

Standing Committee On Disability

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AHEAD

The Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) is an international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities. The Association is a vital resource, promoting excellence through education, communication and training. The Association's numerous training programs, workshops, publications, and conferences are planned and developed by its elected officials and governing board and carried out by the full-time Executive Vice President and staff.

AHEAD was founded in 1977 to address the need and concern for upgrading the quality of services and support available to persons with disabilities in higher education.

<http://www.ahead.org>

Ameriphone

Helping People Communicate Easier. For over twenty years, Ameriphone has been doing just that - offering innovative communications equipment for people with unique needs. We attribute our success to a powerful yet simple business philosophy: integrate the latest telecommunications technology into the development of superior quality products; offer them at competitive prices, and support them with excellent customer service and technical support. From our first basic telephone auto-dialer, Ameriphone has grown to become one of the most respected and valued brands in the industry. Today's product line includes text telephones, a voice carry over phone and notification systems for the deaf and deaf/blind; amplified telephones, phone amplifiers, photo-dial phones and super phone ringers for the hard-of-hearing, seniors and general consumers; remote controlled speakerphones and assistive accessories for those with mobility loss; ADA compliance kits for the hospitality industry and other public facilities; and much more.

<http://www.ameriphone.com>

Arkenstone

Arkenstone is the leading provider of reading systems for people with visual and reading disabilities. Maker of reading machines, audible maps, etc

<http://www.arkenstone.org>

The Bartimaeus Group

The Bartimaeus Group focuses on computer-based training for blind or visually impaired computer users. NavigAide ® (an interactive training CD for Windows ® 95/98) teaches individuals how to use the Windows ® 95/98 operating system with a screen reader. Note: A Screen Reader is not required to use this CD.

Each course is part of a natural building block progression of instructions. The beginning user will gain confidence from training material that is clear and concise. The logically sequenced courses allow you to study at your own pace and work on a single lesson until you feel comfortable and successful. You also have the option to tailor the course to your own user level by selecting courses in an order that you choose.

NavigAide ® provides a safe training environment by protecting you from pressing a key that puts you in an unknown place or application. You will build confidence and "keyboard memory" by actually using Windows ® 95/98 keyboard commands. NavigAide ® will help create the mental pictures necessary to understand what sighted person sees on the screen. This controlled, safe environment lets you concentrate on course material and increases the speed of your learning curve.

<http://www.bartsite.com/navi.html>

Blazie Engineering

Blazie Engineering researches, designs, manufactures, and distributes note taking instruments for use by blind people. The note takers have an audio "voice" so information can be heard, and/or they have refreshable Braille cells, so information can be read in Grade 2 Braille.

Blazie Engineering note takers and accessories allow the blind community to use and save information on computers, access the Internet, manage finances, and handle everyday necessities like storing names and addresses, checkbook record-keeping, and much more.

Headquartered in Forest Hill, Maryland, Blazie Engineering is best known for its award-winning Braille 'N Speak®. The company got its start in 1987 when it introduced the Braille 'N Speak® at the National Federation of the Blind Convention, and has since become the leading

manufacturer of note-takers for the blind. Some of Blazie's more popular and resourceful products include the Type 'n Speak®, the Braille Lite, the Braille Lite 40® and the newest, Type Lite®. For the

past 11 years, Blazie Engineering has enjoyed providing innovative computer technology, which gives a new level of freedom and independence to blind people around the world.

<http://www.blazie.com>

Damon Brooks Associates (DBA)

At the time of the advent of the Americans With Disabilities Act, several personalities with a disability sought out DBA to assist them in securing speaking and entertaining engagements. It is this building block and support from the disability community which enabled DBA to establish itself as the only comprehensive disability awareness resource featuring exclusively those who have a disability and speak and entertain professionally.

<http://www.primenet.com/~dba>

Dragon Systems: makers of voice input computer technology helping those with limited ability to type.

<http://www.dragonsystems.com>

EASI (Equal Access to Software and Information): Equal Access to Software and Information

Project of the TLT Group (Teaching, Learning & Technology) (An Affiliate of the American Association for Higher Education)

EASI's mission is to serve as a resource to the education community by providing information and guidance in the area of access-to-information technologies by individuals with disabilities. We stay informed about developments and advancements within the adaptive computer technology field and spread that information to colleges, universities, K-12 schools, libraries and into the workplace.

SEMINARS AND ONLINE WORKSHOPS: EASI has made presentations to more than 2,500 people who provide computer and information access to people with disabilities. Topics include: The Americans with Disabilities Act, computer access strategies, lab environments, and support services. In conjunction with the Rochester Institute of Technology, EASI delivers three online workshops via the Internet:

- (1) Adapt-it focuses on adaptive computing technology and support services. Includes video, workbook and Information Access & Adaptive Technology. Cost is \$195.
- (2) EASI-SEM specializes in access to science, engineering and math. Includes 3 videos, workbooks and Information Access & Adaptive Technology. Cost is \$195.
- (3) EASI-WEB demonstrates how to develop web pages that are accessible to everyone. Cost is \$195. All workshops are delivered several times a year. The workshops can be previewed on the web at www.rit.edu/~easi/workshops.html.

<http://www.rit.edu/~easi>

Fanlight Productions

Offers a Disabilities Video Collection on such topics as People in Motion: Changing Ideas about Physical Disability, A Videoguide to (Dis)Ability Awareness ("an outstanding orientation to the human side of the [ADA], for staff training or personal use. It deals with ways to be comfortable in activities with people who are disabled, ..."), Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (a series of four tapes on such subtopics as "ADHD in Adults," "ADHD in the Classroom," etc.)

