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The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for Central/Columbus Region

Goal

The goal of the Vision Care Outreach (VCO) Program is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss and impairment by providing access to a donated system of comprehensive vision care for uninsured and underinsured families in Ohio.

Referring Participating Partner Agencies for Adults

Referring partner agencies benefit from the vision care outreach program so they can offer valuable eye care service to their clients. Partner agencies are typically social service organizations and schools such as homeless shelters, detention centers, drug/alcohol rehabilitation services, free clinics and health departments – that serve clients with multiple challenges in their lives. Often, the receipt of eye care can be the key that unlocks potential to secure employment or accelerate learning in school:

Access Health Mahoning Valley
Adrienne B. Chatters, OD
Aids Healthcare Foundation
Alvis House
Alvis House Career Pathways
Alvis House CHAT Program
Asian American Community Services
Athens City County Health Department
Belmont County Health Department
Canal Fulton Lions Club
Catholic Social Services Pathways to Hope
Center Street Community Clinic
Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Senior Options
Christ Cupboard on Wheels
Clintonville Beechwold Community Resources Center
Columbus Area Inc.
Columbus Inner City Lions Club
Columbus Public Health – Ryan White Part A
Columbus Urban League
Community Properties of Ohio Management Services
David's Way/Canal Village
Delaware General Health District
Equitas Health – Athens
Equitas Health – Canton
Equitas Health – Columbus
Equitas Health – Lima
Equitas Health – Newark
Equitas Health – Portsmouth
ESOP – Warren

Family Health Services of Darke County
Franklin County Community Based Corrections Facility
Franklin County Office on Aging Senior Options
Franklin County Public Defender
Fresenius Medical Care Grove City
Gallia County Health Department
Godman Guild
Goodwill Columbus
Harrison District Health Department
Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center, Inc.
Highland County Health Department
Hilliard Lions Club
Hocking County Health Department
Holmes County Health District
Hope Clinic of Ross County Inc.
IMPACTCA
Jefferson County Health Department
Jewell Foundation for Health Inc.
Jewish Family Services
Kno-Ho-Co Ashland Head Start
Lawrence County Health Department
Life Skills Center of Columbus North
Life Skills Center SE
Logan County Board of DD/Discovery Center
Logan Place
Marion Evening Lions Club
Meigs County Health Department
Morrow Family Health Center
National Church Residences – Buckingham

Nationwide Children’s Hospital/Faces Clinic
 Noble County Health Department
 North Community Counseling Centers, Inc.
 Ohio Health Neighborhood Care
 OhioMeansJobs Center – Franklin County
 Ohio State Total Health and Wellness
 Ohio Valley Health Center
 Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities – Columbus
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Physicians CareConnection
 Portage County Health Department
 PrimaryOne Health – East
 PrimaryOne Health – West
 Portsmouth City Health Department
 Reynoldsburg Lions Club
 Ross County Community Action Agency
 Sebring Lions Club
 Southeast Inc.
 Stark County Health Department

Stowe Mission of Central Ohio
 The Health Center at Faith Mission
 The Salvation Army, Marion Corps.
 The Salvation Army (Unit 104 Athens/Meigs)
 Tuscarawas Clinic for the Working Uninsured
 Tuslaw Lions Club
 United States Probation
 United Way of Richland County, Ohio
 Urban Minority Alcohol Drug Abuse Outreach Program
 Urban Mission Ministries, Inc.
 Urban Strategies
 Victory Ministries Free Medical Clinic
 Vineyard Free Health Clinic
 Vineyard Free Medical and Pregnancy Center
 Whitehall Area Lions
 Zanesville Muskingum County Health Department

Referring Participating Partner Agencies for Children

Alpine Elementary
 Barnesville High School
 Barnesville Middle School
 Blacklick Elementary
 Canal Fulton Lions Club
 Carrollton Exempted Village School District
 Centennial High School
 Chapman Elementary School
 Child Development Head Start
 Clark County Combined Health District
 Clinton County Health Department
 Columbus Alternative High School
 Columbus Bilingual School – North
 Columbus Humanities Arts & Tech
 Columbus North International School
 Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy
 Cranbrook Elementary School
 Davis Middle School
 Delaware General Health District
 Dominion Middle School
 Dublin Coffman High School
 Dublin Scioto High School
 East Clinton Local Schools
 Etna Road Elementary School
 Franklin Elementary School/Massillon City Schools
 Gallia County Health Department
 Glacier Ridge Elementary School
 Hamilton Elementary School
 Hamilton STEM Elementary School
 Highland County Health Department
 Hilliard Lions Club
 Hocking County Health Department
 Holmes County Health Department
 Hope Clinic of Ross County Inc.
 Horizon Science Academy
 Independence High School
 Indian Springs Elementary School
 Jefferson County Health Department

