

WHO WE ARE

The **American Council of the Blind of New York, Inc. (ACBNY)** is a nonprofit organization supporting and promoting the educational, vocational, and social advancement of blind and visually impaired people. A state affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, **ACBNY** is the leading consumer advocacy organization for the blind in New York State.

ACBNY has chapters from Long Island to Buffalo and special interest groups focusing on guide dog users, low vision, and blind vendors participating in the Randolph Sheppard Program.

CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS

ACBNY was a driving force behind the passage and implementation of landmark legislation including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

ACBNY was instrumental in passing New York legislation affecting public access for guide dog users, providing accessible voting machines, and assisting in the passage of the New York State Braille Bill to ensure Braille literacy for all blind children.

WHAT WE DO

ACBNY local chapters across New York State advocate for the rights of blind and visually impaired people in their communities and raise public awareness for issues important to blind citizens.

ACBNY members serve on state and local boards, task forces, and councils to represent the interests of people who are blind and visually impaired.

ACBNY encourages greater independence and support for all blind and visually impaired persons, including children and older adults.

ACBNY works with the New York State Regional Talking Book and Braille Library which provides audio and Braille books for thousands of eligible New Yorkers.

ACBNY offers scholarships to blind and visually impaired students in New York State!

ACBNY conducts two annual events: a legislative conference which promotes legislation and policies pertinent to blind and visually impaired citizens; and a state convention to conduct affiliate business and provide educational seminars, membership events, and networking with blindness professionals and vendors from all regions of New York State.

ACBNY publishes a biannual newsletter, **INSIGHT**, focusing on relevant issues, interests, and resources for blind and visually impaired people and their families.

Did You Know...

- More than 20 million Americans over the age of 40 are visually impaired?
- Over 90,000 of these Americans live in New York State?

OUR GOALS

- To encourage people who are blind or visually impaired to become actively involved in determining their future;
- To assist newly blinded individuals in their adjustment and development of new skills;
- To advocate and raise awareness about issues important to blind and visually impaired citizens.

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