



Services for the Blind
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
RESOURCE DIRECTORY
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TECHNOLOGY, AIDS & APPLIANCES

ACCESS TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SERVICE LLC

P.O. Box 3203

Honolulu, HI 96801

Tel: 808-531-1818

Technology for the blind and visually impaired.

ENABLEMART SALES OFFICE

c/o MRN, Inc.

5353 S. 960 East, #200

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Tel: 888-640-1999

Fax: 360-695-4155

Web: www.enablemart.com

Low Vision Items; Screen Readers; Braille Embossers; Note Takers; Braille Translation

INDEPENDENT LIVING AIDS, LLC.

137 Rano Rd

Buffalo, NY 14207

Tel: 800-537-2118

Fax: 516-937-3906

Web: www.independentliving.com

Call for product catalogs

TELESENSORY

4545 Stockdale Hwy., Ste. F

Bakersfield, CA 93309

Tel: 661-832-5223

Toll: 800-804-8004

Fax: 661-832-6557

(i.e. - replacement lamp bulbs)

ISLAND SKILL GATHERING (ISG)

3472 Kanaina Ave.

Honolulu, HI 96815

Tel: 808-732-4622

Fax: 808-739-5464

Email: isghawaii808@twc.com

Web: www.isghawaii.com

Assistive Technology, Aids & Appliances.

LS&S GROUP, INC.

P.O. Box 673

Northbrook, IL 60065

Toll: 800-468-4789 (orders)

Fax: 847-498-1482

Email: LSSGRP@aol.com

MAXIAIDS

42 Executive Blvd.

Farmingdale, NY 11735

Toll: 800-522-6294 (orders)

631-752-0521 (information)

Fax: 631-752-0689

Web: www.maxiaids.com

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND INDEPENDENCE MARKET

National Federation of the Blind

200 East Wells Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

Tel: 410-659-9314

Fax: 410-685-5653

Web: www.nfb.org

Independence Market (sells blind related products), free cane.

OPTICAL SUPPLIERS, INC. (OSI)

99-1253 Halawa Valley St.

Aiea, HI 96701-5639

Tel: 808-486-2933

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Office of Public Inquiries Windsor

Park Bldg.

6401 Security Blvd.

Baltimore, MD 21235

Toll: 800-772-1213

THE LIGHT HOUSE, INC.

610 Gateway Ctr. Way, Ste. L

San Diego, CA 92102

Tel: 619-263-4428

Fax: 619-263-4811

CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS

HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (HAPVI)

c/o Myles Tamashiro
95-1027 Aelike St.
Mililani, HI 96789
Tel: 808-284-6744

HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND (HAB)

PO Box 25454
Honolulu, HI 96825
Tel: 808-521-1402
Web: www.acb.org/hawaii
Email: habinfo@hawaii.rr.com

HUI KUPUNA VIP

c/o Mel Nacapoy
Tel: 808-295-3575
Email: mwnacapoy@gmail.com

*Members are age 55 and older. Call for more information.
Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at Ho`opono*

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND
(NFB) OF HAWAII**

c/o Nani Fife

P.O. Box 4482

Honolulu, HI 96812

Tel: 808-595-6123

Email: nanifife@aol.com

Web: <http://hawaii.nfb.org>

***DISABILITY-RELATED SERVICES ***

ABILITIES UNLIMITED HAWAII

Tel: 808-532-2100

Web: <http://www.abilitiesunlimitedhi.org/>

Email: info@abilitiesunlimitedhi.org

Provides community-based support for individuals with disabilities.

ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE (A2I)

200 North Vineyard Blvd Suite 508, Box #4

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-347-7944

Email: info@a2isd.org

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP (ATUG)

c/o Art Cabanilla
1550 Aina Koa Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96821
Tel: 808-737-4284

Email: sixsense@hawaii.rr.com

Can answer questions about assistive technology for the blind.

CITY & COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND CONTACTS:

Web: www.honolulu.gov/accessibility.htm

DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD (DCAB)

1010 Richard Street Room 118
Honolulu, HI 96813
Tel: 808-586-8121

TTY: 808-586-8162

Fax: 808-586-8129

Web: <http://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/>

Email: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE EXEMPTION

AT&T

Exemptions (Directory Assistance, Data Plan, Voice Dial)
4455 American Way
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Toll: 866-241-6568

Hawaiian Telcom

P.O. Box 2200
Honolulu, HI 96841
Tel: 808-643-3456 (customer service)
Web: www.hawaiiantel.com

Spectrum TV

411 Payment Exemption
Charter Communications
2 Digital Place
Simpsonville, SC 29681
Email: PriorityEscalationTeam@chartercom.com
Phone: 1-844-762-1301
Fax: 1-864-297-2236

Sprint

Toll: 866-727-0665

*Application for complementary directory assistance calls.
Call Customer Solutions at the toll free number above.*

T-Mobile

E-mail: disablecustomerequests@t-mobile.com

Get credit up to \$54/month for 411 calls. Email the address above stating the disability and request for 411 exemption. Need to include customer name, T-mobile account #, cell phone #, contact phone # and description of request.

