



SHARING OUR VISION

It's possible to see without sight™



WHAT IS MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE?

*A Center of Excellence
in Vision Rehabilitation*

For nearly a century, Miami Lighthouse has been working to build a more inclusive society through services and programs that enable every blind and visually impaired person, from blind babies to seniors, the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential, wholly participate in all aspects of life and find lasting purpose.

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT

Through education, training, research and vision enhancement, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides hope, confidence, and independence to people of all ages.

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Is Your Website Compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

Websites are this generation's wheelchair ramp and accessibility is not only the right thing

to do, it's the law, according to the ADA. Let us help you make your website ADA compliant. Miami Lighthouse offers website auditing by highly qualified assistive technology IT specialists to ensure website accessibility for users with disabilities. We also work closely with your website designer to bring your website into full compliance. Send us an email at: ADACompliance@miamilighthouse.org or call 305-856-4176.



Confirming Your Website is Accessible

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Early Steps and the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade, our Academy offers an inclusion program for children ages 12 months to 4 years old, and a Kindergarten, first and second grade for blind and visually impaired students. As a certified Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Provider, the Miami Lighthouse Academy enrolls students with and without vision impairments promoting an inclusive program resulting in a sense of belonging for all children and families. In support of our mission, early learners without vision

EARLY INTERVENTION BLIND BABIES PROGRAM

Named 2016 Program of the Year by the Children's Trust, our year-round Blind Babies Program (birth to age six) provides home visitations and early intervention support to children who meet eligibility criteria. The program utilizes Parents as Teachers, an evidence-based model to support families in the home and community. Playgroups, family support groups and consultative services with professionals are also offered.

CORTICAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (CVI) COLLABORATIVE CENTER

The Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Collaborative Center at Miami Lighthouse is the first collaboration between educators, medical professionals, researchers and service providers in the state of Florida, responding exclusively to CVI. CVI is the "leading cause of visual impairment in children in the US and around the world" (National Eye Institute, 2021).



impairments are selected to aid the learning environment for children with vision loss. Miami Lighthouse Academy is a Florida Gold Seal Quality Care Program and a nationally Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment (APPLE).

CAMP MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE

Our summer program is for children in grades K-12. It is a program designed to enhance literacy skills, encourage physical fitness and promote social interaction. Camp Miami Lighthouse provides a fun learning environment where children can sharpen their life skills, learn Braille and technology and improve physical fitness by swimming, goal ball, Judo and other activities.

BRIGHT BEACONS

A year-round program for children 5 to 13 years of age focused on core and expanded core curriculum. Children are taught Braille and technology skills, orientation and mobility, daily living and social integration skills.

FLORIDA HEIKEN CHILDREN'S VISION PROGRAM

The Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program provides comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses at no cost to eligible children statewide. Services are provided on mobile eye care units at school sites and through our network of community optometrists. Parents of Florida Public School students can apply for a no cost eye exam and glasses at www.floridaheiken.org.



FAMILY SUPPORT DAYS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Family Support sessions provide fun and informative activities for clients of all ages, their families and/or caregivers. Outreach includes presentations to educate the community about our services as well as addressing the needs of unserved and underserved individuals.



We are grateful to the Florida Division of Blind Services for partially supporting the following programs: Early Intervention Blind Babies, Vocational Rehabilitation, Pre-Employment Transition Services, Independent Living Adult and Independent Living Older Blind and Senior Group Health and Activities.



The Miami Lighthouse Music Program, Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program, Blind Babies Program and Children's Summer Program are funded in part by the Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Growing advances in technology allow a visually impaired individual to lead a more independent life. Miami Lighthouse offers training on computers adapted to provide either enlarged images or speech output of the information on the screen that can be used with word processing, email and other applications. Our technology staff also teaches students the intricacies of website accessibility that prepare the blind for employment in this field.

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

O and M services allow the individual to gain better spatial awareness and travel independence. Proper training from our university trained, certified instructors builds confidence and independence for blind or visually impaired individuals maneuvering in a sighted world.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

The primary purpose of the Pre-Employment Transition Services Program is to help build employable skills for youth with a vision disability (ages 14-22).

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Personal Management instruction helps individuals of all ages to remain in their own home and establish an independent life. Personal management offers help in areas such as: home and kitchen safety, basic meal preparation, nutrition, grooming, personal hygiene, money identification, organization, labeling and medication management. Clients also learn Braille as needed to improve communication skills.

LOW VISION SERVICES

Our **Low Vision Solutions Center** offers appointments with an Optometric Physician specializing in Low Vision and a wide array of special adaptive aids and magnifying devices. Miami Lighthouse offers in-home services by our low vision occupational therapist for individuals who need to make adjustments and modifications in their home. To make an appointment, please call **786-362-7479**. To purchase devices, visit our online shop:



[LighthouseShop.org](https://www.LighthouseShop.org)

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GED PROGRAM ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Adult Basic Education, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, provides blind and visually impaired adults with the education needed to obtain their GED. In addition to Adult Basic Education, students whose first language is Spanish or Creole can also study English as a Second Language. Classes meet four days a week, with registration at the beginning of each trimester.

SENIOR GROUP HEALTH AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Our Senior Group Health and Activities Program (SGA) offers leisure activities that also aid in improving one's life skills. Ceramics, jewelry making and other tactile arts compliment the SGA program. Clients may also participate in GED/Adult Education and Music Programs, field trips, support groups, periodic diabetes and blood sugar monitoring and counseling regarding disease management through proper diet.

We strive to create a generation of visually impaired professionals thriving in a more inclusive and equitable workforce and society. The program's structure meets participants' diverse abilities and empowers students with transferable skills and credentials relevant to the workforce, continuing education, and life.

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EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Miami Lighthouse offers workforce development training including technology training with adaptive devices, and reintroducing Sales and Customer Service Call Center Training. Our workforce development training develops competitive job skills and helps increase public awareness of the abilities and competence of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Employers may also qualify for IRS tax credits and deductions such as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and the Disabled Access Credit as well as training incentives from South Florida WorkForce.



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