Skills Center, Inc.



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Happy summer to all and a very happy Independents

Day. Ensight would like to take a minute to say thank you to all of the amazing resources that Colorado has been able to utilize during these intense and tragic fires, including but certainly not limited to the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Dept. Many of these amazing individuals worked day and night to save their communities while some lost their own homes. These are heros that Ensight salutes.

Ensight is proud to be working on some great new programs to better serve our community. With the launch of our new Onsite program Ensight is now able to provide low vision assessments to individuals struggling with vision loss in their home enviornment. We are currently working with senior

communities such as Rigden Farm and Good Samaritans to come in and provide our services. Our goal is to bring our rehab program to you or your loved one and eliminate the stress of travel to one of our rehabilitation centers. For more information or if you would like to see Ensight at a senior community you know or live in please contact Melody, outreach coordinator at 970-310-9665.

Also, to find out more infomation on the **Implantable** Miniture Telescope from Centrasight or to find out if you are a canadidate please call Ensight 970-407-9999.

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Upcoming Support Groups

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 26th from 10-11:30am. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Ensight's Fort Collins office.
- The Denver E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet next on Wednesday, July 18th from 10-11:30. The group will meet the 3rd Wed of every month at our Denver office located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. Building 3 Suite 012 in Denver. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.
- The Loveland group has changed meeting days and will now meet the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on July 12th from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. This group is open to the community and not just for Sugar Valley residents. Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.
- If you would like to receive an e-mail or telephone reminder about the next support group meeting just let us know and we'll put you on the reminder list.



Latest and Greatest in Low Vision Technology
Wired Electronic Reading Aid
This is a powerful, portable, hand-held digital
reading aid designed for people with low
vision. The size of a computer mouse, it
connects directly to any TV/monitor with

video input in seconds, allowing you to read newspapers, magazines, recipe cards and even medicine labels easily.

- Compatible with any TV / monitor using video input
- Viewing modes: full color, high-contrast positive, high-contrast negative
- Zoom in/out digitally
- Magnification (on 20" monitor): 20x (up to 70x digitally)
- Freeze & De-freeze current image (capturing still picture)

- Unique guiding wheel mechanism
- Convenient & ergonomic (feel like a computer mouse)
- Easy to use, plug and play, works in 10 seconds
- * Call Ensight Fort Collins for more information 970-407-9999



Flick

Flick is the first portable, immersive, one-camera system that provides the low vision user with a revolutionary, multi-function camera system that is suitable for home, school or office use. Flick goes far beyond the features you have come to expect from a portable camera system.

 Flick is the first immersive camera system that works with touch

screen technology. You can use Flick with a tablet, a touch screen computer or your computer's mouse pad. The camera can be utilized with a laptop, desktop or any other sized LCD monitor

- Flick is the first one-camera system that provides the user with interactive, selective OCR text-to-speech, magnification at distance and near and pre-loaded iZoom magnification and reader software
- Flick is the first camera system that provides a powered near lens system for hands-free camera operation between distance and near - lens moves within 2 seconds!
- Flick's 80x camera magnification, contrast enhancement in both text and colour mode as well as the camera movements are all controlled using familiar on-screen gestures so settings can be optimized for best performance
- Flick camera comes packed in a small laptop case and weighs less than 2kg (3.5 lbs). The high contrast connecting parts go

- together quickly and connect to your computer with a single USB connection
- Flick's long-life, on-board battery does not draw power from your tablet or laptop, providing more effective device portability during the school or work day
- Flick's easy capture software allows users to save images from the school or work day for easy retrieval at a later time
- Flick has exceptional low light performance, such as lecture halls
- Flick is both rugged and stable on the work surface
 Never miss the action again while adjusting your camera
 settings Flick returns you to your previous setting at either
 distance or near! Flick it's all you need!
 *Ensight will be getting Flick at our Fort Collins office. Please
 call for more information or to demo.

Upcoming News and Events:

- Ensight is turning 11 years old on July 7th! There is no celebration event planned but this is a big deal. In those 11 years Ensight has served over 30,000 individuals with direct services, education, resources, and support. With the continued support of our wonderful communities and Lions clubs we will be around for another 100 years. We are here for you all and we hope you can help us spread the word to anyone in need who is struggling with vision loss.
- "Co-Pilots" Free rides for low vision/blind individuals and other disabled individuals, volunteers and tandems needed. Rides take place on Friday evenings. All ability levels are welcome to participate. Please RSVP 970.224.5857. All rides meet at New World Sports: The Gearage 244 N. College Ave. Next ride: July 20 (Friday) 5:30pm Spring Creek/Poudre.

Acknowledgement

Ensight was very fortunate to receive donations from many Lions this month. A big thank you goes out to the Kersey Lions Club; the Fort Collins Lions Foundation; the Woodlin Lions Club; and the <u>Highlands Ranch Lions Club</u>. We appreciate all of the great support! Also, Ensight received grant funds from the <u>Denver Foundation</u> and <u>North Colorado Medical Center Foundation</u>. Thank you all! If you are interested in a speaker, send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody.

Serving the Low-Vision Community Since 2001!

Ensight's Consignment Program

Ensight is looking for any used assistive technology components that are in need of a home. If you are in possession of a CCTV or low vision aides and would like to get rid of them we have a great program. Bring the equipment into Ensight and we will put it on consignment. Once we sell it you will get a percentage back. This is a great way for us to find affordable equipment that we can pass along to our clients. If you have questions about dropping off, picking up, or the consignment process call Ensight:970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

Ensight's E-Newsletter

Did you know that we can send our Ensight newsletter right to your email? If interested in switching to our e-newsletter please send a request to Melody@ensightskills.org and we will switch you right away.