Verizon

Courtesy 411 Program

PO Box 553

Warrendale, PA 15086-0553

Can also call local stores for more details.

HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER (HDRC)

1132 Bishop Street, Ste 2102

Honolulu, HI 96813

Tel: 808-949-2922

Fax: 808-949-2928

Web: www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org

Email: info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org

The designated Protection & Advocacy System for Hawaii's disability population.

KALIHI PALAMA DENTAL CLINIC

915 N. King Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-845-0686

Web: <http://www.kphc.org/patient/dental/>

Sliding scale for dental work for uninsured patients.

DEPT. OF HEALTH—EARLY INTERVENTION SECTION

c/o Jennifer Buhler, Vision Specialist

1010 Richard St., Rm 811

Honolulu, HI 96813

Tel: 808-594-0000

Fax: 808-586-0015

Web: <http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/>

Works with blind and visually impaired children zero to three years old.

HAWAII LIONS EYE BANK AND MAKANA FOUNDATION

405 N. Kuakini St. #801

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-536-7416

Web: www.hlebmf.org

Provides corneal transplants for qualified candidates.

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

Bookshare Organization
c/o Kelly Otake, Children Youth Specialist
820 Mililani St., Ste. 817
Honolulu, HI 96817
Tel: 808-587-5715
Fax: 808-587-5734

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (LBPH)

402 Kapahulu Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96815-3848
Tel: 808-733-8444
Fax: 808-733-8449
Web: <https://www.librarieshawaii.org/branch/library-for-the-blind-and-physically-handicapped/>
Email: olibcirc@lib.state.hi.us

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped offers talking books, Braille books, large type books, descriptive videos, transcribing services, radio reading service and community services. It is a regional library in the national library service for persons who are blind and persons with physical disabilities. It is also a library in the Hawaii State Library system.

“LIFELINE” TELEPHONE RATES

Lifeline rates for low-cost telephone service are for individuals who:

1. Are 60 or older and whose annual household income is \$10,000 or less
2. Are physically or mentally disabled and whose total household income is \$10,000 or less
 - a. Have only one telephone line in the house
 - b. Have the address listed as primary residence and phone listed in own name
3. Persons receiving Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps and other Federal Programs for low income qualify

NFB NEWSLINE

Newsline Coordinator in Hawaii

c/o Virgil Stinett

Tel: 808-722-4243

Toll: 866-504-7300

Web: www.nfbnewsline.org

Access to over 300 newspapers over the telephone for blind and visually impaired individuals.

OAHU TRANSIT SERVICES (PARATRANSIT)

c/o The Handivan

811 Middle St.

Honolulu, HI 96819

Tel: 808-454-5055 (cancellations and late vans)

808-456-5555 (reservations)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\$2.00 one way

Please use reservations number for early cancellations. Use cancellations number for urgent cancellations.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

420 Waiakamilo Road, Suite 202

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-832-0340

Providing support to Seniors to help them remain independent for as long as possible.

THE BUS COMPANY

Tel: 808-848-5555

5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (daily)

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

Dept. of Veteran's Affairs

Toll: 800-827-1000

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

Tel: 808-433-0560

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

HO`OPONO- VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-586-5269

Fax: 808-586-5288

Web: [http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono/about/
Vocational Rehabilitation Services](http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono/about/Vocational%20Rehabilitation%20Services)

HO`OPONO- JOB CLUB

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-586-5261

Fax: 808-586-5361

Web: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono/about/>

Assisting those who are ready to seek employment. Job Club- Wednesday & Friday by appointment and Hoala-Friday 9:00-10:30am.

OAHU WORK LINKS

1505 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 110

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-768-5700

Web: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/dcs/owib/owlabout.htm>

One Stop Centers for job seekers.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

HAHA MENA LIMA (“To feel with the hands”)

c/o Kevin Kimura, Esq.

2333 Kapiolani Blvd., #610

Honolulu, HI 96826

Tel: 808-946-9494

Group started in September 1966 with the support of the Kuhio Lions Club. To continue fellowship which was once shared with others who attended Ho‘opono.

Meetings: *Second Saturday of each month*

HOLO HOLO CLUB

c/o Charlotte Tsie

Tel: 808-255-5439

To allow blind and visually impaired persons to support each other, socialize and live a productive life in the community. Once-a-month outings to different restaurants.

HO`OPONO OIB SUPPORT GROUP (OAHU)

Tel: 808-586-5269

The OIB Support Group meets once a month in the Ho`opono Conference Room. This includes guest speakers, fun activities, excursions and exercise. Please contact Carol Mau or Carol Fujimoto for more details.

