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Quick Picks from the Librarians at the National Rehabilitation Information Center

Information Resources for People with Sensory Disabilities



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What are sensory disabilities?

Sensory disability is an impairment of one of the senses and is generally used to refer to visual or hearing disabilities; however, the other senses may also develop disabilities.

Blindness, vision loss, deafness and hearing loss, olfactory and gustatory disabilities (including Anosmia, which is an inability to smell), somatosensory disabilities (insensitivity to touch, heat,

cold, and pain), and balance disorders are just a few disabilities within the sensory disability range of disabilities.



These and other resources are also available from our "browse by topic" webpage at www.naric.com!

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Blindness and Vision Loss

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

Phone: 410/659-9314

nfb.org.

The NFB acts as a vehicle for collective self-expression for the blind and people with visual disabilities. They provide resources, information on products and technology, links to publications, and programs for youths, adults, and the recently blind.

Guide Dog Users, Inc.

Toll Free: 866/799-8436

guidedogusersinc.org.

Guide Dog Users, Inc. is an advocacy organization that provides peer support, advocacy, information to guide dog users everywhere, and links to legal resources. In addition, GDUI works with public entities, private businesses and individuals to ensure that guide dog users enjoy the same rights to travel, employment, housing, and participation in all aspects of life that people without disabilities enjoy.



Deafness and Hearing Loss

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

Phone: 301/587-1788 (V)

301/587-1789 (TTY)

nad.org.

The NAD is a civil rights organization that works for the rights of the deaf and hard of hearing and provides resources on ASL, education, civil rights laws, and other topics of interest. They also

provide programs for Deaf and hard of hearing youth.

American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)

Toll Free: 800/942-2732

deafchildren.org.

ASDC is a national organization that educates, empowers, and supports parents and families of children who are Deaf or hard of hearing. They refer parents to a wide range of information sources, including Deaf individuals; families with Deaf children; schools for the Deaf; and local, state, and national parent and Deaf adult organizations.

Deaf-Blindness

American Association of the Deaf Blind (AADB)

Phone: 301/563-9064 (Video phone)

aadb.org.

The AADB is a national consumer organization that helps all deaf-blind persons to achieve their potential via increased independence, productivity and integration into the community. They provide resources including lists of support service providers; FAQs and factsheets; and information on emergency preparation.

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB)

Toll Free: 800/255-0411

nfadb.org.

The mission of the NFADB is to empower the voices of families of individuals who



are deaf-blind and to advocate for their unique needs. They provide support, connect families with other families, collaborate with other organizations at the state and national level, and advise professionals. The website has online training, publications, and resources.

Sensory Disabilities

American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA)

Toll Free: 800/533-3231

theacpa.org.

The mission of the ACPA is to facilitate peer support and education for individuals with chronic pain and their families and to raise awareness among the health care community, policy makers, and the public at large about issues of living with chronic pain. Find a local group: theacpa.org/Support-Groups.

Assistive Technology and Other Resources

ABLEDATA

Toll Free: 800/227-0216 (V)

703/992-8313 (TTY)

abledata.com.

Provides computerized searches for assistive devices, products, and equipment. Searches include distributor information and product descriptions. Fact sheets and information on catalogs are also available.



Center for Assistive Technology Act Data Assistance Program — State AT Programs

Provides state AT program information. Each State is broken down by topic including: state financing activities, device reutilization, device loan, and device demonstration. Find the AT program for your state: www.catada.info/content/state-program-information.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Toll Free: 800/669-4000 (V)

800/669-6820 (TTY)

eoc.gov/facts/ada18.html.

(employees)

eoc.gov/facts/ada17.html.

(employers)

The EEOC is the oversight agency for issues relating to employment and the ADA. The pages listed here contain frequently asked questions regarding the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees with disabilities. If you feel you have been discriminated against regarding employment, contact the EEOC.



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