

# Organisations, programmes and resources

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Identify needs and how to provide support'  
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## Connect to specialist agencies

Utilise the expertise of local and national agencies.

- ✓ [BLENNZ: Blind and Low Vision Education Network](#) – the national network of services for students and their families.
- ✓ [BLENNZ Learning Library](#) – a collection of reflections on their work by Resource Teachers of Vision.
- ✓ [Blind Low Vision NZ](#) – a range of resources and services for people who are blind or have low vision.
- ✓ [Perkins School for the Blind](#) – a hub of online resources related to low vision for teachers and families.

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## Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ

Most students with low vision in New Zealand are supported by the Blind and Low Vision Education Network or BLENNZ.

**BLENNZ** is a school made up of a national network of educational services for students who are blind, deafblind or have low vision.

A student can be referred to BLENNZ when they have seen an ophthalmologist who identifies that they are eligible for services from BLENNZ.

When a student is enrolled with BLENNZ, a Resource Teacher of Vision (RTV) is assigned to the student and their family. This RTV works in partnership with the student, the family and the class teacher to support the student's learning.

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## Blind Low Vision NZ

Child and Family worker, Gary Veenstra, talks about his role supporting students with low vision and their parents and whānau.

Note: Blind Low Vision NZ was formally called the Blind Foundation.



Video hosted on Youtube [http://youtu.be/FMoG\\_-YRYbc](http://youtu.be/FMoG_-YRYbc)

Closed Captions

Source:

[BLENNZ \(NZ\)](#)

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## Blind Sport NZ's accessible sports equipment



Source:

[Blind Sport New Zealand](#)

<https://www.blindsport.kiwi/accessible-sport-kit>

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The Accessible Sport Kit includes a range of accessible sports equipment, manual and teacher's resource. It can be borrowed free of charge.

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