

# **R**esource Guide

The Santa Barbara Metro Transit District (MTD) provides free bus service in the Santa Barbara area only for people who are legally blind and have MTD identification. Call (805) 683-3702 for the transit office nearest you.

Easylift, a low-cost minibus transportation service, serves cities from Westchester Canyon to Montecito. Reservations are required. Call (805) 568-5114 to complete an application over the phone.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are provided in some cases. For more information, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

The California Department of Rehabilitation offers a variety of counseling, vocational and other services for people who provide proof of legal blindness. Counselors assess functioning vision and go into a person's home to teach daily living skills, and in some cases, mobility training. Vocational assistance is often in the form of monies for school, textbooks or adaptive computers. Contact your local Department of Rehabilitation office for more information on what services are available in your area.

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| Lompoc          | (805) 736-0063 |
| Oxnard          | (805) 385-2400 |
| San Luis Obispo | (805) 549-3361 |
| Santa Barbara   | (805) 560-8130 |
| Santa Maria     | (805) 928-1891 |
| Ventura         | (805) 648-9921 |

California Telephone Access Services provides large-button phones free of charge and offers unlimited directory assistance. Call 1-800-806-1191 for more information.

Contact your local financial institution for information on ordering large-print checks and other adaptive banking services.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers a deduction for people who are legally blind. Filing status and age help determine deduction amounts for those eligible. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for information or contact them on the Internet at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).