Meetings: last Friday of the month

HO`OPONO OIB SUPPORT GROUP (HILO)

Tel: 808-974-6444

The OIB Support Group meets once a month in the Hilo State Building Conference Room. Please contact Theone Suzuki for more details.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month

TAX ASSISTANCE—VOLUNTEER

Call Ho`opono for information at 586-5271. Tax return preparations are usually done at Ho`opono in February each year.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLINDNESS/GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION

Dept. of Taxation
P.O. Box 259
Honolulu, HI 96809
Toll: 800-222-3229

Web: www.irs.gov/eitc

Request form N-172 claim for tax exemption by persons with impaired sight or hearing or by totally disabled person and physician's certification form N-172 can also be used for General Excise Tax Exemption (GE Tax).

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

City & County of Honolulu
33 S. King St., #101
Honolulu, HI 96813
Tel: 808-527-5500
808-768-3799

Email: bfsrpmmailbox@honolulu.gov

TRAINING

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTERS OF

HAWAII (ATRC)

200 N. Vineyard Blvd. #430

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-532-7110

Fax: 808-532-7120

Email: atrc-info@atrc.org

Web: www.atrc.org

Resource and education center for those interested in Assistive Technology. ATRC also has an exchange and computer redistribution program which computer and other assistive technology devices are provided to individuals with disabilities at little or no cost.

BLINDNESS INDEPENDENCE DIABETES GROUP

Tel: 1-866-351-6809

Email: jerrymunden@carolina.rr.com

Web: <http://bid.northcoastmed.com>

The BID Group website provides free “living with diabetes and blindness” audio training materials from top medical and blindness professionals. It offers friendly nationwide peer support groups where blind diabetics, facing the same issues, can learn, laugh, and grow together.

CAREER KOKUA HAWAII INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM

Tel: 808-587-5515

Fax: 808-587-5522

Email: dlir.rs.hcids@hawaii.gov

7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Mon – Fri)

GUIDE DOGS OF HAWAII

1600 Kapiolani Blvd Suite 214

Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Tel: 808-941-1088

Email: info@guidedogsofhawaii.org

Web: <http://www.guidedogsofhawaii.org>

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

350 Los Ranchitos Rd.

San Rafael, CA 94903

Toll: 800-295-4050

Web: www.guidedogs.com

HO‘OPONO SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

1901 Bachelot St.

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-586-5269

Fax: 808-586-5361

Email: gabe@dhs.hawaii.gov

Web: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono/about/>

Provides adjustment to blindness training, low vision clinic services, vocational rehabilitation and assistance with job placement and job maintenance.

Ho`opono also have an iPhone and Braille Club that meets once a month. The iPhone Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month and Braille Club usually meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Both start at 3:00pm in the auditorium. For more information, please contact Debbie Gabe at (808)586-5259.

ISLAND SKILL GATHERING (ISG)

3472 Kanaina Ave.

Honolulu, HI 96815

Tel: 808-732-4622

Fax: 808-739-5464

Email: isghawaii808@twc.com

Web: www.isghawaii.com

Assistive Technology Training, Aids & Appliances.

THE SEEING EYE, INC

10 Washington Valley Rd.

P.O. Box 375

Morristown, NJ 07963

Tel: 973-539-4425

Email: info@seeingeeye.org

Web: www.theseeye.org

UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY COLLEGE SERVICES

DISABILITY ACCESS SERVICES

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services Rm 013

2600 Campus Rd.

Honolulu, HI 96822

Tel: 808-956-7511

Fax: 808-956- 8093

Email: kokua@hawaii.edu

Web: www.hawaii.edu/kokua

University of Hawaii at Hilo

Disability Services

200 W. Kāwili Street

Hilo, HI 96720-4091

Tel: 808-932-7623

Fax: 808-932-7768

Email: uds@hawaii.edu

Web: <https://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/uds/>

Honolulu Community College

Disability Access

Building 7, Room 302

874 Dillingham Boulevard

Honolulu, HI 96817

Tel: 808-844-2392

Email: accesshcc-l@lists.hawaii.edu

Web: <http://www.honolulu.hawaii.edu/disability/>

Kapiolani Community College

Disability Support Services Office (DSSO)

‘Ilima Building - Room 107

Tel: 808-734-9552

Fax: 808-734-9456

Email: kapdss@hawaii.edu

Web: <https://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/campus-life/student-services/disability-support-services-office-dsso/>

Leeward Community College

Services for Students with Disabilities

Library Building, L-208

Tel: 808-455-0421

TTY: 808-455-0532

Web: <http://www.leeward.hawaii.edu/policies-students-disabilities>

Windward Community College

Disability Services

Hale 'Akoakoa 213

Tel: 808-235-7448

Email: lemke@hawaii.edu

Web: <https://windward.hawaii.edu/disabilities/>

*****NOTE*****

This is not a complete listing. There may be additional resources to be found. Please feel free to share additional resources in the community. Mahalo!