# 2024 NFB of Michigan Exhibitor Guide

Friday, November 1, 11 am to 6 pm

Where: Radisson Hotel Kalamazoo

Great Lakes Rooms, Lower Level

100 W Michigan Ave

Kalamazoo MI 49007

Free and open to the public.

Please visit [www.nfbmi.org/convention](http://www.nfbmi.org/convention) to learn about other convention activities.

## Platinum Sponsors

### Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

702 W Kalamazoo St

Lansing, MI 48933

800-292-4200

Website: www.michigan.gov/bsbp

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons is a state and federally funded agency providing the following services to individuals who are blind and visually impaired:  Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, Pre-Employment Transition Services, Youth Low Vision, Business Enterprise Program, Braille and Talking Book Library, Business Services and the Residential Training Facility.

### Discover Kalamazoo

240 W Michigan Ave

Kalamazoo MI 49007

269-488-9000

Website: [discoverkalamazoo.com](https://www.discoverkalamazoo.com/)

Email: [aperuchietti@discoverkalamazoo.com](mailto:aperuchietti@discoverkalamazoo.com)

As the official destination marketing organization for Kalamazoo County, Discover Kalamazoo features a team of sales, service and marketing professionals who strive to inspire visitors and residents to discover Kalamazoo. We work to provide the resources, platforms and opportunities for individual local businesses to market their services and products to a variety of travel audiences, including leisure tourists, convention planners and meeting/trade show attendees. Our mission is to attract and wow visitors for the economic advancement of our county, with the vision of sharing Kalamazoo with everyone.

### Eye Learn

11000 W McNichols Road, Suite #109

Detroit, MI 48221

313-530-5905

Website: www.eyelearn2016.com

Email: [eyelearn16@gmail.com](mailto:eyelearn16@gmail.com)

Eye Learn is a Detroit-based technology center for the blind, offering specialized training through screen reader technology and structured discovery. We customize programs to meet the unique needs of individuals and small groups, delivering both in-person and remote lessons to enhance digital accessibility and independence.

### Non-24/Vanda

2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20037

Phone number: 202-875-4714

Email: [Jennifer.lyman@vandapharma.com](mailto:Jennifer.lyman@vandapharma.com)

Non-24 is a disorder that disrupts a person’s sleep and wake schedule. People who are unable to perceive any, or enough light, can experience their body clock and sleep-wake cycle becoming out of sync creating periods when they may be awake at night and want to sleep during the day.

## Gold Sponsors

### Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO)

Michigan Library and Historical Center

702 W Kalamazoo St

Lansing, MI 48915

517-241-7083

Website: [mdelio.org](https://www.mdelio.org)

Email: [msdb-outreach@michigan.gov](mailto:msdb-outreach@michigan.gov)

MDE-LIO provides consultation, training, and resources to families and educational teams serving students who are Blind or Visually Impaired (BVI) and/or Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH).

MDE-LIO's vision is to ensure equal access to a quality education for all students who are BVI and/or DHH.

## White Cane Sponsors

### Birding By Ear and Beyond

15061 Ford Rd

Dearborn, MI 48126

313-220-8140

Email: [donnabutterfly50@gmail.com](mailto:donnabutterfly50@gmail.com)

Birding by Ear and Beyond, a program at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was developed as a way for people who are blind to learn about the natural world. Participants who are blind as well as sighted families  and friends are encouraged to engage all their senses in the learning processes. Those who are blind have learned to identify birds by sound, trees by touch, flowers by smell, and herbs in the butterfly garden by taste. Anyone involved in the program finds out that an understanding of nature can occur even when one is blind by using techniques that do not depend on sight. As participants explore the wonder of nature they gain confidence in their abilities to learn about and care for the environment.

### Family Counseling and Mediation Services

5320 Holiday Terrace, Suite 8

Kalamazoo MI 49009

269-932-4973

Website: [counseling-kalamazoo.com](https://www.counseling-kalamazoo.com)

Email: [laurierudolph@counseling-kalamazoo.com](mailto:laurierudolph@counseling-kalamazoo.com)

Family Counseling and Mediation Services is a private practice in Kalamazoo since 2013.

We have four practitioners providing counseling for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families.

Specialties include addiction, trauma, LGBTQIA2S+, children/adolescent family issues, and disability and minority issues.

In-person and virtual sessions as well as evening hours are available.

### iCan Connect /Perkins School for the Blind

175 N Beacon St

Watertown, AND 02472

617-924-3434

Website: <https://www.icanconnect.org>

Email: [deafcan@deafcan.org](mailto:deafcan@deafcan.org)

iCanConnect provides free equipment and training to people with both significant vision and hearing loss who meet disability and income guidelines to communicate with others with distance communication devices. Perkins School for the Blind is responsible for iCanConnect, in Michigan, Deaf C.A.N.! and others provide in-state service.

### Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S Rochester Rd

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

888-777-5332

Website: [Leaderdog.org](https://www.Leaderdog.org)

Email: [Leaderdog@leaderdog.org](mailto:Leaderdog@leaderdog.org)

Leader Dogs for the Blind provides free Orientation and Mobility, guide dog, and youth programs for people who are blind or visually impaired.

### Rehabilitation WAY, LLC

503 S Westnedge Ave, #1

Kalamazoo MI 49007

616-528-4309

Email: [Rehabilitationway@gmail.com](mailto:Rehabilitationway@gmail.com)

Rehabilitation WAY LLC is a private practice that incorporates vocational readiness into its work with blind people. Its tenets; working, accessing, and yielding; addresses the impediments to employment that blind people have the potential to face.

## Other Exhibitors

### A. T. Guys

PO Box 51446

Kalamazoo MI 49005

269-216-4798

Website: [atguys.com](https://www.atguys.com)

Email: [support@atguys.com](mailto:support@atguys.com)

Affordable access technology for tech experts and brand new users. Our products include Bluetooth speakers, keyboards, and headsets, talking voice recorders, the Meater cooking thermometer, the BlindShell 2 talking cell phone, the Hable One braille keyboard, our accessible portable power banks, and much more. All with knowledgeable tech support from people who use these products every day.

### Access To Places (virtual only)

11500 Wayzata Blvd. #1341

Minnetonka MN 55305

954-2access, 954-222-2377

Website: [accesstoplaces.com](https://www.accesstoplaces.com)

Email: [info@accesstoplaces.com](mailto:info@accesstoplaces.com)

Bringing accessibility to physical spaces, places and things. We are the home of the Tactile Graphics Club of the Month.

### Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

456 Cherry St SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616-840-8286

Website: www.abvimi.org

Email: [Osman.koroma@maryfreebed.com](mailto:Osman.koroma@maryfreebed.com)

We will be highlighting our rehab services(Access technology trainings, Reaching Inclusion through Successful Employment, O&M, Support group, low vision clinic and youth programs.

### Braille Bright Assistive Tech LLC

720 Milford Glen Drive

Milford, MI 48381

810-701-1614

Email: [rpavone.brlbat@gmail.com](mailto:rpavone.brlbat@gmail.com)

Braille bright Assistive Tech is a company that helps blind and low vision individuals live independent lives through assistive technology training, independent living skills training, and braille instruction. We also provide creation of braille materials for individuals and companies. With all of these services being provided remotely in the comfort of your own home.

### Disability Network Southwest Michigan

517 E Crosstown Parkway

Kalamazoo MI 49001

269-345-1516

Website: www.dnswm.org

Email: [communications@dnswm.org](mailto:communications@dnswm.org)

Disability Network Southwest Michigan is a nonprofit, assisting people with all types of disabilities throughout Southwest Michigan. We are people with disabilities advancing justice, access, and inclusion for the Disability Community. We provide many services like Information & Referral, Independent Living, Advocacy & Community Education, and Peer Support.

### En-Vision America (virtual only)

825 4th Street West

Palmetto, FL 34221

800-890-1180

Website: [EnVisionAmerica.com](https://www.EnVisionAmerica.com)

Email: [PatientCare@EnVisionAmerica.com](mailto:PatientCare@EnVisionAmerica.com)

En-Vision America is the maker of ScripTalk talking prescription labels, ScriptView large print, Braille and dual language formats. The service is free! Contact our patient care team for help finding a participating pharmacy or approaching your current pharmacy about offering the service.

### Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind & Visually Impaired

26777 Central Park Blvd, Suite 150

Southfield, MI 48076

313-591-3794

Website: [www.lifebeyondsight.org](https://www.lifebeyondsight.org)

Email: [jsmock@gdabvi.org](mailto:jsmock@gdabvi.org)

### Guide Dogs for the Blind

350 Los Ranchitos Road

San Rafael, CA 94903

800-295-4050

Website: [www.GuideDogs.com](http://www.GuideDogs.com)

Email: [pberman@guidedogs.com](mailto:pberman@guidedogs.com)

Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) serves people who are blind or visually impaired in all 50 states and Canada. GDB’s free services include Orientation and Mobility Immersion, Guide Dog training, CanineBuddy placement, and youth programs.

GDB is headquartered in San Rafael, California, with an additional campus in Boring, Oregon.

