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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                | National Church Residences Kirby Manor          |
| Beacon Health                                     | Neighborhood Family Practice                    |
| Bishop William M. Cosgrove Center                 | North Coast Health Ministry                     |
| Care Alliance Central Neighborhood Clinic         | OhioMeansJobs/Cleveland Cuyahoga County         |
| Care Alliance St. Clair                           | Open M Free Clinic                              |
| Catholic Charities Family Center of Lorain        | Parma Health Ministry                           |
| Catholic Charities of Medina County               | Peter Maurin Center                             |
| CEOGC-Glenville Neighborhood Opportunity Center   | Portage Path Behavioral Health                  |
| CEOGC-Tremont Neighborhood Opportunity Center     | Project H.O.P.E. of Cleveland Inc.              |
| Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology                    | Salvation Army/Lake County                      |
| Cleveland Sight Center                            | Salvation Army Railton House                    |
| Connections Health/Wellness/Advocacy              | Summa Health System Ophthalmology Center        |
| Cuyahoga Health Access Partnership (CHAP)         | Summit County Health Department                 |
| Cuyahoga Jobs and Family Services                 | The Centers for Families & Children             |
| Cuyahoga Falls City School District               | The North Olmsted Senior Center                 |
| Equitas Health – Akron                            | The Lake County Council on Aging                |
| ESOP – Cleveland                                  | The Westerly Apartments                         |
| Fairview Park Senior Life Office                  | Towards Employment                              |
| Geauga County Health Department                   | University Hospital Seidman Cancer Center       |
| Lake County Free Medical Clinic                   | Vocational Guidance Services                    |
| Lakewood Opportunities for Ohioans w/Disabilities | Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio Cleveland |
| Lorain County Health & Dentistry                  | Volunteers of America/Veterans Resource Center  |
| Lorain County Office on Aging                     | West Side Catholic Center                       |
| Medina County Health Department                   | Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging            |
| Medina Health Ministry                            |   |
| MetroHealth Bedford Family Medicine               |   |
| MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Campus                   |   |
| MetroHealth Ophthalmology Department              |   |

### Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Children

Akron Children’s Hospital/School Health  
 Akron East Elementary School  
 Amherst Junior High School  
 Arbor Elementary  
 Ashtabula Health Department  
 Avon East Elementary School  
 Avon High School  
 Barber CLC  
 Boulevard Elementary School  
 Canterbury Elementary School  
 Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
 Columbia Middle School  
 Copley-Fairlawn Middle School  
 Copopa Elementary School  
 Cuyahoga Falls City School District  
 Eastern Heights Middle School  
 Eastwood Elementary School  
 Elyria High School  
 Franklin Elementary School  
 Geauga County Health Department  
 Gearity Professional Development School  
 James F. Rhodes High School  
 John Adams High School  
 Lake County Free Medical Clinic  
 Lake Erie International High School  
 Langston Middle School  
 Litchfield Middle School  
 Lorain County General Health District  
 Maple Heights City Schools  
 McKinley Elementary School

Medina County Health Department  
 Mercer Elementary School  
 Midview Middle School  
 Midview North School  
 Midview West School  
 Monticello Middle School  
 Mound School  
 Nord Middle School  
 North Coast Health Ministry  
 Northwest Academy  
 Northwood Middle School  
 Partners for Success and Innovation  
 Powers Elementary School  
 Project H.O.P.E. of Cleveland, Inc.  
 Prospect Elementary School (Elyria)  
 Prospect Elementary School (Oberlin)  
 Richmond Heights Elementary  
 Salvation Army/Lake County  
 Shaker Heights Middle School  
 Shoreview Elementary School  
 South Euclid - Lyndhurst City Schools  
 Stow Munroe Fall City School District  
 Summit County Health Department  
 Sunbeam Elementary  
 Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy  
 Westwood Elementary School  
 Windsor 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. Steven Gordon	Dr. Alexander Taich
Dr. Michelle Bertenthal	Dr. Josephine Kosunick	Dr. Lisa Wiseman
Dr. Paul Dowd	Dr. Carol Novack	Dr. Emmanuel Zanoudakis
Dr. Andrew Esposito	Dr. Nicolette Scott	

**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:

National Vision Incorporated/America’s Best	Visionworks Let’sGoSee
Gauga Vision	VSP – Mobile Eyes
OneSight <sup>SM</sup> – A Luxottica Group Foundation	VSP – Sight for Students

**Number of Northeast Area Residents Served**

Last year, 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."*