

Visually Impaired Resources in Fairfield County, Ohio

Find this link online at www.socil.org (Community Resource Tab)

Adult Education and Job Training

Literacy services

- Fairfield County Literacy Council: 740-653-2745, ext. #109
(message service through the Fairfield County District Library)
- Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency – ASPIRE “Learn More. Earn More.” (GED): 740-653-4146
- Eastland Fairfield Career and Technical College ASPIRE Program: 614-836-4541 ext. 1335

Disability Services

- Fairfield Career Center: 614-836-4541, ext.1534
- Ohio University – Lancaster Campus: 740-681-3311
- Ohio Christian University: 740-477-7803

Finding a Job

- Fairfield County Job and Family Services: 740-652-7889
- Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired:
800-282-4536 or TTY 614-995-1161 or www.ood.ohio.gov
- Functional Training Services: 740-653-4763

Assistive Technology and Equipment

- Assistive Technology of Ohio Device Trial Program: 800-784-3425
<https://atohio.engineering.osu.edu/device-lending-library>
- Maxi Aids Online Store: 800-522-6294
- Functional Aids: 614-265-2520
- “Be My Eyes” - free phone app
- Universal Low Vision Aids: 614-224-6465
- Fairfield County District Library (FCDL): 740-653-2745 - JAWS reading software; MAGic magnifying software; and electronic magnifier
- Pickerington Library: 614-265-2520 - WYNN Literacy software

Transportation

- Lancaster Fairfield Public Transit System: 740-681-5086
- Fun Bus Service On-Demand: 740-653-8294
- Fairfield County Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy: 740-653-1186

Daily Living, Entertainment

- SOCIL (Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living): 740-689-1494
- FCDL: Talking Books Program and Outreach Services - 740-653-2745
- Robert K Fox YMCA: 740-654-0616
- Olivedale Senior Center: 740-687-6655
- Independent Living for the Older Blind (ILOB) Ohioans: 800-282-4536
- Local theatres offer: Descriptive Video Services

Health Services

- Lions Club Eye: 2-1-1 or 740-687-0500
- Counseling Referral: 2-1-1
- Veterans Affairs Medical Outpatient Clinic: 740-653-6145

Accommodations/Rights

- SOCIL: 740-689-1494
- Disability Rights Ohio: 800-282-9181 or TTY 800-858-3542

Related Websites

- VisionAware - <http://www.visionaware.org/default.aspx>

This document was compiled and developed as an information and referral resource by the Fairfield County Blind Literacy Committee. There is no endorsement of any resource listed, our hope is that you are able to connect with the information and resources you are seeking. To report out-of-date information or a broken link, or to suggest additional information resources, feel free to e-mail.....socil@sbcglobal.net

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Additional Resource Information

- **2-1-1** - Trained professionals connect you to a variety of local agencies, including assistance for eye glasses and, in some cases, eye exams funded by the Lions Club Eye program.
- **ASPIRE** “Learn more. Earn more.” A student driven program providing tools and support to achieve his or her potential such as a GED or higher education.
- **Assistive Technology of Ohio Device Trial Program** – Located on the OSU campus, the program loans a wide variety of assistive technology devices. Visit the center or devices can be shipped. A comprehensive application process required.
- **“Be My Eyes”** – A free phone app that connects blind and visually impaired people with sighted helpers via live video connection.
- **Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired** - Provides individuals, with low vision and blindness, services and supports necessary to help them attain and maintain employment.
- **Disability Rights Ohio** - A non-profit with a mission to advocate for the human, civil and legal rights of people in Ohio with disabilities.
- **Fairfield County Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy (FCdPC):** Offers non-medical and medical transportation in-county and out-of-county; wheelchair accessible; door to door service.
- **Fairfield County District Library (FCDL)** – Administers the Federal Talking Books-by-Mail Program for Fairfield County and also provides home delivery of library materials to those with disabilities via Outreach Services.
- **Fairfield County Literacy Council** – Provides free one-on-one reading tutor including ESL (English as a Second Language).
- **Functional Aids Store** - A low tech, low vision store located in Columbus with a variety of devices and low vision aids to assist persons with independent living tasks.

- **Functional Training Services** – In partnership with the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI), offers a variety of individualized programs that teach job seeking skills and provides support to help find and maintain employment.
- **Fun Bus Service On-Demand:** 7 days-a-week, fare-based transportation; reservations accepted; wheel chair accessible vans available; assistance to the door available.
- **Independent Living for the Older Blind (ILOB) Ohioans** – Information and Referral, Adaptive Aids and Equipment, Independent Living Skills Training and Supportive Services and Rehabilitation Teaching Services for individuals age 55+ with severe visual impairment.
- **Lancaster Fairfield Public Transit System** - Provides safe, affordable and accessible transportation for anyone in Fairfield County. Monday through Friday by reservation. Five local loop routes run Monday through Friday as well.
- **Maxi Aids Online Store** - A resource for assistive products, offering low prices on over 9,000 items.
- **Olivedale Senior Center** – Affords aged 55+ a gathering place to socialize, learn new skills and enjoy life. \$12 annual dues.
- **Pickerington Library** – Full service public library. WYNN Literacy software designed to enhance success for individuals with reading challenges and writing difficulties is available to use in the library.
- **SOCIL (Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living)** - Assists people with significant disabilities to live more independently.
- **Universal Low Vision Aids** – A service dealer and authorized distributor of assistive technology serving people with special needs located in Columbus. Shop online or at the store.