ferrell, Kay Alicyn: *Reach Out and Teach: Helping Your Child Who is Visually Impaired Learn and Grow*

Holbrook, M. Cay: *Children with Visual Impairments: A Parent's Guide (Special Needs Collection)*

Teaching Strategies:

- These sites provide strategies to teach someone with a visual impairment.

<https://ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/university/disability/faculty-staff/classroom-issues/vision/vision-strategy.htm>

<https://www.tsbvi.edu/professional-prep-and-mentoring-items/29-classroom-strategies-for-regular-education-teachers-who-have-students-with-visual-impairments>

- This site is a book of classroom teaching strategies to teach someone with a visual impairment.

http://www.setbc.org/Download/LearningCentre/Vision/Reading_Strategies_for_Visual_Impairments.pdf

