

APH Services and Resources



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APH Mission Mural featuring photos of APH customers and displaying the achievements of APH teams

APH ConnectCenter



Welcome to the [APH ConnectCenter](#)! Through this website, you are able to access these ConnectCenter resources, and much more:

- [VisionAware](#): A website designed for adults and seniors who are visually impaired.
- [FamilyConnect](#): A website built around the needs of a family of a visually impaired child.
- [CareerConnect](#): A resource page for job seekers who are visually impaired or blind.
- ConnectCenter Events Calendar: For use by the entire blindness field to find and promote events, all in one place. [Promote and share](#) your organization's event by adding it to the Calendar, or [discover upcoming events](#).
- [APH ConnectCenter Transition Hub](#): Planning for graduation and life after school brings up a lot of questions. Find information about transition programs that emphasize empowerment, career exploration, and work experiences for teens and young adults who are blind or visually impaired.

Have questions related to blindness or visual impairment? Call APH's Information & Referral Hotline: (800) 232-5463 or e-mail us at connectcenter@aph.org.



ABIDE

For 163 years, APH has worked to level the playing field for students who are blind and visually impaired. In 2021, APH renewed its commitment to equity by establishing the department of Accessibility, Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity, known as ABIDE.

ABIDE enhances APH's efforts to welcome everyone - both internally for employees, as well as externally to serve as a resource to the field of education for the blind and visually impaired, and for all professionals in public, private, and non-profit sectors.

ABIDE's goal is to amplify underrepresented voices and empower marginalized groups through equitable educational experiences. To provide those equitable experiences, professionals in the field of education must come to understand the lived experiences and perspectives of people whose voices have not been heard.

The ABIDE program is just getting off the ground, but has already provided valuable training and guidance in the areas of:

- Universal design
- Website design and accessibility
- Document accessibility
- Accessibility in marketing/advertising
- Inclusive language
- Blindness/disability 101
- Inclusive residential programming
- Software development

Trainings highlight intersectional identities and help attendees develop empathy and an understanding that we have more commonalities than differences. ABIDE looks forward to customizing trainings to meet your needs and the needs of your students and clients.

To learn more or request a training, please email us at abide@aph.org.



ABIDE
Accessibility · Belonging ·
Inclusion · Diversity · Equity

Outreach Services

APH's Outreach Services team strives to increase awareness about the many resources and services offered by APH. These include, but are not limited to, the following: distance learning and statewide/nationwide training opportunities; exhibits and presentations at regional, statewide, and national conferences; expanded core curriculum academies/professional learning communities, and parent and family training opportunities. Contact us at outreach@aph.org.



Outreach Services Team,
back row: Amy Campbell, Jeff Schwartz,
Leanne Grillo, Cindy Amback; front row:
Scott Hegle & guide dog, Lumiere, Leslie
Weilbacher & guide dog, Neil

APH Hive

The [APH Hive](#) offers a variety of free online courses for vision professionals and educators to increase their ability to respond to the needs of students with visual impairments. This “one-stop” for professional development offers ACVREP continuing education units upon successful completion of a course. The courses can also be taken by parents, students, and consumers to gain information related to students with visual impairments. Each course includes single or multiple videos that range in length from five minutes to several hours. The course catalog is divided into the following categories: Foundations, Assessment, Early Childhood, Core Curriculum, and Expanded Core Curriculum.

[Register and get started today.](#)



GoodMaps

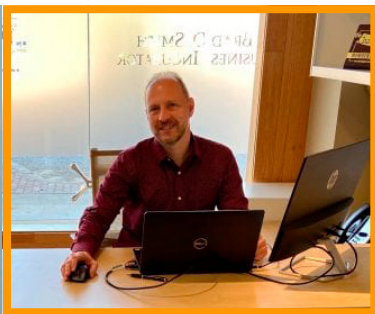
An indoor mapping and navigation company born out of the American Printing House for the Blind, with a mission to further the cause of accessible indoor navigation for people who are blind or visually impaired. The GoodMaps solution utilizes LiDAR and 360-degree camera technology to develop accurate maps of the indoors. From those maps, we can determine a user's location down to a few feet of accuracy within a building. GoodMaps is working to create unparalleled customizable user experiences for all people whether blind, hearing or mobility impaired, or any visitor entering the space.

Learn more by visiting the [GoodMaps website](#) and watching [GoodMaps Company Snapshot](#).



APH Huntington: Accessible Tech Initiatives

In July 2020, APH launched APH Huntington – a new program developed to provide national expertise and accessible technology and trainings to people who are blind and visually impaired in Cabell and Wayne Counties, WV. In 2020, APH Huntington, in cooperation with Cabell Wayne Association of the Blind, conducted interviews with people who are blind or visually impaired to learn about the needs of the regional blind and visually impaired community. A great deal of insight was gleaned through these surveys and conversations. Learn more by reading our [APH Huntington: Accessible Tech Initiatives in West Virginia blog](#).



Helpful Links

Below are some helpful links in the order listed from each page of this brochure.

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VisionAware: <https://visionaware.org>

FamilyConnect: <https://familyconnect.org>

CareerConnect: <https://aphcareerconnect.org>

APH ConnectCalendar Submission:
<https://aphconnectcenter.org/events/community/add>

APH ConnectCalendar Upcoming Events:
<https://aphconnectcenter.org/events/list>

APH ConnectCenter Transition Hub: <https://aphconnectcenter.org/transitionhub>

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GoodMaps Company Snapshot Video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJxaxJnMt_w

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APH Huntington blog: <https://www.aph.org/aph-huntington-accessible-tech-initiatives-in-west-virginia/>

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**WELCOME
BARRIER BREAKERS**



**APH Welcome Banners
on front lawn of
Headquarters**



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ACCESS WARRIORS



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CHANGE MAKERS



WELCOME EVERYONE



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