

## Overview:

The following is a resource guide of various entities for the deaf/blind communities. This list has many different avenues, but it is acknowledged that this is not a fully comprehensive list. Below are the names, websites, and offerings that can be found in the greater Charleston area, as well as the state of South Carolina, and some national organizations. Please note that even places not listed as Charleston area can aid in finding the right person when contacting the state. Some resources are based in one area and service the entire state.

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Offerings</b>
<b>Interpreting for Deaf</b>		
SC Interpreting Services for the Deaf, LLC	Scinterprintingsvs.wixsite.com/scisd	Interpreters
HIS Sign	Hissing.com	Interpreters (religious ministry group)
SC RID	Southcarolinarid.org	Interpreters. Legal resources. Conferences. Educational opportunities for hearing and Deaf interpreters
South Carolina Association for the Deaf	Sc-deaf.org	Provisional list of interpreters in the state
ASL Interpreting Services, LLC	Signlanguageservices-sc.com	Interpreting for all environments.
<b>Transportation</b>		
Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority	Ridecarta.com	Tel-a-ride, CARTA on demand. (Uber/Lift for anyone under ADA law)
<b>Disability</b>		
Department of Disability Rights, South Carolina	Disabilityrightssc.org	Logistic area, Statewide Medicaid transportation
SC Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	Scvrd.net	Help with DDS/Social Security, Disability benefits counseling, job training and placement, assistive technology
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	Ddsn.sc.gov	Legal/judicial help. Medicaid assistance. Transitional services.
<b>Education</b>		
South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind	Scsdb.org	DeafBlind Project: support for birth-21, early intervention, special education, transition services. Services for parents, teachers, service providers. Interpreting

		services. Materials for blind- braille, large print.
<b>For Blind</b>		
SC Talking Book Services	Sctalkingbook.org	Books in digital audio, braille, etc. sent via USPS. Equipment and bard availability.
Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired Charleston	Abvisc.org	Everything available for blind/visually impaired and some deaf blind. Doctors referrals, technology, training, education, guide dog scholarships, voc rehab, independent living. In Lowcountry.
Able South Carolina	Able-sc.org	Helping disabled become more independent. Focus is more advocacy and education for teens-21 to become a part of society. Upstate information. Legal help.
South Carolina Commission for the Blind	Sccb.sc.org	Residential training facility. Day school training facility. Vocational rehab. Independence training. Counseling and guidance. Educational assistance. Coordination of community resources. Vocational evaluation. Comprehensive assessment. Independence training for 3-12 year olds and 55+. Age 13: transition and vocational rehab, braille skills, etc. Refresher courses.
The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.	Lhblind.org	Manufacturing organization with over 60 years of experience. Low vision job opportunities.
<b>Community advocacy</b>		
EASE, Inc.	Easesc.org	Accessibility education
<b>Medical</b>		
Vision specialists	Many hospitals and specialists are in the immediate area. Please check with you particular insurance/Medicaid to	Ophthalmology – Roper St. Frances, MUSC, Trident, Dr. Kerry Solomon, Carolina Eye Care Physicians, Waring Vision Institute

	find the right specialist for you.	
Audiologist	Many hospitals and specialists are in the immediate area. Please check with your particular insurance/Medicaid to find the right specialist for you.	Audiology – MUSC, HearingLife of Charleston, Palmetto Hearing Healthcare Center, Lowcountry ENT, Healthy Hearing
<b>Independent Living</b>		
All Care Living Services	Allcarelivingservices.com	In home care. Dementia/Alzheimer's. Medication management. Personal Care. Transportation.
Independent Living Aids	Independentlivingaids.com	Technology for at home living. 3
HUD	Hud.gov	Subsidized apartments
Palmetto Community Action Partnership	Palmettocap.org	Emergency housing help
Katie's Crops	Katiescrops.com	Free meals
Lowcountry LEAP Ministries	Lowcountryleapministry.org	Free meals, clothing
SNAP South Carolina Dept of Social Services	Dss.sc.gov	SNAP, meal help
South Carolina Equipment Distribution Program	Scedp.sc.gov	Free phones and TTYs for those with medical proof. Their weather page shows items for alarms with emergency response.
<b>National Affiliates</b>		
Helen Keller Services	Helenkeller.org	Vocational Rehab, Advocacy, Community Services, Employment Specialists, Youth Programs, Adult programs
iCanConnect	icanconnect.org	Technology and electronics for Deaf, Blind, DeafBlind.
National Family Association for Deaf-Blind	Nfadb.org	Resources for transitioning. Zoom. Trainings. Marches.
American Association of the Deaf-Blind	Aadb.org	Camps, support service providers, technology. **Please note this site has not been updated in 4 years, but their contact information is available.

National Federation of the Blind South Carolina	Nfbofsc.org	Various chapters throughout state. Scholarship opportunities. Sports and rec/technology sections. Monthly meetings.
Independent/daily living things....		
<b>Mental Health</b>		
All Access Counseling	Allaccesscounseling.com	Counseling services available in ASL
<b>Telecommunications</b>		
Relay South Carolina	www.relaysouthcarolina.com  www.tmobileaccess.com	Free telecommunication relay services to people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and have a speech disability. Relay South Carolina is from the T-Mobile Accessibility company.