

Help!!! What Does this Acronym Mean?

In the world of Vision Impairments there are so many people involved. It can be hard to manage all the acronyms that stand for organizations, roles of team members and terms professionals use. Here is a list to help; it is by no means exhaustive, but we hope it is useful.

AHS	Alberta Health Services Part of the CA RCSD including nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists and their assistants.
ASVI	Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired There is a Calgary branch and an Edmonton Branch. Works with parents and children with visual impairments. http://www.asvicalgary.com/ http://www.asviedmonton.org/
ASRAB	Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind Helps provide sports programs for people with visual impairments including adapting those available in the community. https://asrab.ab.ca/
BVI	Blind and Visually Impaired
CELA	Centre for Equitable Library Access Canadian organization that provides books through the public library in accessible formats. http://iguana.celalibrary.ca/iguana/www.main.cls?url=CELA-home&lang=eng&theme=reset

<p>CNIB - Alberta</p>	<p>Canadian National Institute for the Blind</p> <p>Provides programs and services for the visually impaired in Alberta (Children's Services, technology services etc). They are also the link to Vision Loss Rehabilitation programs in the province including Orientation and Mobility Training and Independent Lifeskills Training.</p> <p>http://www.cnib.ca/en/alberta/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>https://ab.visionlossrehab.ca/en</p>
<p>DHH Teacher</p>	<p>Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher</p> <p>Certified Teacher with Specific training in the area of working with children who are deaf or hard or hearing.</p>
<p>EAs/TAs</p>	<p>Educational Assistants or Teacher's Assistants</p> <p>Help deliver the educational program set out by the teacher(s). In the case of students with visual impairments it will also mean supporting the student in the acquisition of the ECC as directed by the TVI.</p>
<p>ECC</p>	<p>Expanded Core Curriculum</p> <p>Essential to access core curriculum and to be successful and independent adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compensatory or Functional Academic Skills ● Orientation & Mobility ● Social Interaction Skills ● Independent Living & Personal Management Skills ● Recreation & Leisure Skills ● Career & Life Management Skills ● Assistive Technology ● Visual Efficiency Skills ● Self Determination
<p>Ed. Aud.</p>	<p>Educational Audiologist</p> <p>An Educational Audiologist helps with the technical equipment aspects for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.</p>

FSCD	<p>Family Support for Children with Disabilities</p> <p>Provides family-centred supports and service meant to promote healthy development and encourage participation in activities at home and in the community.</p> <p>http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/disability-services/14855.html</p>
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O&M	<p>Orientation and Mobility</p> <p>Essential for independence, Orientation and Mobility training is needed for anyone with a significant visual impairment. It teaches a person methods to identify where there are and to safely travel to where they want to be. This can include cane use, guide dog training as well as training with optical devices and modes of transportation.</p>
OT	<p>Occupational Therapist</p> <p>OTs help the patient change some part of their life — by developing skills, improving physical and emotional abilities, adapting the environment or changing the way they do activities — so the patient can better cope with aging, disease, injury or illness.</p>
PT	<p>Physiotherapist</p> <p>PTs get people moving when they are coping with injury, medical conditions, disease or aging. Physiotherapists will help individuals restore or maintain movement, prevent injury, and promote fitness, health and wellness.</p>
SLP SLPA	<p>Speech and Language Pathologists (and Assistants)</p> <p>SLPs assess and treat infants, children and adults who have problems with communication or feeding and swallowing. This includes problems with speaking, understanding and using language, voice, and fluency</p>
SSVI	<p>Services for Students with Visual Impairments</p> <p>This is a lending library for children who attend school in Alberta. Resources include kits, books in braille or large print and some technology (CCTVs, braille notetakers, and other devices)</p> <p>http://sydsq1.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/SydneyPLUS/AlbLearning/Portal.aspx</p>

TLVC	<p data-bbox="402 111 797 149">Travelling Low Vision Clinic</p> <p data-bbox="402 186 1485 365">The Travelling Low Vision Clinic is designed to provide comprehensive low vision care for children with low vision in Alberta. The clinic team is comprised of an ophthalmologist, an optometrist, teachers for the visually impaired, and an orientation and mobility specialist. It takes place 6-7 times a year in different locations throughout the province.</p> <p data-bbox="402 407 959 445">https://vision.alberta.ca/homepage/tlvc/</p>
TVI/TSVI	<p data-bbox="402 510 1507 548">Teacher of the Visually Impaired/Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments</p> <p data-bbox="402 585 1435 688">Certified teachers with additional training to work with children with visual impairments or blindness. In Alberta, TVIs/TSVIs work on a consultative model with educational teams.</p>