



Figure 1: Logo of the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

## **Educational Resources on the Internet for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired**

This information was archived in September 2012 from a previous version of the GDABVI website. We have done our best to update the website links but we will not be able to offer future updates. We apologize for any inconvenience and welcome your call to our office for any search assistance you may need (313) 272-3900.

### ***Schools for the Blind and Visually Impaired***

[Perkins School for the Blind](#) was the first school for the blind in the United States. They provide a wide variety of services locally, nationally, and internationally. It is located in Watertown, Massachusetts.

[Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#) has information about the school and a wide array of other educational resources. You can also download [Computerized Nemeth Code Tutor](#) software and get assistance with [Braille Code and Transcription](#).

[Hadley School for the Blind](#) is the largest educator of people who are blind or visually impaired around the world, serving more than 10,000 students annually in all 50 states and 100 countries. The school is also the largest educator of Braille. It famous for its wide range of college level courses that it offers, free of charge, by correspondence. Blind adults, family members of blind persons, and professionals in the blindness field are eligible to participate in the Hadley program.

### ***Special Education Resources***

[SciTrain](#), formerly Barrier Free Education, works to help high school science and mathematics teachers provide the highest quality education to

students with disabilities. The project includes research, instruction for teachers on how to make their coursework, classrooms and labs more accessible, and information resources for teachers including assistive technology for their courses.

[Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights \(PACER\)](#) is a non-profit parent training and information center for families of children and youth with all disabilities from birth through 21 years old. Located in Minneapolis, it serves families across the nation, as well as those in Minnesota. Parents can find publications, workshops, and other resources to help make decisions about education, vocational training, employment, and other services for their children with disabilities.

[National Agenda for the Education of Children and Youths with Visual Impairments, Including Those with Multiple Disabilities](#) seeks to ensure that people whose children have a visual problem are connected into an appropriate school organization so that the children can receive early intervention services. We will make a concerted effort to assemble resources to assist people in southeast Michigan in achieving this goal in particular and the overall goals of the agenda in general.

### ***Toys for Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired***

**Lekotek Toy Resource Helpline** is an organization that helps to assess a child's developmental stage, in addition to the disability, to suggest toys that can be borrowed from a toy lending program. Specially trained persons observe the child at play and help select toys that may be of interest. There is an annual fee to participate in the toy lending program. National Lekotek Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201; 800-366-7529

**Toy Manufacturers of America & American Foundation for the Blind** These two organizations collaborate to publish a catalog called, [Guide to Toys for Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired](#). Call 212-675-1141

[Toys 'R' Us Toy Guide for Differently Abled Kids](#) This covers a wide range of disability areas and was developed in association with the National Parent Network on Disabilities. To obtain a copy of the guide, write: Toys Are Us; Guide for Differently Abled Kids; P.O. Box 4422; River Edge, NJ

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<http://www.toysrus.com/shop/index.jsp?categoryId=3261680>