

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

Vision & Hearing Services

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

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VISION AND HEARING SERVICES

SITUATION: A person needs vision or hearing services.

- ❖ **Free vision and hearing screenings, referrals and follow-up for preschool and school-aged children.** This service is provided through schools every other year from the Macomb County Health Department*, Mt. Clemens, (586) 469-5188.

- ❖ **Free basic eye health and vision care services for individuals who have low incomes and need eye care but cannot afford insurance or the cost of ordinary care.** Provided by Volunteers in Services in our Nations USA, a non-profit charity of the American Optometric Association. The program is open to children and adults of all ages who qualify. Here are the general eligibility requirements, although they may vary by state. To receive free services, individuals must: 1) Have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; 2) Have no vision insurance (this may include Medicare/Medicaid); Have income below an established level based on household size; and 4) Not have had an eye exam within 2 years. If an individual or family is eligible, they will be matched with a volunteer doctor of optometry who will provide a comprehensive eye exam at no charge. The doctors are donating their services and may be limited in some areas. Eyewear may also be provided at no cost or for a small fee/donation in some states. Applications may be completed on line at: www.aoa.org/x1061.xml or call (314) 991-4100 ext. 261.

- ❖ **Free hearing aids for individuals with hearing problems and who meet income eligibility requirements.** Available from the Lions Hearing Center Hearing Aid Assistance Program, (888) 542-6424.

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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to www.misd.net/connection





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