



Vision Services

For more information about the resources below, contact each organization directly.

Email SeniorHungerSolutions@BivinsFoundation.org to update a listing.

Adult Eye Care Program

Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle provides professional eye care services free of charge through the Family Care Foundation. In partnership with local optometrists and ophthalmologists, they provide eye exams and glasses for low-income adults.

Individuals seeking assistance from the Adult Eye Care Program may fill out an application at the Catholic Charities office located at 2004 N Spring Street. Once approved, an appointment is made for an eye exam with one of their participating doctors.

Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle

 (806) 376-4571

 2004 N Spring St. Amarillo, TX 79107

Family Care Foundation

The Family Care Foundation is a local non-profit organization that provides medical care and equipment for patients and families who demonstrate a need but cannot afford the care they need. The scope of assistance has included inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient procedures, prescription drugs, IV therapy, eye glasses, hearing aids, dental services, wheel chairs, shower stools, and tub rails.

Contact the Family Care Foundation for more information on available assistance for hearing aids and services.

Family Care Foundation

 (806) 622-9473

Hadley Vision Resources

Founded in 1920 by William Hadley, an educator who lost his eyesight later in life, Hadley offers practical help, connection and support free of charge to anyone with a visual impairment, their families and professionals supporting them. With Hadley, you can discover new ways to do things that have become more difficult due to vision loss and connect with a network of peers who "get it." And you don't need to come to Hadley. Hadley's help comes to you; online, on the phone or through the mail.

Hadley provides both practical and social/emotional help to older adults adjusting to vision loss, empowering them to adapt and thrive.

Hadley

 800-323-4238

Older Individuals Who are Blind Program

If you are 55 or older and have a vision problem that makes everyday tasks difficult, **Older Individuals Who Are Blind (OIB)** services may be able to help you gain the confidence you need to live independently.

Contact the OIB Helpline to get started. They'll connect you with a local representative who will conduct an assessment and evaluation for equipment and training. They will also provide information and referrals with a detailed guide which includes information on adjusting to blindness and low visions, tips for performing everyday activities, community services, and other resources.

Texas Workforce Commission | OIB Program

 844-633-3642

Panhandle Independent Living Center

Panhandle Independent Living Center (PILC) provides **Independent Living Services (ILS)** for the hard of hearing/deaf, visually impaired, blind, and those with mobility needs. They can provide hearing aids, visual aids, and mobility services such as ramps.

At the initial contact appointment, an ILS counselor will gather information to determine eligibility pertaining to the consumer's service request. Information obtained will include verification of income and proof of residence in the state of Texas. After determining eligibility, the case goes to "active services" status where we obtain assessments and estimates of the needed equipment and/or services. We then submit a request for approval of the necessary purchases. Once approval is obtained the equipment and services are purchased and delivered. They do not provide surgeries or extensive home modifications.

Panhandle Independent Living Center

 (806) 374-1400

 417 SW 10th Ave. Amarillo, TX 79101

Talking Book Program

The **Talking Book Program** (TBP) provides free library services for Texans of any age who are blind or have a visual, physical, or reading disability. Registered TBP patrons may borrow books and magazines in digital audio, Braille, and large print. Materials and playback machines are mailed to your door, completely free of charge—you do not have to pay for postage when you return them.

Eligible Texas residents who cannot read standard print material in the usual manner can [complete an application](#) (download on the website) and return it by mail. TBP will call you to set up an account after the application is approved.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

 **800-252-9605**

Note: Information is subject to change.

Please contact the organizations directly for all questions or any additional information regarding services. The Mary E. Bivins Foundation does not coordinate services, offer referrals, or provide any direct guidance.

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Dial 2-1-1 to speak with a representative about local community resources and assistance.



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Addressing food insecurity among older adults in Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties.