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The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Northeast Region

Goal

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

Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Adult Clients

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:

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| Ashtabula County Health Department | Medina Health Ministry |
| Beacon Health | MetroHealth Buckeye Health Center |
| Benjamin Rose Eldercare Institute | MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Campus |
| Bishop William M. Cosgrove Center | MetroHealth Ophthalmology Department |
| Care Alliance Carl B. Stokes | National Church Residences |
| Care Alliance St. Clair | Neighborhood Family Practice |
| Catholic Charities Family Center of Lorain | North Coast Health Ministry |
| Catholic Charities of Medina County | Open M Free Clinic |
| CEOGC-Glenville Neighborhood Opportunity Center | Parma Health Ministry |
| CEOGC-Tremont Neighborhood Opportunity Center | Peter Maurin Center |
| Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology | Portage Path Behavioral Health |
| Cleveland Sight Center | Project H.O.P.E. of Cleveland Inc. |
| Connections Health/Wellness/Advocacy | Salvation Army/Lake County |
| Cuyahoga Health Access Partnership (CHAP) | Salvation Army Railton House |
| Employment Connection | Scope/GSCELC |
| Equitas Health – Akron | Second Ebenezer Community Services |
| ESOP – Cleveland | Summa Health System Ophthalmology Center |
| Fairview Park Senior Life Office | Summit County Health Department |
| Far West Center | The Centers for Families & Children |
| Front Steps Housing and Services | The North Olmsted Senior Center |
| Geauga County Health Department | The Westerly Apartments |
| J. Glen Smith Health Center | Towards Employment |
| Lake County Free Medical Clinic | University Hospital Seidman Cancer Center |
| Langston Hughes Cleveland Clinic
Community Outreach | Vocational Guidance Services |
| Lakewood Opportunities for Ohioans w/Disabilities | Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio Cleveland |
| Linking Employment Abilities & Potential (LEAP) | Volunteers of America/Veterans Resource Center |
| Lorain County Health & Dentistry | West Side Catholic Center |
| Lorain County Job & Family Services | West Side Community House |
| Lorain County Office on Aging | Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging |
| Medina County Health Department | Women’s Recovery Center |

Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Children

Akron Children's Hospital/Akron Public Schools	Medina County Health Department
Akron East Elementary School	Mercer Elementary School
Arbor Elementary	Midview Middle School
Ashtabula Health Department	Midview North School
Avon Middle School	Midview West School
Barber CLC	Monticello Middle School
Boulevard Elementary School	Mound School
Brookside Intermediate School 3-6	Noble Elementary School
Brookside Middle School	Nord Middle School
Canterbury Elementary School	North Coast Health Ministry
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	Northwood Middle School
Columbia Middle School	Norton High School
Copley-Fairlawn Middle School	Norton Middle School
Copopa Elementary School	Norton Primary
Crestwood Elementary	Oberlin High School
Cuyahoga Falls City School District	Oxford Elementary School
Eastern Heights Middle School	Powers Elementary School
Eastwood Elementary School	Project H.O.P.E. of Cleveland, Inc.
Ely Elementary School	Prospect Elementary School (Elyria)
Elyria High School	Prospect Elementary School (Oberlin)
Euclid High School	RG Jones
Forestlawn Elementary	Richmond Heights Elementary
Franklin Elementary School	Saint Ignatius High School
Garfield Heights City Schools	Salvation Army/Lake County
Geauga County Health Department	Schumaker CLC
James F. Rhodes High School	Shaker Heights Middle School
John Adams High School	Shoreview Elementary School
Kirtland Local Schools	South Euclid - Lyndhurst City Schools
Knollwood Elementary (PK-1)	St. Ignatias of Antioch Elementary School
Lake County Free Medical Clinic	Summit County Health Department
Lake Erie International High School	Sunbeam Elementary
Langston Middle School	Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy
Litchfield Middle School	Westwood Elementary School
Lorain County General Health District	Windsor Elementary School
Maple Heights School District	Woodbury Elementary School
Martin Luther King Jr. High School	
McCormick Intermediate & Middle Schools	
McKinley Elementary School	

Participating Donating 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. Christine Beiling	Dr. Peter McGannon	Dr. Diane Sutton
Dr. Michelle Bertenthal	Dr. Carol Novack	Dr. Alexander Taich
Dr. Paul Dowd	Dr. Abdul Qotaynah	Dr. Corrie Weitzel
Dr. Timothy Earley	Dr. Lawrence Roth	Dr. Douglas Wiersma
Dr. Ronald Jurcak	Dr. Jerome Schartman	Dr. Lisa Wiseman
Dr. Josephine Kosunick	Dr. Nicolette Scott	Dr. Emmanuel Zanoloudakis
Dr. Stanley Lutz	Dr. Eric Stocker	

Participating Donating 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:

America's Best
Bell Optical
Geauga Vision
OneSightSM – A Luxottica Group Foundation

Visionworks Let'sGoSee
VSP – Mobile Eyes
VSP – Sight for Students

Number of Northeast Area Residents Served

For our fiscal year of 2016-2017, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 1,078 Northeast Ohio area residents that would have not been able to access 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 Northeast Ohio residents:

Jill on behalf of her daughter, Abigail from Wellington wrote...

"I wanted to say how pleased I was to receive the gift certificate for an eye exam and eyeglasses for my six year old daughter. The school nurse picked up on Abigail having difficulty with her vision. She was then able to assist us with the forms to get qualified for this program. The school nurse was knowledgeable and worked quickly to get Abigail the help she needed. The Sight for Students was definitely a benefit for us. Abigail has 20/40 vision in each eye. She was extremely farsighted for a six year old. She was so excited when the doctor put on what was going to be her prescription! She realized that she was having trouble seeing, but never knew that because she didn't know any better... that had been all she knew! She was smiling from ear to ear when she was able to see with that prescription! This is a wonderful program and the system worked for my daughter! Having good vision is so important to her education and everyone involved was there for Abigail when she needed it."

Ronald from Cleveland...

"I'm a cosmetologist. I failed my state exams twice by 2 and 5 points. Once I received my glasses wouldn't you know it, I got a 94 out of 100. Thanks Prevent Blindness Ohio."