### Lions 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired

20349 White Pine Blvd

Battle Creek, MI 49017

269 578-3684

Email: [rogerbosse@att.net](mailto:rogerbosse@att.net)

Winter Retreat for blind and visually impaired adults (18+). The camp is held the first weekend in February at Clear Lake Camp near Dowling, MI. There are indoor and outdoor activities, entertainment, a talent show, and great meals. Cost is $50 per camper, and caregivers are welcome. Campers provide their own transportation.

### Lions Bear Lake Camp

3409 N Five Lakes Rd

Lapeer, MI 48446

989 277-7437

Website: www.bearlakecamp.org

Email: [traci@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:traci@bearlakecamp.org)

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc. a 501C-3 Non Profit Corporation. Camp opened its doors in July, 2000, starting with only 53 campers our first year, we have since been able to service more than 10,000 campers and visitors. We are financially supported by the Lions, and Leos, as well as Foundation grants and individual donors throughout Michigan. Lions Bear Lake Camp’s Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

### Metro

530 N Rose St

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-337-8222

Website: [kmetro.com](http://www.kmetro.com)

Email: [MyMetro@kmetro.com](mailto:MyMetro@kmetro.com)

Metro provides public transportation & mobility solutions throughout Kalamazoo County. We operate the traditional bus system as well as three other mobility programs – Metro Connect, Metro Link & Metro Share- that introduce greater flexibility and choice for all!

### Michigan Braille and Talking Book Library

702 W Kalamazoo St

PO Box 30007

Lansing, MI 48909

800-992-9012

Website: [www.michigan.gov/btbl](http://www.michigan.gov/btbl)

Email: [btbl@michigan.gov](mailto:btbl@michigan.gov)

The Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) provides free audio and braille books to Michigan residents with visual, physical, or print disabilities. Users can access thousands of titles via BARD or receive digital talking book players and books to their residence by mail at no cost.

### Michigan Ski for Light

MSFL Registration Coordinator

306 Mary Dr.

Bay City, MI 48708

989-450-6622

Website: www.msfl.org

Email: [msflregcoordinator2024@gmail.com](mailto:msflregcoordinator2024@gmail.com)

Michigan Ski for Light over 49 Years of sharing the love and activities of winter sports with the blind and physically Disabled Community. 100% volunteer organization with 100% of all Donations used for the activity and cost for this event.

Dates January 17th-19th, 2025 at Higgins Lake, DNR, RAM Center. Roscommon, MI.

### NewHaptics

2890 Carpenter Rd

Ann Arbor, m 48108

Website: newhaptics.com

Email: [contact@newhaptics.com](mailto:contact@newhaptics.com)

NewHaptics is a Michigan based company focused on developing a multiline braille display. Visit us to learn more!

### Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

4175 Westbrook Road

Ionia, MI 48846

616-755-2221 (Fri) , 248-227-9855 (Aric)

Website: www.oubmichigan.org

Email: [gwen@oubmichigan.org](mailto:gwen@oubmichigan.org), aricwallace@gmail.com

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind provides excellent summer camps and year-round events for children and youth ages 7-17 who are blind/low vision. Located at Camp Optimist on the west side of Grand Rapids, we hire young adults who are blind/low vision, focusing on fun and skills of blindness.

### Selvas BLV

2113 Wells Branch Pkwy

Suite 6100

Austin, TX 78728

512-837-2000

Website: [Selvasblv.com](http://www.Selvasblv.com)

Email: [Sales@selvasblv.com](mailto:Sales@selvasblv.com)

Manufactures and distributors of premium blindness and low vision products. Come by to learn more about the BrailleSense 6, Braille eMotion, SensePlayer, and QBraille XL.

### VisualEyes Access

154 Chestnut St

Battle Creek, MI 49017

517-630-1420

Website: **www.VisualEyesAccess.com**

Email: [Shawn@VisualEyesAccess.com](mailto:Shawn@VisualEyesAccess.com)

The purpose of VisualEyes Access is to provide expert consulting services in the field of digital accessibility and to offer high-quality visual interpreting and administrative assistance to blind and low vision individuals.

### Western Michigan University, Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies

1903 W Michigan, Mailstop 5218

Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5218

269-387-3450

Website: <https://wmich.edu/visionstudies>

Email: [elyse.m.connors@wmich.edu](mailto:elyse.m.connors@wmich.edu)

WMU’s orientation and mobility and vision rehabilitation therapy personnel preparation programs are the longest-running programs of their kind in the U.S. Over the past 58 years, in collaboration with consumer groups, state vocational rehabilitation agencies and Veterans Administration Hospitals, our program has been the nation’s largest preparer of blindness professionals.

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