<http://www.fanlight.com>

HEATH

The HEATH Resource Center of the American Council on Education is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Support from the U.S.

Department of Education enables HEATH to serve as an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at American campuses,

vocational-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities.

<http://www.heath-resource-center.org>

Henter-Joyce

Using JAWS for Windows screen-reader and MAGic screen-magnification software developed by Henter-Joyce, blind or visually impaired computer users access a whole world of information,

education and job-related applications. With our products, blind or visually-impaired people browse the web, read or write e-mail messages, re-calculate spread sheets or access information in a data base. Henter-Joyce software works with, but does not replace, most computer applications. JAWS for Windows and MAGic are the top choices of blind and visually-impaired people around the world.

Henter-Joyce leads by example, with software developed by blind people for blind people. Our

president, Ted Henter, is blind and the majority of our developers and technical support personnel are either blind or visually impaired. We are therefore driven to maintain our position at the forefront of assistive technology, ensuring our own progress in addition to that of the blind and visually-impaired community at large.

<http://www.hj.com>

Salome Heyward and Associates

Salome Heyward, a civil rights attorney with over 21 years experience in the field of disability discrimination law and disability management, is the president of Heyward, Lawton & Associates. Dr. Heyward is frequently sought out by media personnel to provide legal background for their productions concerning disability issues (NBC, CNN, ESPN, the New York Times, the Christian Science Monitor, and the Chronicle of Higher Education). She is a well-known and respected speaker and trainer in the area of disability discrimination law and has been a featured presenter for national associations and organizations such as the American Association for Affirmative Action, the Association of Higher Education and Disability, the Council of State Governments, the National Association of State Personnel, and the International Learning Disabilities Association.

Salome Heyward and Associates offer the Disability Access Institute, a comprehensive seminar addressing current ADA/Section 504 postsecondary issues for affirmative action officers, disability services programs staff, ADA coordinators and counsel.

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Humanware, Inc

Makers of adaptive computer products helping student affairs professionals and students who are blind or have low vision as well as those who have learning disabilities.

<http://www.humanware.com>

Jane Jarrow/DAIS

Jane E. Jarrow, Ph. D. has established a reputation for being knowledgeable and articulate in understanding and presenting the issues of importance related to disability in the higher education arena. She is a prolific author and an acknowledged leader in the field. Her professional involvement in this field spans more than 20 years and includes her long tenure as the Executive Director of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Those who have turned to her for technical assistance in the past or who have heard her speak have remarked on Jane's comfortable presentation style, her down-to-earth approach to the subject, and her ability to related general legal principles to the specific situations encountered in the postsecondary setting. (DAIS: Disability Access Information and Support)

<http://www.janejarrow.com>

Kurzweil

We develop Kurzweil 1000™ for people who are blind or severely visually impaired, and Kurzweil 3000™ for people with Dyslexia or other reading difficulties.

Our products are PC-based software programs that utilize speech, language, and optical character recognition (OCR) technology to scan and then read aloud the printed word.

<http://www.lhsl.com/education/>

(please note that the first character after the "www" in the URL is a lower case letter "L")

LRP Publications

Publishers of a range of disability related titles, such as "Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Analysis of Federal Law."

LRP Publications

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G. W. Micro

With sweeping advances in today's technology, computers have become a standard commodity in workplaces, homes, and schools. From keeping financial records, to creating documents, to surfing the internet, computers provide access to an unlimited supply of power and information. GW Micro has consistently been in the forefront of making this technology accessible. Through partnerships with several software companies, our products have grown in maturity, providing users with the power to achieve greater independence and accomplish more ambitious goals.

<http://gwmicro.com>

Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic

Providing services for nearly half a century, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) is a national nonprofit organization that serves people who cannot read standard print because of a visual, perceptual or other physical disability. RFB&D is recognized as the nation's leading educational lending library of academic and professional textbooks on audio tape

from elementary through post-graduate and professional levels.

We also offer the nonprofit sale of dictionaries, reference materials and professional books on computer disk (E-Text) and specially adapted tape players/recorders to use with our audio books.

RFB&D's service is made possible by the contributions received from generous donors, including

individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies and the 4,500 professionally trained volunteers, who produce our audio and E-Text books in

RFB&D's 30 recording studios.

<http://www.rfbd.org>

Telesensory

Makers of CCTB equipment which electronically enlarges printed materials for users with low vision.

<http://www.telesensory.com>

TRACE at University of Wisconsin - Madison

Trace is a non-profit research center which focuses on making off the shelf technologies and systems like computers, the Internet, and information kiosks more accessible for everyone through the process known as universal, or accessible design. Trace's mission is in great part funded through the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) , which is part of the U.S. Department of Education. Trace is designated (with core funding from NIDRR) as the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Information Technology Access, one of fifteen such centers scattered throughout the country, each with a different Rehab. Engineering focus. Trace is also a partner in the RERC on Telecommunications, along with Gallaudet University and the World Institute on Disability (WID).

The Trace Center has been widely regarded for many years as the leading research, development, and resource center in the area of access to computers by people with disabilities. Over the last several years, the Trace Center has also become well recognized for its work in disability access and universal design of the World Wide Web, information transaction machines, and telecommunications.

<http://www.trace.wisc.edu>

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