



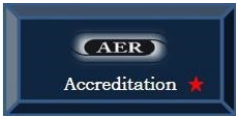
Empowering the  
Blind and  
Visually Impaired

**Focus:**

Independence for the  
blind and visually  
impaired

**Accreditation:**

Association for Education  
and Rehabilitation of the  
Blind and Visually  
Impaired



**Major Sponsors:**

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# FACT SHEET

Lighthouse of Broward, founded in 1973, is the only private, non-profit 501(c)(3) in Broward County that provides comprehensive educational and rehabilitation services and counseling to blind and visually impaired children and adults.

Serving more than 2,836 persons each year, The Lighthouse is accredited by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, is a United Way partner agency, and a member of the Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, VisionServe Alliance and the NonProfit Executive Alliance of Broward.

### MISSION

To be the leader in Broward County that provides leadership, services, advocacy, and resources necessary that enhances the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired during the period of 2025-2028.

### STATS

Broward County, home to approximately 175,000 people who are blind or visually impaired, has one of the highest incidences of visual impairment in the U.S.

### SERVICES

Services offered on campus, in homes, and/or other community locations include:

**Bright Beginnings** is a year-round developmental and support program for parents and children aged from birth through five years old.

**The David and Jean Colker KIDS Program** provides a summer camp and activities 2 weekends each month and school holidays during the school year for 6- to 13-year-old children.

**Low Vision Clinic** assists low-vision clients and the public in partnership with Nova Southeastern School of Optometry onsite. In-home follow up includes teaching best use of remaining vision with adaptive low vision devices. Insurance may be billed.

**TeenLIFE** is a year-round program for teens and young adults ages 14 to 21. It focuses on career exploration, job readiness, work experience, daily living skills and college preparation.

**Vital Living** offers skills training in independent living, safe travel, computers, Internet, smart phones and adaptive high-tech portable note-taking devices in addition to individual and group counseling. The Vital Living program is designed for adults.

**Ready to Work** provides classes in identifying skills and goals, writing resumes, completing job applications, basic interviewing, building competitive work habits, corporate etiquette, and problem solving to overcome barriers to gain employment.

\*Submit patient referrals online at: [www.LHOB.org/referrals](http://www.LHOB.org/referrals)