



# 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 2,550 persons each year, The Lighthouse is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services, 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 provide the leadership, services, advocacy, and resources necessary to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired in Broward County and empower them to live independent, healthy, employed, and fulfilling lives.

## STATS

Broward County, home to approximately 150,000 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 ages birth through five years old.

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

Low Vision Clinic assists low-vision clients and the general 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.

Teen LIFE 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. 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.

Workforce Enterprises creates opportunities for people who are blind and visually impaired to become wage earners and taxpayers, reducing their reliance on government support, and increasing engagement with the community.

### Focus:

Independence for the blind and visually impaired

### Accreditation:

National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services



### Major Sponsors:

The Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services, the State of Florida and United Way of Broward County

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