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North America

Ontario

[A.R.T. in Action](#)

A.R.T. (A Real Thought) In Action is a registered non-profit that provides free art workshops and programs to youth ages 14-29 that are facing multiple barriers in Ottawa and Nunavut. Through A.R.T. In Action, youth receive guidance from creative professionals and a safe space to explore creativity and self-expression while inspiring confidence and growth.

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Here you can find answers to anything relating to deafblind individuals, as well as services and resources.

[Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind - Ottawa](#)

Here you can look into if receiving a guide dog is right for you.

[Centre Jules Leger](#)

This is a provincial demonstration school offering education in French.

[Champlain Health Line](#)

The organizations listed here provide counselling for the blind and those with impaired vision. Services include individual and family counselling relating to vision loss, parent, peer and family support groups and referrals to other agencies. They may also provide information aids to support the independence of the individual.

[Deafblind Services Ontario](#)

This organization is dedicated in enriching life and enhancing quality of life. Check this website for deafblind services in Ontario.

[Lions Foundation Of Canada Dog Guides - Oakville - Canine Vision Program](#)

The canine vision program allows individuals with a vision impairment aged 12+ to find independence with a dog at their side.

[Ontario Association of Optometrists](#)

Find an optometrist near you, and learn more on eye/vision care and health.

[Ontario Blind Curling Club](#)

The Ottawa Blind Curling Club (OBCC), an Ontario chapter member of the [Canadian Council of the Blind \(CCB\)](#), was formed in 1978. Since that time the club has continually grown, becoming a strong organisation attracting blind and visually impaired individuals to the game. The club strives to be an inclusive, community based organization that ensures the accessibility of the sport of curling to the visually impaired through education, training, public awareness and exchange of information.

[Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers](#)

OVIIG, Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers is a Chapter of the Canadian Council of the Blind that exists to bring blind and visually impaired people in Ontario together to learn and play the game of golf.

[Ontario Blind Sports Association \(OBSA\)](#)

OBSA works to reach as many blind athletes as possible, encouraging those with a visual impairment to join in one of many adapted and unique sports offered.

[Ministry of Children and Youth Services](#)

This program offers services to youth in all stages of life in order to ensure their success. Search the website for information on all services.

[Ski Hawks](#)

Skiing is for everyone! With the help of volunteer guides, visually impaired and blind skiers from Ski Hawks Ottawa enjoy the challenges and fun of skiing. Ski Hawks Ottawa offers an alpine ski program for skiers from 8 years to senior adults with a wide range of skiing abilities. The alpine group of about 90 skiers and guides has been skiing at Camp Fortune for more than 30 years. Camp Fortune has provided strong support to the group over the years.

[Therapeutic Riding Association of Ottawa-Carleton](#)

The Therapeutic Riding Association of Ottawa-Carleton (TROtt) has been providing therapeutic riding lessons for children and adults with primarily physical, developmental and learning disabilities for over 40 years. TROtt supports the Canadian standardization of therapeutic riding instruction and has CanTRA and Equestrian Canada certified instructors.

[University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science](#)

The University of Waterloo's School of Optometry & Vision Science is a Regional Assessment Centre for ADP. They are also an interdisciplinary low vision clinic with optometry, ADLs, high tech and counselling.

[Visual Aids - Government of Ontario](#)

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[W. Ross Macdonald School for the Blind - Brantford](#)

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Canada

[Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability](#)

This organization has promoted, supported, and enabled Canadians with disabilities to live healthy and happy lives.

[Accessible Media Incorporation](#)

AMI is a non for profit media company that aims to entertain, empower, and informs blind/low vision Canadians.

[Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians \(AEBC\)](#)

The AEBC works to increase rights and responsibilities to ensure individuals with a vision impairment receive all possible benefits and opportunities.

[Blind Sailing Canada](#)

The opportunity to sail frees a blind person from the daily limitations on their mobility. At the helm, a blind sailor experiences the freedom to choose and control their own course. This is a precious freedom the sighted world takes for granted.

[Braille Literacy Canada](#)

Canadian individuals who are blind or who have a vision impairment can access the material and information provided by the Braille Literacy Canada organization. This organization encourages the use of braille as a primary medium of reading, writing, research, etc.

[Canadian Association of Optometrists \(CAO\)](#)

Find out more on optometrists near you and other information.

[Canadian Abilities Foundation](#)

This organization strives for an inclusive and accessible life for individuals with disabilities.

[Canadian Braille Press](#)

This company can assist in braille transcription, in embossing documents and braille business cards.

[Canadian Blind Sports Association](#)

CBSA advocates for blind and vision impaired athletes in a number of sports.

[Canadian Council for the Blind](#)

Blind and vision impaired individuals have a voice in Canada. Based on the interest within the geographical location, social and recreational activities are offered.

[Canadian Deafblind Association National](#)

Here you can find more information, services, support and much more to help support any Deafblind individual.

[Canadian Federation of the Blind](#)

An organization where the blind fight, support, advocate, and stand for themselves as well as fellow blind friends a family.

