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The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Northwest 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.

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:

Adelante Inc.
Buckey Community Hope Foundation
Catholic Charities Toledo Diocese
CommunityCare Free Medical Clinic
Crossroads Family Resource Center
Devine Families LLC in Remembrance of Wanda Dorsey
Equitas Health – Toledo
Fulton County Health Department
Grace Community Center
Hope House Shelter
Neighborhood Health Association
NetWORK/Zepf
Perrysburg Lions Club
Promedica Ebeid Institute FOC
Promedica Physicians Adult Medicine
Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio
Senior Centers, Inc.
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
The American Red Cross of NWO
The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc.
The Salvation Army
The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio
The Tabernacle
The University of Toledo Medical Center
Toledo Lucas County CareNet Program
Toledo Lucas County Health Department
Western Lucas County Clinic
Wood County Committee on Aging Inc.

Wood County Health District
Zepf CMH – Central
Zepf CHM – Nebraska

Participating Referring Partner Agencies for Children

Adelante Inc.
CommunityCare Free Medical Clinic
Crissey Elementary School
Four County Career Center
Fulton County Health Department
Holloway Elementary
Longfellow School
Navarre Elementary School
Neighborhood Health Association
Northwood Elementary
Ottawa Glandorf High School
Penta Career Center

Perrysburg Lions Club
Rossford School District
Seneca County General Health District
Stryker Local Schools
The American Red Cross of NWO
The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio
The Tabernacle
Toledo Lucas County Health Department
Toledo SMART Bilingual Elementary School
Williams County Health Department
Wood County Health District

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. John Archer
Dr. David Bejot
Dr. Kristopher Kelly
Dr. Kenneth Kling
Dr. John Kruszewski
Dr. Jason Kunsman
Dr. Jay Meents

Dr. Lisa Nirode
Dr. Jason Rasor
Dr. Reed Roth
Dr. Gail Sanderson
Dr. Michele Schlagheck

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
OneSightSM – A Luxottica Group Foundation
Toledo Optical
VSP – Mobile Eyes

VSP – Sight for Students

Number of Northwest Ohio Area Residents Served

Last year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 434 Northwest 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 Northwest Ohio residents:

Melanie on behalf of her daughter, Amber from Wauseon wrote...

"I want to thank you for this wonderful program! My daughter was wearing an old pair of eyeglasses that were horribly scratched and had been repaired several times. They were even taped together! We could not afford to buy her new ones [eyeglasses] due to a serious health problem in our immediate family and we have no vision insurance. She is so thrilled to have a pair of eyeglasses that not only look good, but she can see, that after we left the eye doctor's office she was pointing everything in detail on the way home! My daughter isn't having severe headaches anymore and isn't embarrassed about looking "silly" in her old pair of eyeglasses. Again, thank you so much!"

Dawn from Toledo wrote...

"I was working at Wendy's and couldn't see the screen to put out orders. Now I am about to start school and I wouldn't be able to see to read or read instruments that are vital to the patient's care. I want to thank you so much for making this possible."