



Low vision is a permanent visual impairment that can make it difficult to do everyday activities. Although this vision impairment cannot be corrected with glasses, contact lenses or other standard treatments such as medicine or surgery, low vision rehabilitation can help.

Many different conditions can cause low vision. The most common are:

- Macular Degeneration
- Cataracts
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Congenital eye conditions
- Stroke, injury, trauma and other medical conditions



Viswa Balaji
SLSBVI Client

"It's a great comfort to know that the Society is out there. I can't say enough about how helpful they are. You come away from there just feeling better."



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Enhancing

independence

Empowering

individuals

Enriching

the lives of people who
are visually impaired or
blind

**There is help if you
are losing or have lost
your vision.**

"I was diagnosed many years ago with diabetic macular edema (DM). When the DM started to affect my ability to drive and to work, my doctor suggested I visit the doctors at the Drews Low Vision Clinic. When I walked into the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired and saw all the things they'd set up for me to try out, I was absolutely blown away. The Society did a phenomenal job providing me with the tools so I can get back to work and manage my day-to-day activities."

Ken Tabb
SLSBVI Client

Our Services

Assistive Technology | Counseling | Low Vision Aids | Low Vision Exams | Occupational Therapy | Orientation and Mobility
Social Work | Support Groups | Transportation

The Drews Low Vision Clinic

is staffed by doctors of optometry and occupational therapists who specialize in low vision conditions and needs. The clinic provides functional vision assessments that determine if there are prescriptive or non-prescriptive vision aids that will help clients best utilize their remaining sight.

This exam complements the primary eye doctor's medical exam by looking at how visual functioning may be increased.

Anyone with vision loss that interferes with daily living activities such as reading, watching TV, or using their phone can benefit from a low vision evaluation. Appointments are required. Call 314-968-9000 for information.



Occupational Therapy

can identify and provide several non-prescriptive aids such as magnifiers, lighting, and electronic zoom magnification devices.

These services also help with daily activities that focus on adapting and restoring skills such as cooking, use of appliances, medication management, self-care, and home organization.

Orientation and Mobility Services

offers skills and strategies for you to make the most informed decisions when navigating in your home and community. O&M strategies may include instruction in the use of a long white cane, navigation technology and traveling with a human guide.



Assistive Technology

helps clients with internet and email, computer training, screen magnification, speech output software, and use of accessibility features on cell phones and tablets. The Society also offers introductory Braille classes.



Social Work provides counseling and family education as well as community resources and referrals.

Support Groups are offered to help individuals and families adjust to vision loss. **Peer Groups, events and activities** occur throughout the year.



Transportation Services

are provided for Society clients Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist with medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other needs.

The Sight Solutions Shop

offers a wide range of low vision aids:

- Technology Aids
- Home and Kitchen Aids
- Task Lighting
- Mobility Canes
- Magnification, and much more

No appointment is necessary to visit the shop. For individualized assistance, please call ahead.

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired accepts most commercial insurances and Medicare. A sliding fee scale is offered for services not covered by insurance. Services will be provided regardless of the ability to pay.

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