Kno-Ho-Co Ashland Head Start
 Lawrence County Health Department
 Licking Heights Local Schools
 Life Skills Center of Columbus North
 Life Skills Center SE
 Logan County Board of DD/Discovery Center
 Madison County Public Health
 Madison Local Schools
 Marion Evening Lions Club
 Meigs County Health Department
 Morrow County Health Department
 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Eye Clinic
 North Linden Elementary School
 North Canton City Schools
 Olde Sawmill Elementary School
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Parson Elementary School
 Pickaway Community Action Head Start
 Portage County Health Department
 Preble County Success Program
 Putnam Elementary School
 Reynoldsburg Lions Club
 Richland Newhope Early Childhood Center
 Rittman Exempted Village School
 Riverside Elementary School
 Ross County Community Action Agency
 Scottwood Elementary School
 Sells Middle School
 Siebert Elementary School
 South High School
 Southeast Local Schools
 Southern Local School District
 Southwest Licking Schools
 Stark County Health Department
 Taylor Road Elementary
 The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University
 The Health Center at Faith Mission
 The Heritage of Hannah Neil East Behavioral Health

The Ranch of Opportunity
Thomas Elementary School
Triway Local School
Troy High School
Trumbull County Health Department
Tuslaw Lions Club
Urban Mission Ministries
Victory Ministries Free Medical Clinic
Vineyard Free Health Clinic
Vineyard Free Medical and Pregnancy Clinic
Vinton County Local School District

Walnut Ridge High School
Washington County Health Department
Wayne County Health Department
Whitehall Area Lions
Whitehall Yearling High School
Woodward Park Middle School
Wyandot County General Health District
Youngstown Community School
Zanesville Muskingum County Health Department

Participating Eye Care Providers

Eye care providers that donate a comprehensive eye exam (and surgery), at their practice for Prevent Blindness vision care outreach clients:

Dr. James Albright
Dr. Eric Buckland
Dr. Adrienne Chatters
Dr. Jack Dingle
Dr. Tom Dingle
Dr. Andrea DiNovo
Dr. Barbara Mihalik

Dr. Tommy Miller
Dr. Jeffrey Myers
Dr. Joan Nerderman
Dr. Stephen Schnulo
Dr. Michael Weber

Participating Optical Companies

The Vision Industry and Optical Companies donate dispensing, fabrication, frames, lenses and shipping for VCO clients that need glasses. The VCO program standards for eyewear include frames (no more than 5 years dated), uncoated, polycarbonate lenses (safety material), single and lined bifocal lenses:

National Vision Incorporated/America's Best
OneSightSM – A Luxottica Group Foundation
VSP – Mobile Eyes

VSP - Sight for Students
VSP Lab-Columbus
Select Optical

Number of Central Ohio Area Residents Served

Las year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 2,489 Central Ohio area residents that would have not been able to access vision services otherwise.

Success Stories

It is important to us to hear from our clients and how the Vision Care Outreach Program has changed their lives. We ask all of our participating referring partner agencies for adults and children to encourage their clients to complete a success story and send them to Prevent Blindness. We have made a difference to these Central Ohio residents:

Dave wrote...

“I was 37 years old when I arrived at the House of Hope. I never really took care of myself and just thought squinting was normal in order to focus. As I started to read and do paperwork, I would find myself constantly squinting and finally getting to the point of frustration and would quit whatever I was doing. My program manager talked to me about it and in no time I had an appointment with an eye doctor. I received prompt and courteous service and within 10 days I received my eyeglasses. Now I can see what I am reading and writing and I am more enthused about my work. No more frustration and squinting. Thank you!”

Jeffrey wrote...

“When I was diagnosed with diabetes about two ago I was left to deal with it on my own. I seemed to have gotten used to that...Since being involved with Prevent Blindness Ohio I feel and know that I not alone in dealing with my eye care and health. Because of this program I had one of the best eye exams I have ever had in my life. The very same day I received the eye exam my glasses were chosen, fitted and ordered. Thank you.”