

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES & RESOURCES

Helpful Educational Support Services for Parents and Professionals

Government of Alberta-Vision Education www.vision.alberta.ca

- Links to regional consulting teams; Vision Resource Centres; Learning Resource Centre-Specialized Services for the Visually Impaired; upcoming events; conferences; many links, resources and much more.
- Regular updates on this site.

The logo for the Government of Alberta Vision Education Alberta. It features a blue square with a white square inside, containing the text "Government of Alberta" and "Vision Education Alberta" below it.

Provincial Programs

C.A.S.E. – Coordinated Assessment Services for the Exceptional (Grande Prairie)

www.gppsd.ab.ca

Vision Resource Centre – North

Newton School

c/o ERECS – Edmonton Regional Consulting Services

<http://consultingservices.epsb.net/>

Vision Resource Centre – Calgary

Captain John Palliser School

www.cbe.ab.ca

Vision Resource Centre – Southern Alberta

c/o REACH – Educational Assessment & Consultation Services

(Calgary & Lethbridge)

www.reachservices.ab.ca

Canadian National Institute for the Blind - CNIB

www.cnib.ca

- Provides programs, services and support for individuals with vision loss in Canada.



Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired - ASVI

www.asvicalgary.com www.asviedmonton.org

- Family and professional support.

**Sites/Materials/Toys for Ordering
Linking Literacy & Numeracy**

VI Curriculum www.vicurriculum.org

- Resources and ideas to use with children who are blind or visually impaired.

Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop

www.teachersaidsforblindchildren.org

- Free tactile books and learning materials.

www.aph.org



American Printing House
for the Blind
Building Independence Since 1858

Tactile Vision www.tactilevisioninc.com

- Tactile Vision sells tactile graphics and children's braille/large print books at a reasonable cost.

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired www.tsbvi.edu

- Blind, visually impaired, and deaf/blind links; curriculum publications; braille books and materials; technology and more. Go to *Search TSBVI* and type in Teaching Mathematical Concepts.

Priory Woods School www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk

- Free downloads; switch activities; PowerPoint books.



Independent Living Aids www.independentliving.com

- Products for the blind and visually impaired (Brailin Doll).



Link to Learning www.linktolearning.com

- click on Kindergarten
- Free read-a-loud stories, rhymes for young children.

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WonderBaby.org www.wonderbaby.org

- Resources/links for parents & caregivers of children who are blind, visually impaired or special needs.

Blind Children's Fund www.blindchildrensfund.org

- Provides preschool children, parents and professionals with resource materials; list of products/braille books to purchase; recommends age appropriate toys; free batteries.



Seedlings www.seedlings.org

- Low cost and some free braille books for children (Book Angel Program).



Braille Institute
www.brailleinstitute.org/services

- Free books "Dots for Tots" multisensory story book kit.



National Braille Press www.nbp.org

- Braille and tactile books.
- Free book bags for any family with a blind child, birth to age 7 (click on Read Books!)



Perkins School for the Blind
www.perkins.org

- Teaching resources; webcasts; assistive technology.



The Centre for Family Literacy www.famlit.ca

- This site provides an extensive listing of literacy resources with free downloads as well as resources available for purchase.
- Linking 1-2-3 and A-B-C: All About Numeracy and Literacy (2007)
- Songs, Stories and Rhymes that Bind CD (2005)



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LilliWorks www.lilliworks.com

- Information on the 'Active Learning Approach' and equipment.
- Check out You Tube videos.



Pre-K Smarties www.preksmarties.com

- Check out early math and early reading; links for parents and teachers; free preschool resources (songs, printables); good articles.



Family Connect www.familyconnect.org

- Go to toddlers, preschoolers and toy guide
- For parents of children with visual impairments. Excellent information for various age ranges from eating skills, education, technology to eye conditions and multiple disabilities and videos.



Playworks www.playworks.net

- Multisensory toy site for children with special needs.



www.kiddonet.com/gb/flash/phonics/intro.html

- Alphabet activities for children with low vision.

Just Playing www.smart-central.com

- Nursery rhymes and stories.



Musical Nursery Rhymes

www.indianchild.com/nursery%20rhymes.htm

- Songs, nursery rhymes, and poems.

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Giggle Poetry www.gigglepoetry.com



Literacy Center Education Network www.literacycentre.com

Literacy Center.Net – The Early Childhood Education Network

- Early childhood focus for parents and teachers. Free preschool printable activities for numbers, shapes, colours, letters and words. Pictures on e books clear and non-cluttered (\$1.99 each).

www.dotolearn.com



- Many free special needs resources for parents and teachers. On line song activities for body awareness; colour/number games; free printables, directions for making tactile shape books. List of products they make and sell.

Starfall www.starfall.com

- Speech enabled literacy activities for preschoolers-grade 2. Free downloadable printouts.



Tar Heel Reader www.tarheelreader.org

- Free, accessible books on a wide range of topics. Can be speech enabled and has good quality non-cluttered large pictures (check out math and book “Fruits I Can Count”).

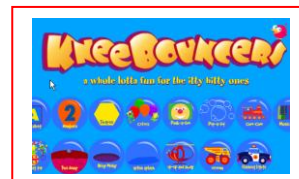
www.tarheelreader.org

Tar Heel Reader

Books for beginning readers of all ages

KneeBouncers www.kneebouncers.com

- numbers, shapes, colours



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EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING INC. www.exceptionalteaching.com

- Educational resources and toys for students who are blind/visually impaired.

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Providing Educational Solutions
For Those With Special Needs Since 1974
FEATURING MANGOLD PRODUCTS

Boowaa & Kwala www.boowakwala.com

- Songs and stories



Sesame Workshop www.sesameworkshop.org/home

- Click on literacy and numeracy activities



Discovery Toys <http://www.discoverytoys.com/web/guest/home>



www.tactile.org

- tactile colours - free samples and order information



CAL Creative Adaptations for Learning www.cal-s.org

- Educational tools for braille literacy: braille peg blocks, flashcards; embossed pictures; shape/counting books/cards.



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Pip Squeakers Baby Shoes

www.pipsqueakers.com

- Squeaky shoes to encourage feet and leg gross motor skills and walking. Check out baby shoes video.



Dots for Families <http://uacoe.arizona.edu/viliteracy/>

- Site for families to learn more about braille and how young children who are visually impaired develop literacy skills.



www.poissonrouge.com (French)



www.toystoolsandtreasures.com



www.nellieedge.com

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VISION**

www.tactilevisioninc.com/

www.topmarks.co.uk



www.theteachersguide.com



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www.lowvision.org



www.insightmediacentre.com



www.kizclub.com



www.storyplace.org



www.exclusiveeducational.ca



- Canadian mathematical and science manufacturer and distributor of educational products.

www.songsforteaching.com/nurseryrhymes.htm

- Rhymes for building oral language facility

Wikki Stix www.wikkistix.com

- Waxy, flexible yarn for crafts and making tactile materials. Available in many stores.

