Oregon Low Vision Support Groups

Last updated September 2022. Please contact before attending a meeting as times and locations may change. Find additional resources here: [https://www.visionaware.org/info/ emotional-support/peer-support-groups-and-other-resources/13](https://www.visionaware.org/info/%20emotional-support/peer-support-groups-and-other-resources/13). If you would like to add your support group to this list, please contact [orion.lumiere@ocb.oregon.gov](mailto:orion.lumiere@ocb.oregon.gov).

# Virtual/ Remote

## Casey Eye Institute Vision Support Group

**Where:** Virtual on Webex; call for information.

**When:** Every third Wednesday, 1 pm - 2:15pm.

**Contact:** Marie Oliva, 971-263-3977 and Tara Albury, 503-494-1618.

<https://www.ohsu.edu/casey-eye-institute/vision-loss-support-group>

## Blind Women Veteran’s Support Group

**Where:** Virtual meeting via conference call.

**When:** Wednesdays at 10AM PST.

**Contact:** Call Laurette Santos 541-826-2111, X 3575 to reach her assistant for details.

## Eye2Eye Peer Support

**Where:** Virtual meeting.

They offer free one-to-one, phone-based peer support for adults who are blind or visually impaired anywhere in the US. Callers are matched with a Peer Support Partner who calls regularly to check in and offer emotional support, shared experiences, helpful resources, and connection. Program participants can also attend virtual monthly support groups. Note: as of August 2022 there was a three to four month waitlist for the program.

**Contact:** 833-932-3931, or [eye2eye@shp.rutgers.edu](mailto:eye2eye@shp.rutgers.edu). Include your location in your message.

# Bend

## Bend Low Vision Support Group

**Where:** Downtown Bend Public Library, 601 NW Wall St.

**When:** Second Thursday of each month, 3-4 pm, except in July (Friday July 15th 3-4pm)

**Contact:** Darwin Simtustus, 541-390-4736.

# Corvallis

## Low Vision/Macular Degeneration Support Group

**Where:** Corvallis Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330

**September Meeting:** Monday September 19th at 2pm.

**Regular time:** Third Monday of each month, 2 pm.

**Contact:** John and Stella Gallagher, 541-740-2817.

<https://www.corvallisoregon.gov/c3/page/groups-center>

# Grants Pass

## Grants Pass Vison Loss Support/Discussion Group

Held by the Rogue Valley Chapter of The American Council of the Blind of Oregon.

**Where:** Black Forest Restaurant, 820 NE E St, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

**When:** Second Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am luncheon meeting, program at noon.

**Contact:** Mona Huntley, 541-761-5918. [frankmona@charter.net](mailto:frankmona@charter.net).

# Milwaukie

Willamette View Retirement Community Low Vision Support Group

**Where:** 12705 SE River Rd., Portland 97222.

**When:** Second Tuesday of each month, 1 pm (call to confirm).

**Contact:** Sandra Gurling-Werner, 503-654-6581.

# Portland/ Gresham

## Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind Support Groups

**Where:** Remote via Zoom.

**When:** Varies – check schedule online.

Online groups include Sight Loss and Hearing Loss, Using Your Five Senses, Navigating Social Situations--Visually Impaired Vs. Sighted, and Legal Blindness. Oral Hull also holds in-person events and trainings like Living with Sight Loss, craft days, and field trips.

**Location:** 43233 SE Oral Hull Rd, Sandy, OR 97055. Call first for information.

**Contact:** Krystal Marshall, 503-668-6195. <https://oralhull.org/my-calendar-2/>

# Salem and Linn County

## Mid Valley Low Vision Support Group (serving East Linn County)

**Where:** Brookdell Grand Prairie Senior Living, 1929 Grand Prairie Road SE, Albany 97322.

**When:** Third Wednesday of each month 2:00pm

**Contact:** Ellen Lilja, 541-974-6233.