[Canadian Institute Of Health and Research \(CIHR\)](#)

Visit this website to find the latest research on health.

[Canadian National Institute for the Blind](#)

The CNIB ensure you have the confidence, skills and opportunities to be successful in all aspects of life.

[The Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind](#)

This organization works to support and advocate for individuals who are deafblind.

[Canadian Ophthalmological Society](#)

Find out more information on vision health, and ophthalmologists near you.

[CELA Library services](#)

Through these services, you have access to magazines, books and much more in an accessible format.

[Council of Canadians with Disabilities \(CCD\)](#)

This organization advocates for the rights and responsibilities of individuals with a vision impairment. The CCD advocates that blind, low vision, and deafblind individuals have equal rights and responsibilities just as much as anyone else.

[CNIB Community Based Services](#)

Access this website, then select which province you want to discover which services are offered in your community.

[CNIB Deafblind Community Services](#)

Here you can find programs and information on how to ensure the independence and the community engagement of your youth.

[CNIB Online Store](#)

Browse online catalog to purchase products to help in day-to-day life.

[Canadian Disability Tax Credit](#)

Check out this website to see if you qualify. This benefit can provide you with a non refundable credit at the end of the year due to extra taxes paid that comes with having disability. Further programs could be accessible once you qualify for the disability tax credit.

[Easter Seals Canada](#)

Easter Seals Canada's mission is to ensure individuals with disabilities have equal access to equipment, programs, services and support.

[The Foundation Fighting Blindness](#)

This organization works to restore hope in sight. They are leading the fight against blindness by educating, researching and by public awareness.

[Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille](#)

This is a French school for the blind. Check out the website for more information.

Mira Foundation

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National Education Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)

Since 1986, NEADS has had a mandate to support full access to education and employment for post secondary students as well as graduates with disabilities across Canada.

Neil Squire Foundation

This is the only national non profit organization to empower individuals with a disability through computer based assistive technology.

Orbis International

Training is offered to doctors, nurses, teachers and other professional in hopes of providing the best eye care.

Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada

This new program is operated by CNIB, and it offers personalized rehabilitation services designed to enhance independence, safety and mobility after the loss of vision.

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United States of America

American Association of the Deaf-Blind

This association is for and by deafblind Americans, and their supporters. Members include deafblind individual, their friends and family as well as professionals and other interested persons.

American Council of the Blind

The goal of this organisation is to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life for all blind and visually impaired people.

[**American Foundation for the Blind**](#)

This association advocates, supports and collects research and data to ensure equal rights to low vision and blind individuals.

[**American Printing House for the Blind**](#)

Here you can access a variety of materials in an accessible format.

[**Guide Dogs for the Blind - Camp GDB**](#)

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[**Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired**](#)

Hadley's objective is to offer personalized education to assist in multiple areas of life. Courses are offered free of charge to individuals aged 14+ with a vision impairment, as well as to their relatives and professionals. Hadley is known as most successful distance education institute worldwide.

[**Keystone Blind Association**](#)

An organization that offers support and services as well as a place to empower, educate and employ persons with a vision impairment.

[**National Braille Press**](#)

They are a non profit organization dedicated in supporting individuals in the education system, in their work life, as well as in their communities. They promote the use of braille and provide access to braille literacy.

[**National Federation of the Blind**](#)

The guiding purposes of National Braille Press are to promote the literacy of blind children through braille and to provide access to information that empowers blind people to actively engage in work, family, and community affairs.

[National Family Association for Deaf-Blind](#)

This is the largest non profit organization to offer services to families of individuals who are deafblind. They serve to empower and advocate for equal opportunity in all aspects of life.

[National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#)

Audio and braille materials are offered across all subjects, from music to textbooks, from magazines to light reading. Even more more can be found through this resource.

[Perkins School for the Blind](#)

This is a school who welcomes youth who are low vision, blind, and/or deafblind in Boston.

[Seeing Eye](#)

The seeing eye is a guide dog school located in New Jersey. Individuals with a vision impairment from the ages of 16 and up can qualify for a seeing eye dog.

[Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#)

This is a statewide resource to parents and professionals. Youth age 6-21 are welcome to attend if they are blind, deafblind, and/or otherwise visually impaired.

[United States Association of Blind Athletes](#)

Individuals who have a vision impairment are encouraged to join the world of sport. Anyone is welcomed from all ages and from all skill levels.

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International

[International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness](#)

This agency strives on adding value to life of those with a visual impairment, as well as promoting knowledge/awareness surrounding the visually impaired community around the world.

[International Blind Sports Association - IBSA](#)

IBSA is an organization dedicated in providing equal opportunity in sport for men and women with visual impairments around the world. Multiple sports for multiple levels of vision are offered.

[World Blind Union](#)

The World Blind Union is the voice for blind and low vision individuals internationally.

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[Prepare a Visually Impaired Child for Daycare](#)

[Accessible Entertaining: Making Sure Your Disabled Guests Feel Safe and Welcome in Your Home](#)

[How to Design a Sensory Garden for the Blind or Visually Impaired](#)

[Legal Requirements of Hiring a Person with a Visual Impairment](#)

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