

AFBLC 2025

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Leadership Conference

Registration Open for AFBLC 2025

Mark your calendars for the 2025 American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference (AFBLC), which will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, from November 12th - 14th. Please join us as we leverage change to advance our vision!

[Learn More About 2025 AFBLC »](#)

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Learn About Our Priorities

Education

We speak up for children who are blind or visually impaired, to make sure every student has an equal opportunity to succeed.

Employment

Through research, education, and advocacy, we're changing the way employers see job seekers who are blind or low vision.

Aging

For the growing number of older adults who are losing their sight, we seek to transform aging services and support.

News and Events



AFB Research Webinar Series

AFB's Public Policy & Research Institute presents topical findings from AFB research in conversation with scholars, advocates, and practitioners, offering an action-oriented perspective on how to effectively use research to expand access and opportunity.

[Find Past or Upcoming Webinars](#)

[Watch Our Most Recent Webinar Recording](#)



HELEN KELLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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2025 Helen Keller Achievement Awards

On April 24th, 2025, at the historic New York Yacht Club in the heart of Manhattan, this prestigious event honored true Champions of Change who are leading the way toward full inclusion and equal opportunity for people who are blind, deafblind, or have low vision.

[Learn More About 2025 HKAA](#)

[Read Our Press Release Covering the 2025 HKAA](#)

ECHOES FROM THE PAST:

Helen Keller and the Time Capsule Recordings

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Unveiling A Moment Captured in Time

On March 17, 2025, AFB held a special live-stream event that shared with the world a never-before-heard recording of Helen Keller and relics held inside a Time Capsule, which was placed into the cornerstone of AFB's new headquarters on 15 East 16th Street, New York City, on December 5, 1934.

[Learn More About the Event & Time Capsule](#)

Research & Initiatives



Barriers to Digital Inclusion 2

Following the [Barriers to Digital Inclusion Survey](#) released in April 2023, AFB conducted a second study, Barriers to Digital Inclusion 2, to take a more in-depth look at blind and low-vision people's digital experiences in real time.

[Read the BDIS 2 Report Now](#)

[Download the Complete BDIS 2 Report](#)



AFB Introduces Toolkit for HR Professionals and Hiring Managers

In response to AFB's study last year on the challenges job seekers who are blind or have low vision face toward closing the opportunity gap, our Public Policy & Research Institute has prepared a helpful toolkit for HR professionals and hiring managers.

[Read the Toolkit Now](#)

AFB Launches Research Refresh

AFB's Public Policy and Research Institute (PPRI) has prepared a wide range of research summaries and fact sheets intended to convey AFB's research to a broad audience. These helpful tools are intended to further knowledge on issues impacting people who are blind through spotlighting AFB's extensive research over the years.

[Check Out AFB's Research Resources](#)

[Research Summaries](#)

[Fact Sheets](#)

[Stay Updated on AFB's Research](#)

Quick Links



Helen Keller

Activist, writer, hero...

[Visit the Helen Keller Archive](#)

Read the latest issues of AFB's publications

Whether it's technology news, research reports, or advocacy in action, let AFB keep you up-to-date on blindness and low vision.

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AFB's 2024 Annual Report

New on AFB's Blog

[Describing Video using Google's Gemini 2.5](#)

[Tech Tip: Turning Off Stylesheets for Screen Reader Accessibility](#)

[New Mainstream Features in iOS 18](#)

Take Action Today

Partner with us

Your organization can change the way the world sees blindness.

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Most of our funding comes from individuals, not corporate sponsors. Your support is vital!

Have questions?

Contact our team members for assistance.

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