

CENTRAL
MASSACHUSETTS
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

FOR PEOPLE WITH
VISION LOSS

A Service of



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The Massachusetts Association

For the Blind

799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
1-888-613-2777
508 854-0700

**Adaptive Products Display Center and Magnifier Clinic
at MAB Community Services**

799 West Boylston St

Worcester, MA 01606

508 854-0651 or 1-888-613-2777

The display center contains large print, talking and adaptive products. The clinic provides one-on-one demonstration and instruction on various types of magnifiers, desk and floor lamps, different light sources and protective sunglasses. All services are free and by appointment only.

Age Center of Worcester, Inc

799 West Boylston St

Worcester, MA 01606

508 852-3205

Advocacy Services: Long Term Care Ombudsmen, Multicultural Services,
Financial Services: Bill Payer Services, The Representative Payee Program.
Information Services: Information and Referral, Speakers Bureau. Nutrition
Services: Meals on Wheels; Lunch Sites. Respite Services: Social Day Care.
Volunteer Services: Senior Companion; Intern and Work Study Student
Placement.

Audio Journal

799 West Boylston St

Worcester, MA 01606

508 797-1117 Listener Line: 508 752-0557

email: ajournal@ziplink.net Website: www.audiojournal.net

A radio reading service for vision impaired and print disabled individuals, broadcasting 24 hours a day in Worcester County. Daily readings of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, community newspapers, national magazines, books and many more informative programs. Accessed by special radio receiver supplied by Audio Journal or heard on Public Access Cable TV in many towns.

Bay State Council of the Blind-Central Mass Chapter

P.O. Box 17075

Main St Station

Worcester, MA 01601

508 845-2149

Consumer organization committed to promoting social and economic integration of blind and vision impaired people. Meetings are held every other month at the Worcester Public Library.

Busy Bee Transportation
43 Nickerson Rd
Ashland, MA 01721
508-881-2120

Medical Transportation. Service Area: Blackstone Valley/Greater Milford Area.

City Manager's Executive Office of Elder Affairs
128 Providence St
Worcester, MA 01604
508 799-1230 Website: www.ci.worcester.ma.us

Operates Worcester's full service Senior Center and publishes monthly Senior Scoop. Individual advocacy and assistance for Worcester residents age 60 and over; information and referral; volunteer opportunities. Referral to Home Maintenance Program, elder services, S.H.I.N.E. and to neighborhood based, Hispanic and South East Asian Outreach. Senior Center includes congregate meal site, health and wellness, social and educational activities. 508 799-1232.

Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.
411 Chandler St
Worcester, MA 01602
508 756-1545; 1-800-243-5111

Case management, information and referral, senior companions, respite care, health assessments, protective services, crisis intervention and emergency services. Contracted Services: homemaker, chore, personal care. Eligibility based on income, age (60 and over) and frailty.

Gardner Community Action Center
978-632-8700 Patricia Jandris

The CAC will only do medical rides. Will transport to any medical center in most towns. Will NOT go to Boston. Donations: Worcester \$10.00; Fitchburg \$5.00; Leominster \$6.00; Baldwinville \$3.00.

MAB Community Services
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508 854-0700 1-888-613-2777
www.mabcommunity.org

The Worcester Office services all of Central Massachusetts and provides support programs for individuals with vision loss. In home rehabilitation, support groups, magnifier clinic, adaptive products information center, one-on-one volunteers medical transportation, leisure time activities, information and referral, educational programs.

Massachusetts Association for the Blind
(see MAB Community Services)

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
390 Main St, Suite 620
Worcester, MA 01608
508 754-1148; toll free: 800 263-6944

Regional Director: Janet LaBreck 508 74-1148 ext 7106

The Commission services legally blind people of all ages. Services: include instruction in mobility, Braille, typing, activities of daily living, vocational rehabilitation. Free brochure on services available.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
359 Main St
Worcester, MA 01608
508 754-1757

Vocation rehabilitation services.

Memorial Foundation for the Blind
799 West Boylston St
Worcester, MA 01606
508 854-9980

Individual grants to promote independence or quality of life. Must be legally blind.

Montachusett Home Care Corporation

680 Mechanic Street, Suite 120

Leominster, MA 01453

978 537-7411 1-800-734-7312 email: mhcc@mhcc-1.org

Area served: Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Leominster, Lunenburg, Pepperell, Princeton, Shirley, Sterling, Templeton, Townsend, Westminster, Winchendon.

Montachusett Regional Transit Authority

R1427 Water St

Fitchburg, MA 01420

1-800-854-9928, 978-345-7711, 978-632-9980

email: postmaster@montachusetttra.org

ADA paratransit services serves Fitchburg, Leominster and Gardner. Fixed Route Service-Fitchburg, Leominster and Gardner.

RTA Paratransit Service

Operated by Paratransit Brokerage Service

317 Main St

Worcester, MA 01608

508 752-9283 (scheduling and cost information)

1-800-499-6384 (registration) or above number

Provides transportation for unlimited purposes to individuals eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and to medical appointments for elders sixty (60) years of age or older.

SCM Elderbus

124 Southbridge Rd

Charlton, MA 01507

508 248-1050 or 1-800-321-0243

Serves: Barre, Brimfield, Brookfield, East, North and West Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, Holland, New Braintree, Oakham, Princeton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Wales, Warren and Webster.

**Talking Book Library
Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608
508 799-1730; 1-800-762-0085 (MA only)
Fax: 508 799-1676
TTY: 508 799-1724
email: talkbook@cwmars.org
Website: www.worcpubliclib.org/talkingbook**

Talking Book Library is part of the Library of Congress National Library Service network (NLS/BPH). Offers service to people with vision problems or physical disabilities of all ages. Provides recorded books, recorded magazines, Braille materials, print/Braille books for children, large print books and descriptive videos. Have computers with speech and screen magnification software, including JAWS, Duxbury Braille Translation Software, K1000, K3000 and Zoom Text Xtra Plus and Braille embossers for on-site use.

**Tri-Valley Elder Services, Inc
251 Main St
Webster, MA 01570
508 949-6640, 1-800-286-6640 (MA only)
TTD 508 949-6654
email: info@tves.org Website: www.tves.org**

**VISION Community Services
(see MAB Community Services)**

**Worcester Senior Center
128 Providence St
Worcester, MA 01604
508 799-1232**

Centralized access to information, advocacy, support, opportunities and programs for seniors, caregivers, families and employers. Drip in lounge, clinics, nutrition, exercise, health and wellness programs, support groups. Special events, educational, computer, arts and crafts, life enrichment courses and workshops. Employment counseling. Expanded volunteer opportunities.

LOW VISION EVALUATIONS

Auburn

Dr. Michael Cohn
48 Auburn St
508 832-9392

Fitchburg

Dr. Caroline Toomey-Gitto
33 Electric Ave
978 342-2972

Holden

Dr. Joseph D'Amico
1355 Main St
508 829-6731

Leominster

Dr. John Mooney
Leominster Optometric
Associates
23 Mill St
978 537-5546

Milford

Dr. Glen Goodman
Milford Franklin Eye Center
258 Main St
508 473-7939

Whitinsville

Dr. Jane Orenstein
999 Providence Rd
508 234-6681

Worcester

Fallon Clinic
Drs. Vachula and Miller
Gold Star Boulevard
508 856-9599

Dr. Mark Forgues, Jr
152 Russell St
508 754-2308

Dr. Firas Kassira
255 Park Avenue
508 753-1032