

Social Work Services in Low Vision Clinics

Social workers are trained to help people find solutions to many of life's hardest problems. As a member of your health care team, the social worker can help you and your family deal with the stress of vision loss.

A social worker will meet and assess each patient in the Low Vision Clinic. They then help you and your family connect with community resources.

Common Resources

Wisconsin Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This is a non-profit agency that offers:

- White cane training
- Adaptive equipment
- Information and referrals
- Low vision exams
- Vision Rehab
- Computer training

State Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This state-run agency can:

- Evaluate your ability to drive
- Provide Occupational Therapy and vision rehab
- Help you change the way you do things to stay independent

Occupational Therapy (OT) at Unity Point-Meriter

OT can help you use the vision you have to:

- Complete your daily activities
- Take care of your home
- Stay active in the community
- Work a job or further your education
- Participate in social groups

Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library

This free library service lends books and magazines in audio or braille.

Low Vision Support Groups

Support groups are offered online or in-person. These groups help support patients and families affected by vision loss.

Transportation

Madison Metro Paratransit, Veyo, and other options may be available to you. We will help you find what services you qualify for.

Who to Call:

Ask your provider to speak with the Ophthalmology clinic Social Worker or call Ambulatory Social Work for more help at **608-821-4144**.